

THE FRIENDS OF BRAESIDE PARK

NEWSLETTER



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From the President

Des Lucas, Ranger Team Leader, Sandbelt Parklands, and long-time Braeside Park Ranger Digger are both retiring. Rangers, Andrew and Kelly, departed a couple of months previously. Yes that's right the full quota of Braeside Park Rangers has either transferred or retire by May, 2022. Des and Digger have been at Braeside Park for over thirty years each and their replacements will have big boots to fill. As Parks Victoria Rangers, they have actively organised and supported the Friends' Group to transform Braeside Park from a Metropolitan Sewerage Farm into today's unique indigenous park.

Arriving in the 1990s, Digger, as the name suggests helped build the Visitors' Centre, the wetland and nest boxes, and create trails throughout the Park. Des, always enthusiastic supporter of The Friends' volunteers, encouraged the procuring of grants to start the Community Indigenous Nursery which propagated thousands of plants to transform the sewerage farm into today's Park. Des inspired and lead the Friends' community planting days, guided tours, nocturnal walks, bird, frog, rabbit and insect surveys and attended after work hours' Committee Meeting. His knowledge of the Park and especially Phar Laps' short but illustrious sojourn, is vast and makes the Annual Mystery Walks so memorable. Sadly, this April's walk will be the last. The Friends of Braeside Park wish both Digger and Des the very best in retirement and thank them for a job well done. Braeside Park is a memorial to their commitment, dedication, inspiration and sheer doggedness.

Judith Sise

The Friends of Braeside Park News

Historical information on formation of Braeside Park and the contribution of the Ranger Team to develop the Park and work with the Friends Group.

Braeside Park is managed by Parks Victoria as the land agency, and since the formation of Parks Victoria in 1996 we have had the opportunities to work with and learn from our current Team Leader Ranger, Des Lucas and Ranger Digger. Both are retiring from Parks Victoria after more than 40 years with Parks Victoria (and preceding land agencies) in June 2023. They are taking a well-deserved long service leave break from May 2022, and we will have in May/June four new rangers managing Braeside Park.

We also acknowledge the contribution of the other long-term ranger staff, Glenn and Ernie, who retired in the last few years with many years' experience also. Rangers Kelly and Andrew also contributed to the Friends support at Braeside Park and are now working at other locations in the Parks Victoria reserves, we thank them also.

I would like to acknowledge the support given to the Friends group since 1989 when the Friends Group was formed by the Rangers including – running mystery walks, and getting 'lost' and 'finding a way out' in Braeside Park – who could forget the steep climb up a rock face on our trip to the Dandenong's at the site of Kyeema Wreck in 2015, only to come out on a path we could all have used instead – but missed the fun of the wonderful view of Melbourne behind us we enjoyed at the top! Thanks Des; The regular attendance of a ranger at Friends' meetings and regular reports on Braeside, how to manage friends activities with safety requirements, and also measure the height of a tree using a ball point pen, other treasured and valued memories– especially on the numbers of rabbits, birds and possums and special projects; the knowledge transfer to myself and the Friends members when guiding groups of school students and other groups, and suggestions

The Friends of Braeside Park News (cont.)

for further work by these students – what a lucky bunch they were, Thank you Digger. Digger will be sadly missed also by visitors to the park for this reason – he was a treasured source of knowledge on the park that cannot be adequately replaced from its foundation in 1989. He always was able to answer any question asked of both of them, a valued asset, as these were many and varied.

Ernie was a long-term ranger running the Wednesday A Team, imparting his knowledge and support of this group and Glenn contributed in his own way to my early knowledge of the park and how to use this when talking to groups. Braeside Park would not be what it is today without you all and is now stronger than ever despite the building of the Mordialloc Freeway after a 60 year fight, and the saving of the office and depot area when this occurred from 2018-2021. The status of the Braeside Park community as a stakeholder in this process, was the outcome of initial stakeholder contact on the impact of this on the park, and the commitment to save the heritage buildings from the original route of the freeway by early and ongoing consultation. The contribution of other members of the ranger team is also acknowledged by the Friends group since 1996.

