

KANANOOK CREEK ASSOCIATION INC

Our aim:

"To clean, restore, and preserve the Kananook Creek and its environment"

Newsletter Summer 2008 - 2009

Ordinary General Meeting of the Kananook Creek Association Inc - 4th Feb 2009



Notice of an Ordinary General Meeting of the Kananook Creek Association Inc



DATE: Wednesday 4th February
TIME: 8pm
PLACE: Seaford Senior Citizens (Talbot Hall) Broughton St Seaford

Members of the public are invited to attend.

The business is to discuss the Draft Management Plan which your committee believes puts the Kananook Creek Corridor Restoration Project in serious danger. We are very concerned!! Supper and light refreshments will be provided.

The KCA is a voluntary organization. New members are very welcome.

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Release of Draft Management Plan for Public Comment

The new Draft Plan fundamentally changes direction and abandons many key management objectives of the current Plan. At KCA'S AGM in April, members could not see a convincing case for major change and unanimously reconfirmed the key management objectives of the current plan.

There are many **significant changes** from the existing 1992 Plan. Officers from Melbourne Water and Council **have not highlighted** these changes for Council and public attention.

The KCA response to the Draft Kananook Creek Corridor Management Plan details serious concerns.

- **There is no commitment to continue to manage the creek as a navigable waterway.** The plan ignores the decision of council to have the waterway officially gazetted as a **recreational waterway** (similar to the status of the Yarra) and to be managed accordingly
- There is no recognition of Melbourne Water's **social responsibility** to remove the enormous silt deposits at major drain outlets and restore the navigability of the creek for small boats. There is also no commitment to snag and navigation hazard removal.
- **No gross pollutant trap** proposed at the Beach Street drain and no recognition that the thousands of cubic metres of silt that have been deposited in the creek by storm drains affect **flood capability**.
- Once the centre of our proud marine and fishing heritage, a bustling and vibrant waterway for small boats, the Creek in central Frankston has been left by the authorities to silt up so badly that it will be soon not navigable at all. **Future generations** may not be able to

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KCA WEBSITE

Have you visited the KCA Website? <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~kananook>



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enjoy the opportunity to row a small boat or paddle a canoe along the creek.

- **Policy and guidelines for creekside landowners are not included.** This policy covering jetties and edge treatments etc was to be integrated with the updated Management Plan. Over 50% of creek frontage is comprised of the back yards of private properties. John Curran who has been coordinating KCA'S landowners working group for the KCLC task force is very disappointed that this work was ignored.

- The restoration of Kananook Creek is recognised as a strategically important project in Council's own **Tafe to Bay Structure Plan** and must be a foundation stone for a plan of transformation and urban renewal for the town centre

itself. KCA believes that "as the transformation of the Yarra fundamentally transformed perceptions of the Yarra and Melbourne so to will the Kananook Creek Boulevard project fundamentally change perceptions of the Kananook Creek Corridor and Frankston".

- **The Boulevard Project** and the Kananook Restoration Program are not being coordinated under one Project Manager and completion timelines are not aligned for completion in first quarter 2010.

- In the current plan, Melbourne Water and Council acknowledged that "the creek offers a huge potential as a recreational resource" that needed to be realised. Compare this to the new Draft Plan which states the River Health Strategy assessment of Kananook Creek as "**condition poor**" and the target is "**halt further decline**"

- Melbourne Water's primary focus seems to be about "**stream health**" with secondary, rather than equal, focus on its broader social responsibility for the Corridor.

- No recognition of the **vital role of the KCA** or any commitment to develop the plan in collaboration with the KCA volunteers who contribute enormously to the restoration.

- No commitment to the **Kananook Creek Liaison Committee** to update the plan and ensure faithful implementation of the plan

- New **proposals for the creek banks riparian zone** which would prevent the construction of a jetty by a property owner to launch a canoe or boat.

- No commitment to the **aesthetics** of the waterway

- The plan reintroduces uncertainty about constructing **bike roads** over existing soft nature trails through the most vulnerable nature reserves.

- **Due process** needs to be restored by Council, the Draft Plan should go back to the Kananook Creek Liaison Committee and a more collaborative outcome achieved.

- The update of the plan (expected to take three months) has now taken four years. As a consequence the Creek is deteriorating, a climate of uncertainty is created with affected residents and the KCLC becomes less effective. A new approach is needed to **urgently** complete the plan.

- The plan is next to be **reviewed in 15 years**. We need faster and more dynamic planning updates aligned to Council and Melbourne water's annual budget processes.

Celebration Day Sunday 15th March 2009

Note the date on your calendar for next years Kananook Creek Celebration Day. The Kananook Creek Corridor restoration is nearing completion, we will celebrate the potential already realized - the wonderful benefits of healthy recreation, a quality environment and a stronger community.



News and Updates

Kananook Creek Boulevard project -still on track for completion by early 2010

Keith Rhodes, project manager advises that Frankston Council is soon expected to award the contract for the construction of Kananook Boulevard. The \$9million Victorian government funded Kananook Boulevard project will be completed by early 2010.



