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2007

Next Meeting

Sunday 11th November

Meet at;

10am at the Anakie
Community Depot

Activities;

Presentation/workshop on
koala research by Janine
Duffy (*see agenda*)

What to bring;

Same as always plus gloves.
Remember to bring a sun
hat, sunscreen and water as
most of the activity will be in
the field.

Next Month

December; 9th

25th Anniversary and
Christmas celebration, put
the day in your diary.

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Up Coming Events

CHRISTMAS

Just a little reminder in case
you had forgotten

March 2008

Annual General Meeting
*Put your thinking caps on as
some of the executive
committee positions are up
for grabs!*

2007 Wildflower Show

The big day on the "friend's" calendar has once again come and gone. The amount of time spent having meetings, organising everything right down to the smallest detail to ensure a smooth and successful day seemed endless, and then the next thing you know it's all over, finished, no more, finito, done. So was it all worth while? If you had attended on the day I guess you already have your own ideas on the matter, and if you didn't, well I suggest you read on. Then again should we tell you, after all it is an important day and everyone would have been there now wouldn't they! ok I will tell you what I will do, if you have a clear conscience for not attending (for instance Lizzy called in – that's Queen Elizabeth to the commoners) I guess we can forgive you this once and you can read on, otherwise, sorry but you just should have been there.

This years show was once again planned and organised by a small group of enthusiastic, dedicated, resourceful, energetic, highly intelligent and beautiful people, well that's what their resume's said, made up of the following people; *Helena Lindorff, Judy Locke, Cathy Powers, Beverley Phillips, Judith Lewis, Lance Lewis, Chris Worrall and Peter Box.*

On the days leading up to and on the day itself, others gave of their time to assist in the set up and running of the show. Those people were ; *Colin Cook, Ron Powers, Bart Bartholomew, Colin Smythman, Beth Palmer, Carole Bartholomew, Chris Lindorff, Nola Haines, Roger Curtain, Virginia Lawrence and Wendy Cook.* When you look at the large cast and crew involved you can understand the amount of work and planning that goes into running such an event and to ensure its success. The overall success of the day goes down to the people involved and the commitment, time and energy they gave of freely for which they deserve a big, no, extremely humongous thank you and pat on the back at the very least. (Especially the committee members)

2007 Wildflower Show

Helena Lindorff – EI Supremo

Yet again the Brisbane Ranges put on a spectacular display of wildflowers which attracted over 300 people to our Friends Wildflower Show this year. This was up 50% from last year. We had people come from all over the place; Altona, Brown Hill, Heathmont, Ivonhoe and even Noosaville, QLD. Thanks to our Advertising Coordinator, Bev Phillips for attracting a wide audience!

This year we had our inaugural photographic exhibition which was an absolute success and I would like to thank our Photographic Coordinator, Cathy Powers for organizing a wonderful addition to our Wildflower Show.

I would like to extend my thanks on behalf of the Friends Group to our Wildflower Show Committee who spent many tireless hours organizing a wonderful show; Judy Locke, Peter Box and Chris Worrall from Parks Victoria, Beverley Phillips, Cathy Powers, Judith and Lance Lewis. And on behalf of the Wildflower Show Committee we would like to thank the Friends Group Members that help on the Saturday and Sunday.

As I'm rattling off the thank yous, we would like to acknowledge the following organizations and individuals for their in kind / financial support; Bacchus Marsh and Melton McDonald's for providing \$750 donation to the running of the show, Parks Victoria, Anaconda for the marquee, Intech Engineering Anakie, Colin Smythman, Peter Locke, Anne from Moorabool News and the Anakie Football Club.

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Wildflower Show Reports cont.

Last week the Wildflower Show Committee had a very productive debrief meeting where we carefully considered and unanimously decided that we should have the wildflower show biannually. This decision was made by a number of factors; one being the large amount of work that goes on behind the scenes with limited number of volunteers can put considerable pressure if it is to continue being held annually.

Hope you enjoy reading our wonderful coordinator's reports of the day.

2007 Inaugural Photograph Exhibition and Sales. Cathy Powers - Coordinator

Our inaugural exhibition was a great success. We had 13 avid photographers supply us with over 39 entries. The subject matter was varied (although all complied with the required 'Brisbane Ranges' topic), the sizes were from small to large and the price range meant there was something for everyone.

We were also supplied with a great project from the Anakie Primary School and everyone who viewed the photos also enjoyed this creative display.

One of the highlights was the entries by three Bacchus Marsh high school students. Each sold at least one of their photos and this bodes well for their future as photographers. The exhibition offered the public an alternative view of our Ranges - from the eye of the camera owner.



"Anakie Primary School's wonderful addition"

Bus Tours etc.

Peter Box - Coordinator

Ok so where do I start with this? At the beginning I guess. The bus tours seem to be a major draw card for the event with the previously organised 49 seater coach being booked out rather quickly. The need for a second bus quickly became apparent to meet continuing demand for seats, then came the big one, a group of "friends" from the Hobson's Bay Council were coming on their own bus and requested to be part of the tour. What can you say but, the more the merrier.

The outcome was a 55 seater coach plus a 33 seater bus took care of the morning tour while just the 55 seater coach with the Hobson Bay crew in tow covered

the afternoon's requirements. On both morning and afternoon tours we had people queuing for any spare seats, fortunately for them we had some last minute cancellations so managed to fit them in.

From the responses of the participants all seemed quite impressed by the content, quality and knowledge of the presentations (and possibly the humour) provided by the tour leaders. But the stand out was the "Brissy's" which put on a spectacular display for the enthusiastic crowd, and I mean crowd, any passing traffic must have been wondering what all the excitement was about.

One of the big pluses on the day was the willingness of participants to endure the PC hygiene practices by staying to tracks and having their footwear cleaned, or was it the idea of having the Rangers on their knees scrubbing boots! Whatever the reason it worked and hopefully went some way in educating people in protecting our wonderful park. So all in all well worth the effort, and a fantastic job done by all involved.



"The Guru imparts some of her extensive knowledge"



"Ok, so who was doing the head count?"

Agenda – November 11th 2007

Koala Research Presentation/Workshop

Facilitator - Janine Duffy

Venue; Anakie Community Depot

10am - Morning tea

10.30 – Presentation and survey/ID workshop.

11.30 - Travel to on site location and put the mornings lessons into practice.

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