My involvement since 1999, has been greatly supported by the ranger team and has expanded my interest in Braeside and is now a lifelong passion and interest. I will have life-long benefits from this and value this experience with Braeside Park staff members and others at Parks Victoria and Melbourne Water.

Margaret Hunter

Night Walk Program 2022

The 2022-night program started on 8 April, with the end of daylight saving in Victoria, with an attendance of 4 walkers and five guides. The night was mild and calm with many sightings of sleepy noisy mynas, possums with babies, a tawny frogmouth on the racecourse trail, and a fox. There was the 'usual' number of rabbits, currently in large numbers in the park, and even a scorpion on the drive to the park office. We saw the usual numbers of Sulphur crested cockatoos, in larger numbers than expected, also enjoying the mild quiet night, and the small group. Sightings are reported to Parks Victoria and DELWP

It is important that when booking for our night walks, that you arrive on time for a 7.00 pm departure, preferably 6.45 pm, with the right clothing and sturdy footwear. The walk leaves at 7.00 pm sharp and for safety reasons we do not take extra walkers after this. We prefer you book for the next walk, and book this with Margaret. Group walks are available also for small groups if guides are available. We are currently looking for guides, and if you are interested in this role please contact Margaret also for more information on this.

The walks leave from the Visitor Centre Car Park, and we suggest a daytime visit to the Park to locate this car park before the walk if you are unsure of its location. Directions, follow the access road from Lower Dandenong Road, turn left after the Pelican Car Park into the cypress drive, you'll find the Visitor Centre at the cockatoo car park.

The next walk is planned on 6 May 2022, with bookings open for other walks until September on the first Friday of the month.

Margaret Hunter

The Friends of Braeside Park News (cont.)

Land Uses and history of Braeside Park and the future Master Plan for the Park

After opening as a Metropolitan Park (Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works) by Minister, Bunna Walsh, as shown by the plaque on the visitor centre, and the threat of the F6 Freeway, the former sewerage farm is now one of best recognized parks in Melbourne enhanced by the new signage from the recent government program, and other improvements. Visitor numbers to Braeside have significantly increased and continue to do so despite the pressure of housing developments, and infrastructure. The environmental values recognized at several recent hearings, have been embraced by the community members.

At the EES Hearing we were able to highlight the saving of the precious heathland area of the Park from the freeway and its fencing off to protect it in 1976, with input from historical documents. This area contains orchids, echidnas, impressive fungi, and in the spring the wedding bush in bloom. There has been several Burgan control programs, and the walk in the Heathland is an experience to be remembered by all. A visit to George's Tree, at least 800 years old is well worth the effort, as is the kookaburras often seen in this area.

Past land uses have included the South East Sewerage farm from 1940, with the planned opening deferred due to the economic depression from 1928, the agricultural uses, horse training, areas for open space and protection, and most recently the preservation in 1970-1989 as a nature park and recreational area that it is today. Early photos from the 1950's show the heritage buildings at the Park office existing in 1940 with few trees around them, and open space – the tree coverage since then has been planted by friends and community members since then and transformed the parks. This is appreciated by the tawny frogmouths and the many animals photographed on the Friends facebook page in the manmade wetlands in 1984. Please come and visit our unique areas and enjoy our wonderful park within September 2021 alone 100,000 visitors.

There is information on the Kingston Website on the history of land use in Braeside Park with links to David Syme, Phar Lap, agriculture, golf courses, horse training, and most recently enhanced environmental values and awareness of the natural environment of Braeside Park, opened in August 1989 and one of the first in the MMBW Metropolitan Parks Network. The most recent update of the Visitor Experience Plan has recently been released and is available online for further information. It is important to note that this updates the previous 1987 Master Plan, with a further report on this in the next newsletter.

A lot of this development is due to the co-operation and support of the ranger team and the members of the Friends Group since 1989 as well as community support. If you would like to join our activities or support us at a higher level by joining the committee the opportunities are there and please let us know your interest. We are currently recruiting for community volunteers and to increase our membership, and member involvement, and welcome all enquiries about this to braesideparkfriends@gmail.com .