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News and Updates continued

Silt removal at Beach St and Wells St drains -still not yet planned

The two key restoration capital items are:

- installation of a gross pollution trap at the Beach Street drain
- desilting of the creek at the Beach Street and Wells Street drains.

Fencing at Fiocchi Avenue and Beach Street

KCA and the Long island Residents Group are still working with council about rectification and removal of horrible, unnecessary cattle yard fencing constructed at Fiocchi and Beach Street entrances just before the end of the financial year and without the normal consultation.

Kananook Creek Canoe Club News

Regular canoeing days are held on the 2nd Saturday of every month.

Meet: Seaford Community Centre launching ramp. Contact: Tony Coventry 0414700902

Seaford / Kananook Creek Walking Group

The group is up and walking. Group aim is "a moderate level walk which allows walkers to appreciate the natural environment and one another's company". Walks start from the Seaford Community Centre every Thursday morning at 10am. Information can be obtained at the Seaford Council Shop. Leonie Wyseman-Ervine from Peninsula Health is assisting in the formal establishment of the group and KCA has funded first aid kits and training.

Natural Reserves Ranger's Report - Much Improvement! From John Messfeldt

It has been an outrageous year for weeds, especially the unwelcome Annuals. However, with the assistance of KCA friends and volunteers, and with special thanks to Minio Rossetto, we are observing positive outcomes in areas of quality vegetation, including impressive regeneration of indigenous plants. As we know, the reserve consists of approximately 43 hectares, and without the assistance of volunteers offering their own given time to help, the creek's health would slowly but surely deteriorate. So thank you very much for your most welcomed efforts.

Revegetation It's been a successful year in getting plants into the ground.

Approximately 5000 indigenous plants have been planted along Kananook Creek Reserve by KCA volunteers and Natural Reserve Rangers. Early rains have been very helpful but much more is required to establish the plants. Plants will be watered over the summer months using the Council Depot's newly installed water tanks and Class 'A' recycled water if required to increase their chance of survival.

Correctional Services

Every third Tuesday of the month is our working bee with assistance of KCA Friends and Correctional Services. We have been concentrating on fuel reduction works between Mile Bridge and Seaford Road and are achieving rewarding results. Minio, once again your dedication is much appreciated. Special thanks to our caterers Joan Bosanko and Olwen Bawden who provide us with delicious lunches and morning teas.

New Projects

• Restoration project at Allawah Avenue entrance • Upgraded reserve entrance of Eel Race Road and new signage • Newly installed hoop signs at Armstrongs Road entrances • A newly installed staircase to be built at Bardia Avenue • Weed contractors have controlled Cape Ivy, English Ivy and Morning Glory in areas of quality vegetation with successful results • Coastal Tea-tree removal in the northern section has encouraged natural regeneration of indigenous ground flora

Thanks everyone for the year just gone and on behalf of all my fellow rangers we wish you all a safe and happy holiday season. I look forward to seeing you all along our special waterway in 2009.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY
1st March 2009
Pop the above details into your diary today. With the assistance of Melbourne Water, we will be performing a waterway clean up at three sites along the creek.



Reserves Working Bees - Dates and Call for Volunteers

We urgently need more volunteers for the Central Section (Mile Bridge to Station St) and for the Northern Section (Station St to Eel Race). The work is very positive, healthy and satisfying and you will enjoy the good fellowship of like minded people. Please ring Minio Rossetto on 9783 9948.

Around Our Reserves - Working Bees

1. Southern Group - Beach St - Mile Bridge

Meet: Fiocchi Ave, creek footbridge, Frankston

Contact: Minio 9783 9948.

When: 1st Sunday of month: 9 am - 12 noon

2. Central Group - Mile Bridge - Station St

Contact: Andrew Cooper / Paul Deweerd 9786 4660

When: 2nd Sunday of month Helpers are urgently required

3. Northern Group - Station St - Eel Race Rd

When: Last Sunday of month: 9 am - 12 approx

Helpers are urgently required

4. Nursery

Plants are propagated for planting on our reserves.

When: Every Wednesday: 9 am - 12 noon approx

Meet: Frankston Council Indigenous Nursery,

McCulloch Ave Seaford.

YOUR HELP IS URGENTLY NEEDED!
Please come along, lend a hand, and get to know your neighbours whilst helping to care for our wonderful environment!
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Southern Group

Next dates

Sunday 1st Feb

Central Group

Next dates:

Sun 8th February

Northern Group

Next Dates:

22nd February

Membership Renewal 2009

Memberships for 2009 are due from 1 January. The struggle to complete the creek restoration is not over. We hope that you will continue to support us financially so that we can work towards fulfilment of our goals. Please join us, we need to retain our strong community base of approx 300 individual supporters within those households. You could help us manage costs by providing your email contact (your privacy assured). Should you also wish to make a voluntary donation, that too would be most welcome. Thank you for your generosity.

WISHING
YOU PEACE &
HAPPINESS
IN 2009



Please send to: **Trevor Nock (Treasurer) , 91 Gould St Frankston, 3199**

I / We would like to join		Names:
I / We would like to participate in activities		Address:
I / We enclose (\$10.00 per household annual membership)		Phone:
I / We enclose a donation of		E-mail:
Receipt Required		Date:

THANK YOU!!