

KANANOOK CREEK ASSOCIATION INC

Our aim:

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

Newsletter Summer 2008

CELEBRATION DAY - SUNDAY 16TH MARCH

Kananook Creek Celebration Day 2008

Healthy outdoor lifestyle combined with healthy fresh produce -

Kananook Creek Celebration Day and Seaford Farmers Market join forces!

Please note new times for 2008 - start at 8 am and finish 2 pm.

We invite you to join us on the banks of the Kananook Creek to take part in this day of celebration.

Help us celebrate Frankston's other great natural asset - a beautiful navigable waterway winding through diverse and thickly wooded natural reserves, and the 7.5 kilometres of walking tracks that weave through them - from Eel Race Road in Seaford to where the creek meets the city and the sea - on the Frankston Foreshore.

Discover Frankston's hidden jewels - our fabulous natural assets.

FREE GUIDED WALK! Registration starts at the pier forecourt at 10 am for the launch at 10.30. This is the biggest fun walk in Frankston. The pleasant 4 km walking trail takes you on a journey of discovery through the fantastic natural reserves. Upon arrival at Seaford, relax and join in the festivities on the green beside the Seaford Community Centre. Suitable for families and all age groups. There are several options for the return including the foreshore walking trail, train or our scheduled courtesy bus. The choice is yours! Spot prizes will be awarded. John Messfeldt, Council Ranger, and KCA experts will be on hand to help you learn more about the wildlife for whom the creek and reserves are home, the indigenous vegetation and the work being done on the reserves. For more information ring Robert on 9770 1568.

FREE GUIDED CANOE RIDES! First ride is at 9am and the last finishes at 2pm; each trip takes about half an hour. Only by canoe can you truly discover the hidden jewels of our beautiful waterway. The Kananook Creek Canoe Club will be on hand to supervise. The departure point for the canoes is the Seaford Community Centre launching ramp.

Bookings: Please phone Mark Mooney on 9782 3209.

ON THE SEAFORD VILLAGE GREEN - Celebrate with the whole family on the green at the Seaford Community Centre. There will be informative displays by Melbourne Water, community volunteer groups and a photographic exhibition by Frankston Photographic Club. Delicious BBQ lunches and refreshments will be available from Seaford Carrum Downs Rotary Club. All this plus fresh and healthy local produce in conjunction with the Seaford Farmers Market.

Yvette Johansson



FREE LIVE MUSIC

The free music program features the sublime **Yvette Johansson**, whose sell out Ella Fitzgerald tribute at Crown Casino is one of the headline acts at this year's Melbourne International Jazz festival. Yvette will attract visitors from other parts of Melbourne.

Also performing will be KCA's own **Andrew Cooper** and **Cyril Moran** and the wonderful **Frankston High Senior Stage band** directed by **Leon de Bruin**.



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

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Invitation to the KCA Annual General Meeting

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DATE: Wednesday 2nd April 2008
TIME: 8pm
PLACE: Seaford Senior Citizens (Talbot Hall,
rear of Seaford Community Centre)
Broughton Streets Seaford



We hope to see you at our AGM!

GUEST SPEAKER: TBA

Election of Officers and Committee members for 2008.

This is resident democracy in its purest form. All positions become vacant at the AGM. Clearly 2008 will be an important year for the Creek and it is vital that the community elects a committee that is competent and fully representative of the residents along the corridor.

News and Updates

INVASIVE WEEDS

Exotic vines and creepers on back fences - much of the ivy is planted along fence lines to provide privacy and it then rapidly escapes into the reserve. KCA weed days remove half a tonne of exotic weeds but the problem needs to be controlled at source. Some exotics are just dumped in the reserve (lawn clippings, prickly pear, agapanthus, lilies etc). This is disheartening for the volunteers - council needs to help to prevent the situation in the first instance by awareness and then enforcement. The volunteers need help - we have requested an official letter to all homes adjoining the reserve along Kananook Ave Seaford. The problem also is appearing in the Northern and Southern Sections. It is going to take a major coordinated effort to get this problem under control. It is an offence to plant in the reserve without council's express permission. This has been reported as an issue for two years and council has not acted. Due to inaction the spread of exotics has become much worse creating unnecessary work for volunteers.

TRAIL BIKES AND BIKES

Trail bikes and bikes cause much damage to the soft, narrow trails north of Mile Bridge placing reserves, walkers and volunteers at risk. The Management Plan clearly states that the tracks north of Station St are designed and constructed as walking paths, they are not shared pathways. The signs state that this is a walking trail, but there are no signs prohibiting bikes. Motor bikes in these reserves have become more frequent and most of the 2006 planting by the NAB Volunteers has been ruined by trail bikes. We need clear signage and support from local laws. Council has offered signs to warn bikers of

workmen ahead but this does not protect walkers or the soft track. Please honour and enforce the Management Plan.