Margaret Hunter

Park Activity

Gliding For Joy

Over the duration of Summer, a team of four Deakin University students have been studying possum populations in Braeside Park. The park is well known for having a large and healthy population of both Ringtail Possums and Brushtail Possums. However, the ultimate goal of this project was to locate the elusive Sugar Glider which had not been seen by park rangers in over five years.

The Sugar Glider is a small, nocturnal gliding possum. The common name refers to its diets of sugary tree sap and nectar and its ability to glide up to 25 metres through the air. Sugar Gliders are arboreal marsupials which means they spend nearly all their time in trees and they raise their young in a pouch.



Can you spot the glider? Look closely they camouflage with the tree

The team searched over three areas in the park, the Self-Guided Heathland Trail, along the eastern side of the Phar Lap Track and in the restricted Heathland Conservation Area. With great excitement the team managed to spot sugar gliders across two heathland locations, one in the restricted section and one along the trail. They located a total of five gliders across these sites.

This is a very thrilling discovery to both park rangers and locals to the park. It highlights that conservation efforts in the park have maintained the vegetation required to sustain the species. These include the revegetation of key species of acacia that the Sugar Glider feeds on and the prevention of bringing pets into the park.

Des Lucas

Braeside Park Bird Surveys

They say that everything happens in threes. Des retires. Digger retires. And now, long time bird watcher and core member of the Braeside Park Birdlife Survey Group, David McCarthy has made the difficult decision to leave the group. From all the members of this little group I can warmly say that we will all miss your wisdom and humor on our early morning survey walks. We will miss you.

Rosemaree & David MacLean



Kerry Gill

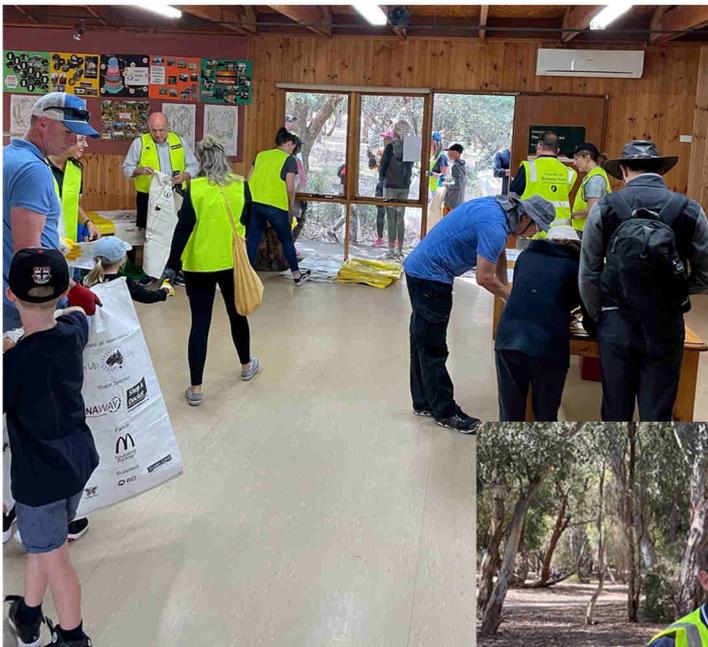
Park Activity

Clean Up Australia Day @ Braeside Park 2022



I started at 9am on the Main Road at Lower Dandenong Road next to the Southern Golf Course Entrance Fence line and later did Inside along the Heathland Reserve Fence line and I did not finish until 5pm. I saw some people clean up next to the Freeway Underpass Walkway at Parkway on that day with their own bags Good on them.

Other People came and started at 10am at the Visitor's Centre on Sunday March 6th. Around 40 Volunteers and local residents helping with me on the Main Road. We registered with QR Codes this Year or signed in if you did not have a smart phone. We were then assigned to designated areas to look after. Most groups were asked to look after a Car Park area and then an area along the Braeside Park fence line where the rabbits are eating the grass as you see driving along Lower Dandenong Road. There was quite a significant amount of rubbish collected during the 2 hour clean up, especially along the fence line which seemed to be blown in from the Main Road or dumped



just Inside the fence line. I had 2 trailer loads of rubbish to remove.

Disappointingly there were a lot of empty cans, hard plastic and glass bottles, fast food containers, napkins, tissues, disposable coffee cups, cardboard, polystyrene foam, scrap metal and face masks.

There was morning tea this year after the cleanup of the park at the Visitor's Centre.



Park Activity

Overall a very successful day with the park now looking beautiful and clean and there were lots of people using the park to ride, walk, run, play and parties later that afternoon on a perfect 30 dec hot day. Life can't get any better, as long as everyone continues to take home their rubbish today otherwise all our hard work will be undone.

A big thank you to Helen and Frank who organise this every year and helped everyone sign in and out at the Visitor's Centre and provided the clean up Australia bags, gloves, safety vest, food, drink and I provided my green trailer to take away the rubbish collected from Braeside Park.

Now Clean up Australia head office in Sydney wants us to do a cleanup anytime of the year not just on cleanup Australia Day so we will be looking to do this more often in Braeside Park and help Parks Victoria park rangers keep Braeside Park clean all year round as Cleanup Australia can provide us the equipment to use all year round.

Cleanup days at Braeside Park may be once a month on a Saturday or Sunday stay tuned.



David Boldiston

Park Activity

Des Lucas' Last Mystery Walk As Team Leader of the Sandbelt Parks

With twenty-seven years in Braeside Park and seventeen years' service in Parks Victoria, you could say that Ranger Des has had a bit of experience delivering Mystery Walks. So when the participants misinterpret the signage and have to be telephoned and even collected from the first carpark and then turn up on a brilliantly sunny warm day without sunscreen or hat, Des was not phased. He welcomed, handed round the sunscreen, warned about snakes and realigned the walk distance having lost 30 minutes and set off with twenty-seven men, women and children across the cow pat strewn paddock.



Years of experience means map, facts and memories stored in Des' memory guide, educate and entertain the walkers. The large trees, both dead and alive, link the history of the trees to the pre-European landscape as a River Red Gum Grasslands and to the salinity problem caused partially by the European removal of the trees for timber paving of Melbourne city. Des describes the past storms, floods and droughts

imprints, insect infestation, possum over grazing, the trees' aging process and habitat losses and solutions as the walkers stand around, gazing and feeling the trees.

Des' favourite stories are reserved for Phar Lap, the legendary race horse who spent a short time in the Park prior to winning the 1930 Melbourne Cup and who raced over the remnant 2 km track the walkers stood on. They envisaged the two tracks, sanded and grassed, between the two dips as Des re-told Phar Lap's legendary 37 wins from 51 races. Phar Lap's four races in the 1930 Melbourne Cup Carnival Week covered 9200m. It's rare for a horse to back up twice, let alone three times at the Flemington Cup carnival.

The 1940-1978 sewerage farm flood irrigation system is explained as the walkers encounter the cemented remains of a pumping system and trace the drainage lines and this is reinforced when later they visit the pumping system below the Rangers' present offices.

The cattle and rabbits catch the children's attention and their presence again intertwines history and biodiversity and government's meagre funding of Parks.

Park Activity

Des Lucas' Last Mystery Walk As Team Leader of the Sandbelt Parks (cont.)

The impact of people through the “informal trails” and the scratching of names on trees and the noise of the newly built freeway and the ever-increasing threat of more development on the borders of the Park are included incidentally, seeds for later thought and action one hopes.

Three hours later twenty-three walkers (No, we did not lose anyone down a giant rabbit hole! The family found departed early.) partook of afternoon tea at the Nursery and depart with memories of



David MacLean



David MacLean

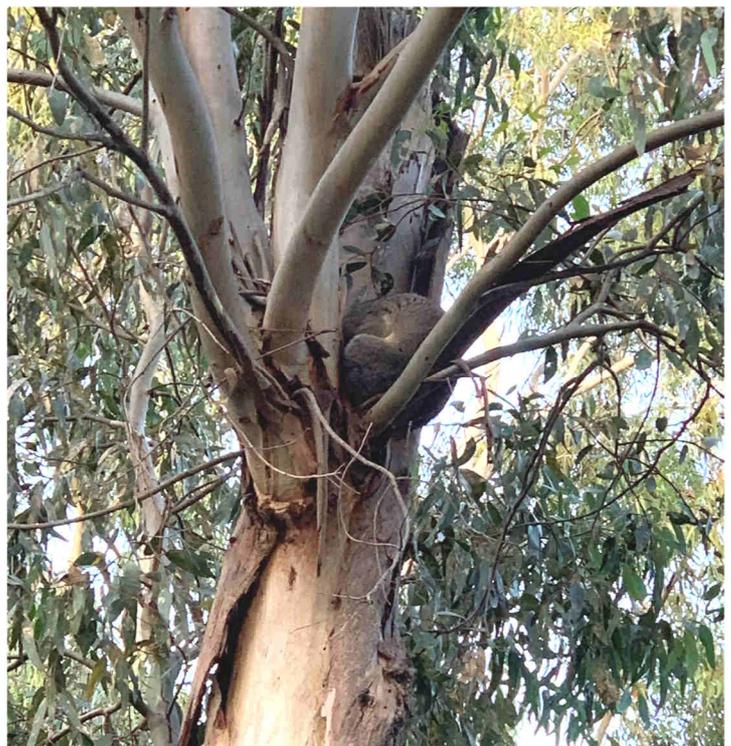
ancient trees, legendary race horses and sewerage systems all part of Braeside Park related by a Ranger with just 12 days left before retiring.

Judith Sise

The Koala

A Koala was spotted at Braeside Park on Friday 25th March along the Howard Road Trail. There have been no further sightings.

The Park is well known for welcoming all visitors.



Park Activity

From the Editor

Recently Rosemaree MacLean and I had the privilege of interviewing Des Lucas. I am including the whole of this interview in the following pages.

Interview with Des Lucas

27th March 2022

Location – Braeside Park Rangers Tea Room

Present – Des Lucas, Rosemaree MacLean, David MacLean

David: How long have you been a Park Ranger?

Des: 44 years and 2 months

David: What did you do before you became a Park Ranger?

Des: I was trained as landscape gardener and did some landscaping, I also did share farming at Emerald for about 6 years, and I helped my dad build a 3 storey 64 square, bluestone home overlooking Warburton. Which burned down in the 1983 fires. This was the only house in Warburton to burn down. It had a proper timber shingle roof.

David: When did you decide to become a Park Ranger? At school, as a kid, was it a vocational thing or did you just fall into it?

Des: I was share farming, and I knew that a ranger role was coming up. Whilst share farming I was a bit of a party animal when I was a youngster. I worked for six months, and I partied for 6 months. I could earn more money doing that, than I could being a Park Ranger for 12 months. So, when they first approached me, back in 1974/75 I said no. I was still enjoying life. But, once things started moving towards a family, and I understood that there was the need for some responsibility in my life, things changed. They approached me again and initially I became a park employee at Dandenong Valley Parklands. So Jells Park, Norton's Park and Koomba Park. And from there progressed to becoming a Park Ranger. I carried out further training, a Diploma in conservation and land management, also did a Park management course, a couple of other short courses, and focused on communication. The Communications tutor offered me the opportunity to become a counsellor, but that never eventuated.

David: How long have you been at Braeside Park and Karkarook park?

Des: I have been here 27.5 years. That's a long time. Even though I have been here for a very long time, I am still learning things about the park that I did not know before. There is so many things to get to understand, and experience and every now and again, someone or something will turn over what I call a rock that is covering something up, and then there is something else to learn.

Rosemaree: Can you give an example of something that you might have learned in this last year that you did not know before?

Des: Hmm, probably things that have happened along the western boundary of the park. We didn't have a defined western boundary of the park. All the way to Boundary Rd, it used to be part of what was the sewage treatment farm. Since we have had a defined boundary, we have found a couple of little issues that never ever came to the forefront before. Some of those are associated with landfills that were put in the footprint of the park that will most likely cause some issues in the next 12 months.

Park Activity

Interview with Des Lucas (cont.)

Rosemaree: Anything relating to animals or plants that you have learned about in the past few years?

Des: I have experienced one thing, seeing a young puggle (baby echidna). I have also seen an echidna train with 13 animals. Unfortunately, that was not in Braeside, and I did not have a mobile phone with a camera at the time.

Following to this morning's little incident with the death of an echidna in the park, I am a bit concerned about where the population here is going. There has been two killed in the last couple of years, so therefore, to me the population is going down and it is only a matter of time before Braeside has no echidnas. That is a sad way for us to think.

Rosemaree: Do you think that the population away from the roads is safer?

Des: Echidnas really don't have a home range; they just keep on foraging around. Whenever we find them near a boundary or outside the park, we take them to a middle point in the park. So that its less likely for them to get out. Eventually they do get to the boundaries of the park.

Rosemaree: Could we get some signs saying "look out for echidnas crossing" on the driving tracks? Just trying to make visitors aware that there may be echidnas crossing.

Des: We often get people that when questioned about signs, ask what signs? We didn't see any signs. But to answer your question yes signs warning about the echidna's is a great suggestion.

David: This is really a difficult question. Over the years what would you consider to be the best and worst things about being a Ranger? What are the things that make you smile and the things that make you frown and think I might not sleep well tonight?

Des: The worst thing is the fact that the number of people in the public that just do not respect public assets, and when you see valuable money that is spent on improving things and there soon after someone vandalises that, we all pay for it in the end. It frustrates me the most. The best thing for me is to be able to come to a park every day. Every day is the best day of my life. You probably heard me say that before. I don't know what each day is going to bring. No two days are generally the same. So, the variety of work is what excites me. It gets me going.



David MacLean

Park Activity

Interview with Des Lucas (cont.)

The other thing that really excites me it's the fact that as a ranger you get the chance to meet many, many people, and you get the opportunity to deal with volunteers and share and collaborate with volunteers in many different activities. So, it's not a hard question to answer.

Quite frankly I would like to stay, but I have come to a point in my life that I have to think about me and there are some things that I need to achieve while I can get out and do it. You just don't know when the penny will drop, and things change.

I like my job. I would like to continue with it, but you can't be in two places at the one time.

David: How do you see this park moving forward into the future?

Des: My thoughts are quite simple. And park management needs to be kept simple. The kiss principle needs to be applied to it. I am writing hand over notes for whoever takes over my role. And whoever takes them will be given that lesson of keeping it simple. It is also about park management clearly collaborating with volunteers. I feel that that has dropped off because of Covid and has created several issues for volunteer groups as well as for Parks Victoria.

Yes, staff moving on to other roles has created a labour issue, but we are hoping to have some of that resolved in the next three weeks.

The friends have a number of exciting projects that are going to gain some legs, and as part of my handover to whoever takes my role, I need to make sure that they understand that the collaboration between volunteer groups and Parks Victoria is so crucial to the success or failure of this park.

The Park plan has now been released and there are a couple of things that are in it that have been changed slightly from what I expected. I think the original plan was 40 pages that have been condensed down to 10. And in condensing them down, things that might have been described in 250 words have condensed down to 30 words and in doing so they word smithed together things that changes the way it should read. And very suggestive in some ways rather than yes or no.

David: So how do you think the park will look like in another 27 years?

Des: I will be ninety plus years old? I would like to think that the plan that has been developed has been implemented except for a couple of things. There are some key new wetlands that are in the new plan that need to go in and will really add value to the park. That is the eastern portion where the grazing occurs. I would like to think that grazing is totally gone from the park in 30- or 25-years' time. I would like to also think that the re-vegetation program has dramatically changed to the point that the lower storey and mid storey species are the primary target for all revegetation work. There might be a little upper storey stuff, but as for the mid and lower storey stuff which focuses on a whole variety of birds and animals and insects etc. There needs to be a really, really big effort put into getting that put throughout the park in a variety of ways.

Will it be a better place? Bloody oath it will be a better place. But, it will mean that the community needs to hold Parks Victoria to account and the local managers to account.

David MacLean

Park Activity

Des Lucas' Farewell

On Wednesday 27th April, a large number of Parks Victoria Rangers, Friends of Braeside, Friends of Karkarook, Men's Shed and Friends of Des congregated at the Visitors Centre to celebrate his forthcoming retirement.

Darren Mitchell, the Area Chief Ranger led the speeches and presented Des with a very useful atlas of camping grounds around Australia.

Speeches were many and varied. Some tears were shed. Des will be missed.



David MacLean

Editor's Note

2022 promises to be an interesting year.

- Federal and State Elections
- New Ranger team (3 rangers hired - just waiting on Des's replacement to be found)
- New A Team (in progress)
- Management and future of Nursery in question
- Revegetation program slowed down

On the positive side, all the above (other than the elections) are being worked on by both the Friends and the Rangers, so we have high hopes for success on all fronts. The night walks and other activities are resuming and things are slowly getting back to a pre-pandemic normal.

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We thank the many contributors to our Facebook page for their excellent photos and stories.

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Membership Renewal/Application Form:

I/We wish to become/renew our membership of the FRIENDS OF BRAESIDE PARK INC
(No joining fee)

Membership types:

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Secretary contact number 0417 323 460

Friends of Braeside Park Renewal Membership form November 2021

Night Walks for 2022



Friends of Braeside Park

**The Friends of Braeside Park invite you to
attend a night walk to view nocturnal
animals of the park**

**On Friday Nights at 7pm from April through
to September**

**8th April, 6th May, 3rd June, 1st July, 5th August and
2nd September**

**Meet at Visitors Centre
Braeside Park**

Enter at Lower Dandenong Rd entrance

Cost: Gold Coin Donation per person

Numbers Limited – Bookings are Essential

Via email: braesideparkfriends@gmail.com or Contact Margaret Hunter on 0417 323 460

Visit www.braesideparkfriends.org.au for more info



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2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

EVERYONE WELCOME

Where: Braeside Park Visitor's Centre

When: Sunday the 7th August 2022

Times: Registration at 2:00pm, AGM Meeting at 2:10pm

Presentation at 3:00pm by our Guest Speaker(s)

Afternoon Tea from 3:00pm

Everyone welcome and concludes at 4:00pm

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Friends of Braeside Park Activity Calendar 2022

| Activity | Time/Day | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | |
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| Committee Meeting | 7pm - 9pm 2nd Thursday at the Visitor's Centre | * | 10 | 10 | 14 | 12 | 9 | 14 | 11 | 8 | 13 | 10 | 8 | |
| Community Projects Weekday - "The A Team" | 9am - 12pm Wednesday's at the Park Office | * | 2 9 16 23 | 2 9 16 23 30 | 6 13 20 27 | 4 11 18 25 | 1 8 15 22 29 | 6 13 20 27 | 3 10 17 24 31 | 7 14 21 28 | 5 12 19 26 | 2 9 16 23 | 7 14 * * | |
| Nursery open for plant sales | 10am - 12pm 3rd Sunday | * | 20 | 20 | 17 | 15 | 19 | 17 | 21 | 18 | 16 | 20 | 18 | |
| Plant Propagation Community Nursery | 10am - 12pm 1st Saturday & 3rd Sunday | * | 5 20 | 5 20 | 2 * | 7 22 | 4 19 | 2 17 | 6 21 | 3 18 | 1 16 | 5 20 | 3 18 | |
| Community Waterwatch Program | 9:30am - 12pm 2nd Sunday Visitors Centre | * | 12 | 12 | 9 | 14 | 11 | 9 | 13 | 10 | 8 | 12 | 10 | |
| Bird Observations | 8am - 11am 4th Friday Park Office | 28 | 25 | 25 | 29 | 27 | 24 | 22 | 26 | 23 | 28 | 25 | 23 | |
| Nightwalks | From Visitor's Centre 7pm | <i>Nightwalks offered from April through to September. Gold Coin Donation per head Bookings Essential 0417323460</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Community Projects Weekends | 9am - 12pm, follow the signs | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | |
| Special Activities are held throughout the year at various times | | * | * | Australia Day Sunday 6th Meet at Visitor Centre 10am - 12pm Volunteer Information Session, Sat 19 2pm | Mystery Walk Saturday 16 12:30 - 3:30 with afternoon tea | * | * | * | AGM Sunday 7th 2pm-4pm with afternoon tea | Breakfast with birds Sunday 18th Red Gum Picnic Area 7am - 9:30am | Spring Walk Sunday 16th 1pm - 3:30pm | * | End of Year BBO Wednesday 14th | |

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