

KANANOOK CREEK ASSOCIATION INC

Our aim:

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

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Let's complete the restoration of the Kananook Creek Corridor and celebrate our achievements

The KCA was formed at a public meeting in Seaford in February 1970. The meeting was called by landowners and the community who were angry about the appalling condition of the creek and its consequent fouling of our wonderful beaches.

Forty years later we are tantalisingly close to completion of all key restoration goals.

This complex "Long March" has been a truly wonderful story of cooperation between Community/Landowners, Council and Responsible Authorities over a very long period of time.

Completion of the Kananook Creek Boulevard Project

KCA has long believed that as the South Bank Project fundamentally transformed perceptions of the Yarra and Melbourne so too will the Kananook Creek Boulevard project fundamentally change community perceptions of the Kananook Creek Corridor and Frankston.

Nathan Islip, Project Manager, advises that the \$9 million Victorian Government funded Kananook Boulevard Project is on track to be completed by December this year. This should be the final component (the icing on the cake) of the campaign to restore the Kananook Creek Corridor.

Other outstanding key restoration components

1. Restoring the recreational waterway and navigability - silt removal at Beach St and Wells St drains.

- **There should be a clear commitment to continue to manage the creek as a recreational waterway**
- There has been a significant deterioration in the creek near the town centre caused by the silt deposited by the major drains. The silt deposits at major drain outlets need to be removed to restore the navigability of the creek for small boats.
- As per the current plan, snags, navigation hazards and fallen trees which collect litter and rotting algae should be removed. The plan to install some submerged fish habitats with marker buoys should be implemented. Aesthetics are important to the community - we do not want to create an impression that no one cares.



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

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Outstanding key restoration components (continued)

2. Completion of clear policy and guidelines for jetties and edge treatments for private property adjoining the creek - the "Wild West".

- Half of the Creek Corridor is on the titles of about 480 private property landowners; they have played a vital role in the creek's restoration and are crucial to its future.
- The policy and guidelines for private landowners, including jetties, edge treatments, beautification, storm run off etc, **must be included** in the updated Management Plan for the Corridor.

3. Completion of the updated future plan for management of the creek corridor

The Future Plan should:

- **confirm status of Kananook Walking and Nature Trails.**
- **confirm future role of the Liaison process (KCLC) in monitoring the implementation and updating of the plan.**
- **recognise the vital role of landowners / community** as represented by the KCA in the Future Plan.

The Liaison Committee, chaired by Councillor Chris Richards, is currently working through the framework for the Future Plan retrofitting and aligning the Draft prepared by Officers to community expectations.

News and Updates

Minio Rossetto inducted as Legend of Kananook Creek

At our AGM in April, Minio Rossetto was inducted as a 'Legend of Kananook Creek'.



It's official - Minio is a legend!

Flooding on Sunday 26th April 2009

High winds and high tides resulted in very high levels in the creek and flooding over the banks. Hilary Poad provided the photos (below) of the inundation. Hilary has also pointed out inconsistencies between the actual inundation levels which are consistent with height contours and maps showing the LSIO (land subject to inundation overlay).

Photo below right shows flooding, April 26.



Kananook Creek Canoe Club Inc

The Canoe Club has had a great year on the water; beginning with our annual Paterson Lakes Evening Christmas paddle to look at the lights, along with a bubbly drink or two back at the car park. The monthly paddles are still well attended with members either opting to paddle or hit the local cafe instead, depending upon the weather. The Club was fortunate to receive a grant through the Volunteers Grant Program which enabled us to purchase three all-purpose kayaks. I would like to thank our Committee, especially Jenny Campbell, who is always fundraising behind the scenes.

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News and Updates continued

Canoe Club *continued*

The Club meets for a paddle on the 2nd Saturday of each month; the committee meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. For more information ring Tony Coventry 0414-700-902 or visit the Yahoo Groups website and type in 'kananook'.

Next social canoeing days are:

- Saturday August 8th
- Saturday September 12th
- Saturday October 10th

For the club to meet growing community interest in canoeing it needs a permanent storage and clubhouse. It is envisaged that this would be a shared facility housing the KCA boat and equipment which is used in cleaning the waterway and maintaining walking tracks and the reserves. The facility would also assist the growing interest in the Walking Group

A working group has been set up to work with Council through the approval process. A fund raising campaign has been launched.

A major fund raiser for the Club House will be held on Melbourne Cup Day, Tuesday 3rd November - contact Jenny Campbell on 97815472 for more information.

Seaford / Kananook Walking Group

The group is up and walking, with the aim of "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 10 am. Information can be obtained at the Seaford Council Shop. Peninsula Health are assisting in the formal establishment of the group.

Celebration Day Sunday 28 February 2010

Note the date on your calendar for next years Kananook Creek Celebration Day.

We plan to move the 2010 Celebration Day to the newly completed Public Plaza on Kananook Boulevard in Frankston.

This should be a humdinger of a celebration

- Completion of the \$9 million Kananook Creek Boulevard Project
- Official completion of the Restoration Program
- 40th anniversary of the Kananook Creek Association.

The event will be a showcase for Frankston and promote the wonderful benefits of healthy recreation, a quality environment and a stronger community.

Reserves News

We expect to complete the planting program for 2009 in early August and good rain gives plenty of hope for success. A mighty thank you to all the community helpers. In September we will commence our annual weed sweep of the 7.5km corridor of natural reserve.

Monthly work days with Correctional Services have concentrated on fire fuel reduction. Work on the walking track surface renewal is delayed until the future of the Kananook Nature and the bay bike trail connection trails is confirmed.



Members getting ready



Members paddle out to Woolleys' Reef



*'Vonne,
We hope that
you are up and
running again
soon!*

Working Bees Dates

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.

Southern Team (south of Mile Bridge)

Meet at Fiocchi Avenue footbridge

First Sunday of every month 9-12 noon

- contact Minio Rossetto on 9783 9948

Next dates are:

- Sunday 2nd August, Sunday 6th September, Sunday 4th October

Central Team (Station St - Mile Bridge)

Second Sunday of each month -

contact Andrew Cooper/Paul Deweerd on 9786 4660.

Next dates are:

- Sunday 9th August, Sunday 13th September, Sunday 11th October

Northern Team (Station St - Eel Race Rd)

Last Sunday of each month -

contact Robert Ingram on 9766 6069. Next dates are:

- Sunday 26th July, Sunday 30th August, Sunday 27th September, Sunday 25th October

Frankston Council Indigenous Plant Nursery, McCulloch Ave Plant propagation - every Wednesday 9-12 noon approx.

*Please help us!
Come along, lend a hand, and get to know your neighbours (two legged, furry and feathered!) whilst helping to care for our wonderful environment!*



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Southern Group

Next dates, Sunday

2nd August, Sept 6th, Oct 4th

Central Group

Next dates:

Sunday 9 August, 13th Sept, 11th Oct,

Northern Group

Next Dates:

Sunday 26th July, August 30 27th Sept, 25th October

Membership Renewal 2009

Memberships for 2009 are due from 1 January. The battle for the creek is not over and we need your continued financial support to achieve the aspirations of the residents for the corridor. Please renew, we need to retain our strong community base of about 300 individual supporters within those households. You could help us manage costs by providing your email contact (your privacy is respected). We have also been relying on your additional voluntary donations. Thank you for your generosity; please continue to support your community volunteers.

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!!