ROUND THE BAY TRAIL

Resolve the location of the Round the Bay Trail and construct it. KCA Committee were floored when Council back flipped in December on the agreed location of the wetlands to Frankston link. The process had been through ten years of extensive evaluation, consultation and review. Due to inaction in constructing the purpose built bike paths and lack of enforcement, cyclists continue to damage the soft walking trails, again creating unnecessary work for volunteers.

JET SKIS IN THE CREEK

On Sunday 2nd December the southern working group were startled by a jet skier "hooning" up the creek well in excess of the 5 knot limit for boats, with screaming engines and in a haze of exhaust smoke. This caused a



thumping bow wave that washed the banks and immediately turned the clear creek into a black mess.

Speed signs have been removed from the bridges.

McDONALDS FENCE

McDonalds were granted a 24 hour license and erected a new pine paling fence to screen the drive thru from creek-side residents. The fence is totally out of touch with stated aspirations for the precinct. McDonalds obtained the original permit for the site on the condition of restricted hours for the drive thru.



POLLUTION REPORTS

New reports are: •Yellow sand-laden dry weather flows at Beach St. •Possible grey water discharge in storm drain at Fiocchi Foot Bridge •Red stained drain discharge near McCulloch. We don't believe that we have closure on the reports of vile discharges at the Kingston Council drain beside the bridge at Eel Race Road.

KCA Open Public Meeting 6th December

PROGRESS REPORT ON CREEK RESTORATION

The public meeting meeting was well attended by about 70 people.

Kananook Creek Boulevard - Keith Rhodes, Project Manager presented the concepts and answered questions. KCA provided a written response to the concepts. All feedback has been reviewed and a report has been provided to council on the final design. The project is professionally managed and is running on time and on budget.



Maintaining a recreational waterway for canoes and small boats and desilting at the major drain outlets - Melbourne Water's Chris Chesterfield confirmed social responsibility for the creek, which specifically included desilting of the major drain outlets. Desilting of the Buna, Overton and Mc Culloch drains has been performed.



John Curran

Private Landowners Over 50% of creek frontage is comprised of the back yards of private properties. John Curran informed the meeting on the work of the landowners working group and the Kananook Creek Liaison Committee task force.

Management Plan

Unreasonable delays in updating the Management Plan is impacting the effectiveness of the KCLC. Melbourne water advised that the plan should be complete in January.

John Messfeldt, ranger and the nursery and reserves team were all introduced.

Kananook Creek Canoe Club News

Regular canoeing days are held on the 2nd Saturday of every month meeting at the Seaford Community Centre launching ramp. The priority issue now is for a permanent clubhouse and canoe storage. A working group has been set up to work with Council through the approval process. A fund raising campaign has been launched. Contact Tony Coventry, Tel. 0414700902

The Brand New Kananook Creek Walking Group

Peninsula Health organized a meeting of interested parties at the Seaford Community Centre on Friday 15th February. It was resolved to start an informal walking group meeting at the Community Centre. Walks will start from the Seaford Community Centre every Thursday morning at 10am. Information at the Seaford Council Shop.



KCA WEBSITE

Have you visited the KCA Website? <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~kananook>
• Newsletters & News • Kids • Flora & Fauna • History • Working Bee dates • Recreation and more

Reserves Working Bees - Dates and Call for Volunteers



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

Over summer, volunteers' efforts in the reserves have concentrated on weeding, rubbish removal, fire fuel reduction and walking track maintenance. During 2008, we plan to complete a weed sweep of the 7.5km corridor of natural reserve as we did last year. This is a great effort by the community 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.

Around Our Reserves - Working Bees Dates

WORKING BEE DIARY DATES

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

Southern Group
Next dates
6th April, 4th May, 1st June

2. Central Group - Mile Bridge - Station St
Contact: Andrew Cooper / Paul Deweerd 9786 4660
When: 2nd Sunday of month

Central Group
Next dates:
Sun 13th April, 11th May, 8th June

3. Northern Group - Station St - Eel Race Rd
Contact: Allan Sisson / Robert Ingram 9786 8936
When: Last Sunday of month: 9 am - 12 approx

Northern Group
Next Dates:
Sun 30th March, 27th April 25th May, 29th June

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.

PLEASE JOIN US!

Finance and Membership

Memberships for 2008 are due from 1 January. The battle for the creek is not over. We hope that you will continue to support us financially so that we can work towards fulfilment our goals. Please join us, we need to retain our strong community base of approx 400 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.**

KCA Membership Application Jan 1 2008 - Dec 31 2008

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>THANK YOU!!</i>
No of persons		
I / We enclose a donation of		E-mail:
Receipt Required		Date: