

KANANOOK CREEK ASSOCIATION INC

Our aim:

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

Newsletter Summer 2010

KANANOOK CREEK COMMUNITY CELEBRATION DAY SUNDAY 28 February 2010



Invitation to a **HISTORIC MAJOR COMMUNITY CELEBRATION.**



Kananook Creek
Community Celebration
Day moves to Frankston
SUNDAY - 28 FEBRUARY,
2010, 9am-4pm.



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

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

CELEBRATE:

- COMPLETION OF THE KANANOOK CREEK BOULEVARD RECONNECTING THE CITY TO ITS WATER FRONTAGE
- 40th Birthday of the Kananook Creek Association
- COMPLETION of the 40 year campaign for Kananook Creek Restoration creating a sensational recreational and environmental community asset.

RELIVE HISTORY:

Bring your boat and join in the re-creation of the 1918 grand parade of decorated watercraft and celebrate our proud marine heritage.

Please ring: John Curran 9766 1950 or 0411 169 384
or Meredith Forster 9786 7404

EXPLORE the restored natural reserves. Join in the great family guided Kanawalk. Register at the Seaford pier forecourt at 10.00 am for the launch by the Mayor at 10.30. Then enjoy a leisurely guided 4km walk along the pleasant walking trail to the festivities on the Kananook Creek Boulevard in Frankston. For more information ring Robert Thurley on 9770 1568.

EXPLORE the creek by canoe. Free canoe trips depart from the pontoon at Kananook Boulevard. Bookings: Tony and Carol Polkinghorn on 9786 5735.

ENJOY AND LEARN - live music, dancing, exhibitions, interactive displays, food and refreshments on the Kananook Creek Boulevard in Frankston.

CONNECT with community volunteers, businesses, and institutions.

THEME- **"HEALTHY, ACTIVE, CONNECTED, LEARNING COMMUNITY"**

KCA WEBSITE- <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~kananook>
Contents include: • History • Contact • Newsletters & News • Flora & Fauna • Kids • Links

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COMPLETION OF THE KEY ELEMENTS OF THE RESTORATION OF THE KANANOOK CREEK CORRIDOR

In 1970, KCA set out to achieve:

WATERWAY - restore life-giving flows, clean up and reduce pollution and rubbish, desilt and deslag to maintain recreational use of the creek and safe access at the mouth. **STOP PRESS:** On Thursday 28 February, Melbourne Water successfully repaired the big pump and pumping resumed. Unfortunately, there are problems with large algal blooms.

RESERVES - restore the reserves along the length of the Corridor and construct walking trails.

PRIVATE PROPERTIES - encourage landowners to beautify creek frontages and provide more efficient and effective regulations for jetties, edge treatment etc.

CENTRAL FRANKSTON - Beautify the Creek's East Bank in Central Frankston which would transform perceptions of the waterway, create a genuine waterfront age and regain in the town centre a peoples' open space. 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"*.

MANAGEMENT, CO-ORDINATION, ENFORCEMENT - improve planning, coordination, and communication. Have more effective enforcement of regulation to reduce anti social activities and change behaviour.

STILL TO BE COMPLETED:

- Melbourne Water to restore navigability by silt removal downstream of Beach St. **STOP PRESS:** Melbourne Water will begin desilting at the Beach St drain on Monday 1 February (no plan yet for Wells St drain).
- Council and Melbourne Water completing effective and efficient regulation for jetties, edge treatments for landowners.
- Effective management and co-ordination of works. Melbourne Water no longer attends the Kananook Creek Liaison Committee (KCLC) - a new solution needs to be found.

UPDATED MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVED BY COUNCIL

After commencing mid 2004, with an anticipated completion date November 2004, the KCLC recommended an Executive Summary to Council and Melbourne Water in July 2009 (nearly five years late). The summary set out the policy and objectives framework for the management of the Kananook Creek Corridor. Fundamentally the KCLC recommended **NO MAJOR CHANGE OF DIRECTION.**

The community should acknowledge the great contribution of both Councilors Glenn Aitken and Mayor Chris Richards in chairing this outcome.

The update:

- Confirms the status of Kananook Walking and Nature Trails:
- Confirms the need for the liaison process in coordinating work and monitoring the implementation and updating of the plan.
- Recognizes the vital role of landowners / community as represented by the KCA in the Future Plan.
- Has a clear commitment to continue to manage the creek as a recreational waterway.

A major problem was getting balance between environmental, recreational, social and economic considerations. The consultant used by the Officers was disconnected from the KCLC and over the 5 years there was a debilitating turnover of officers and management oversight - GM's, CEO's. The protracted update project was an unsatisfactory and grossly wasteful process. There are smarter and better ways - like dynamic planning!!

LIAISON AND COORDINATION OF WORKS - WHERE TO FROM HERE?

For 39 years the KCAC/KCLC provided the liaison for both maintenance works and capital improvements in the waterway, reserves and adjoining private properties. However the protracted, unsatisfactory Management Plan update process diverted focus to policy debate rather than actions and eroded mutual respect. Melbourne Water is no longer part of the process. We have to rethink a better way - liaison and coordination of works are vital elements.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

Date - Sunday
7 March.

Time - 9am to
12 noon

Where -
Bridge crossings at Fiocchi Avenue, Mc Culloch Ave and Station St.



MAINTENANCE / CAPITAL WORKS PRIORITIES FOR 2010/11

Reserves

- Seaford Park Arboretum
- Extension of the shared pathway Allawah Avenue to Mile Bridge
- Progress towards Shared Facility
- Algal blooms condition of the Creek
- Fire management
- Walking trail signs and resolution of the Bicycle Path

Waterway

- De-silting, de-snagging

Private Property

- Jetty and edge treatment policy

KANANOOK CREEK CANOE CLUB INC

The canoe club (KCCC) 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 group website. Go to Yahoo Groups and type in kananook. Next social canoeing days are:

- Saturday 13 February, 13 March, 10 April.

FUND RAISING FOR SHARED CLUBHOUSE / BOAT STORAGE

For the Canoe Club to meet growing community interest in canoeing it needs a permanent storage and club house. KCA has work boats and barges in backyards and it needs a central site on the creek in Seaford as a base for its activities. The facility would also assist the growing interest in the Walking Group

A joint KCA /KCCC working group has been set up to work with Council through the process. A fund raising campaign has been launched.

A major fund raiser for the Club House was on Melbourne Cup Day, Tuesday 3rd November - many thanks to Jenny Campbell.

RANGER REPORT

John Messfeldt has been seconded to fire management duties. His replacement is James Mc Kenzie. Our rangers do a magnificent job - how much easier it is having a dedicated ranger

SEAFORD 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".

When and Where?

Seaford Community Centre every Thursday morning at

10am. Information can be obtained at the Seaford Council Shop.

PLAYGROUP TREE PLANTING

Narelle Debenham (9783 5746) runs a play-group called "Wacky Wednesdays" for three and four year old children. Narelle, together with preschoolers, parents and grandparents spent several hours tree planting between Allawah and Fiocchi Avenue - check out the thriving plants nurtured by these children.

RESERVES

We completed the planting program for 2009 in early August and good rain gave plenty of hope for success. A mighty thank you to all the community helpers. In September we commenced our annual weed sweep of the 7.5km corridor of natural reserve. Monthly work days with Corrective Services have concentrated on fire fuel reduction. Work on the walking track surface renewal is delayed until the future of the Kananook Nature trail and round the bay bike trail connection trails is confirmed.

WORKING BEES - DATES

- **Southern Team** - meet at Fiocchi Ave footbridge, normally first **Sunday** of every month 9-12 noon - call Minio on 9783 9948. **Next dates (all Sundays) are:** - 21 February - special day to cleanup before "Kanawalk", 7 March, 4 April.
 - **Central Team** - work the second Sunday of each month - call Andrew Cooper / Paul Deweerd on 9786 4660. **Next dates are:** Sunday 7 March, Sunday 11 April.
 - **Northern Team** - work the last Sunday of each month - call Robert Ingram on 9766 6069. **Next dates are:** Sunday 7 March, Sunday 25 April.
- Nursery** - plant propagation - every Wednesday 9-12. **VOLUNTEERS ARE URGENTLY REQUIRED FOR THE CENTRAL AND NORTHERN SECTIONS.** We'd love to see you there!
Please call Minio on 9783 9948.

*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

21 Feb, 7 March, 4 April

Central Group - (Mile Bridge - Station St) Next dates:

Sunday 7 March, Sunday 11 April

Northern Group - (Station St - Eel Race Rd)

Next Dates: Sunday 7 March, Sunday 25 April.

Membership Renewal 2010

Memberships for 2010 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!!