



## THE FRIENDS OF BRAESIDE PARK

# NEWSLETTER

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### Additions

Mystery Bus Tour to Gippsland

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## Committee News

*Summarised by the editor and Margaret Hunter, Secretary*

The celebration of our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary held on 21 September 2014 was a successful function. It was a busy day starting in the early morning and concluding well into the afternoon. A big thank you to all members of the Friends and the ranger staff, especially Des who contributed to this important event.

In November 2013, the Friends with the assistance of Des Lucas, put into the Public Record Office of Victoria for a grant under the local history grant program to compile a history of the friends group and to celebrate 25 years work in Braeside Park. This was unsuccessful, and the Friends committee has yet to make a further decision about this grant/project. In the meantime, I would encourage members of the friends to record their memories and submit them to the secretary for inclusion in a future publication. The committee will be discussing this further at its October meeting and there will be an update in the next newsletter.



*Spider on a Dianella flower spike outside the visitor centre. Photo Kylie Eklom*

## Newsletter Contributions

Thank you to Des Lucas, John Burns, Kay Proudley, Glen Oliphant, Bev Bancroft, Margaret Hunter, Steve McDonald and Margaret and Ian Langdon for contributing to the November/December newsletter.

If you have an item to share in future editions of our newsletter or have any feedback in relation to the newsletter, please contact the editor at

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**Deadline for January/February edition: 24th December 2014**

## **Wednesdays with Ernie's 'A Team'**

*By Bev Bancroft, Treasurer*

### **HEATHLAND**

The "A" team has been continuing to grub Burgan & Acacia ready for the chipper.

### **KARKAROOK PARK**

The "A" team met at Karkarook Park to complete the planting of more than one hundred grasses and small plants with Friends of K.P.

### **FENCING**

While Ernie was on leave, we went out and helped Digger & Max with fencing (that means digging holes for posts) - Hard Yakka - but something different.

### **CYPRESS DRIVE**

With instruction from Des, the team completed the planting of the last nine Cypress Trees - installed bollards for protection from vehicles and parking and then mulched with deliveries from the 'mulch men'.

### **GRASSLANDS**

More mowing, weeding & planting of more grasses.

*Join in the activities with Parks Victoria rangers every Wednesday from 9 am - 12 noon  
- meet at the Park Office  
- morning tea provided*

*Help is needed for a variety of jobs - everyone most welcome.*

*Wednesday afternoons continue from 1 pm - 3 pm in the Friends Community Garden.*

## **Gippsland Mystery Tour**

A reminder that the Gippsland mystery bus tour is on this

**Sunday 9th November**

There are still a few vacant spots so if you would like to go along please see the attached flyer.

## **25 Year Celebration - Breakfast with the Birds and Bus Tour**

*By John Burns*

On Sunday 21st October 2014 commencing at 7.00am from the Red Gum Picnic Area, **“As part of our Twenty Fifth Year Celebrations”**, Des Lucas led thirteen people into the wetlands, along a freshly mowed track; approximately 20 species of bird were sighted. There were four groups of Pelicans each consisting of 15 birds, four Black Swans of which one had four cygnets and numerous Coots. A highlight was when 2-3 groups of the Pelicans joined together, to form a large flotilla.

After walking for ninety minutes, we arrived at the rangers lunch room, where Kathryn Lucas with assistance from Ernie had prepared Bacon & Egg rolls for our BBQ breakfast, this sumptuous meal was well received and greatly appreciated. I must comment on the intuitive use of baking paper which Kathryn wrapped around each roll, this prevented the sauce and other things from dripping over the consumer.

Then Digger drove us in the Budget bus back to the Red Gum Picnic Area to collect our motor vehicles. Returning to the visitors centre in the afternoon, for a celebratory lunch. The centre was appropriately decorated for such a milestone occasion. After numerous speeches and awards the birthday cake was cut & eaten. Then Des put on a slide show of things and events that had happen in or around the Park, dating back to the 60's. This was a most informative slide show because after it got under way you could hear a pin drop!

The final event of the day was at 2:30pm: a guided tour by Digger in the budget bus. Commencing from the visitors centre we proceeded to the core sheds, passing the chess board and the horse trough on Federation trail dissecting Howard Road trail, we turned right onto Cypress Drive. Pausing at the bird hide, and then reversing back onto the Wetlands trail, we travelled around the eastern edge of the wetland joining with the Red Gum trail. Passing a dry long swamp, over blue stone ford pass the umbrella tree and into the heathland.

Here there were a couple of points of interest that warrant a mention. First there was the area that was burnt in December 2012 (photographs of this event were display outside of the visitors centre).

Secondly there was the club house of the Karingal Golf Club and the fairways, Digger advised that we were actually driving on the former fairways and that the club moved to Geelong in the 1930's. Finally we crossed over London bridge, drove down the self guided trail, around the race track and back up Cypress drive to the visitors centre. The Passengers thanked Digger for a most informative tour.



Friends and associated enjoying the festivities at the 25th birthday celebration. Photos Des Lucas

## **The Friends of Braeside Park Celebrate 25 Years of Working in Braeside Park**

*By Margaret Hunter, Secretary*

The Friends of Braeside Park had an all day celebration at the Park on Sunday 21 September, the closest Sunday to the foundation date of 24 September 1989. The day began early, 7.00 am with a small group of 13 people taking part in a ranger led walk with Des Lucas around the back of the wetlands area.

We saw numerous pelicans, swans and cygnets, ducks, and plants including phragmites which were cleared to enable the wetlands to be viewed. The wetlands were created in 1984 and took three years to build with three lakes which fill progressively as the spring rains occur. There is a viewing platform, with nesting boxes in the wetlands, and paths to view the local vegetation and experience the wetlands in all their aspects of bird watching and the Braeside Red Gum Picnic Area.

The area of Braeside Park at the Governor Road end of the park is a unique and different experience from other areas of the park, with the development of the Waterways estate across the road. The birds were many and varied, and the highlight was the peace and quiet to enable the birds to use these wetlands. There were many pelicans, who also often feed further north in the green wedge land fill sites.

Breakfast was waiting at the park office prepared by Kathryn, Ernie and Digger which was enjoyed by all; thanks to all of you for this breakfast, it made a good start to the celebrations. Following this there were a number of cypress trees planted by the friends - Jan and Peter Holt, Bev Bancroft, Bill Jackson and others outside the visitor centre with interested spectators and participants from young families visiting the park. Digger ran several bus tours of the park during the day to areas of the park not often seen, and others seen more often. These were popular, with Digger using his knowledge of the park to highlight aspects of park management and history. Lunch, was enjoyed, from Ready Roast, with the opportunity to discuss park activities and renew friendships with past and current members of the Friends.



Friends and associated enjoying the festivities at the 25th birthday celebration. Photos Des Lucas

## **Formal Celebration**

*By Margaret Hunter, Secretary*

The formal celebration was chaired by the Secretary, Margaret Hunter in the absence of the President, Judith Sise. The Friends were pleased to hand out long service awards to members of the Friends who had contributed to the on-going work of the Friends over the 25 years since our foundation. These included Jan and Peter Holt, Ian Parsons, Christine Cama, with apologies from Eric and Merle Mitchell and Norm Cornwall.

Parks Victoria's District Manager for the Mornington Peninsula Libby Jude, gave a speech about the work of the friends, highlighting the achievements of the friends over the last 25 years including providing water tanks for the park, the Federation Trail project, the sculptures in the Cypress Drive, taking part in park activities and tours, the Wednesday 'A' team and propagation and planting activities. The environment of Braeside Park today is enhanced in a number of ways by the on-going work and support by the Friends which was highlighted in this presentation.

We appreciated the attendance of Lorraine Wreford MLA for Mordialloc, Martin Pakula MLA for Lyndhurst, and with the re-distribution of the state electorates, now standing in the new seat of Keysborough. This area now covers Braeside Park. Also the Mayor of Kingston, Councillor Paul Peulich and Councillor Tasmin Beasley and Councillor Rosemary West OAM.

The celebrations were then thrown open to members of the Friends to reminisce about their past and current experiences with the Friends Group in the early activities leading up to the establishment of Braeside Park and current activities. There was a wide range of stories from bird walks and spring walks to Wednesday group activities and night walks. Children's activities were included also. The birthday cake, provided by Mona's Bakehouse at Dingley Village, was cut by George Russell and Jan Holt. There was a slide show provided by Des Lucas, who also gave the friends three framed pictures of Braeside Park. The slide show, prepared by Des, highlighted the members of the Friends and Parks Victoria staff involvement in a range of park activities including planting trees, the Wednesday group, propagation, walks and the park environment. We had further commentary from Des on other aspects as we viewed this.

A big thank you to all who attended and helped organise and run the 25<sup>th</sup> celebrations, which will be a day long remembered in the history of the friends group. If anyone reading this newsletter would like to add their memories or record involvement in the Friends group, please contact the friends group Secretary Margaret Hunter.

## Ranger Walk for Seniors Week

By Margaret Hunter, Secretary

Sixty seniors from a range of suburbs attended a ranger led seniors walk as part of the Seniors Week celebrations on Thursday 9 October, led by Des Lucas. Margaret Hunter and Joanne Cody assisted Des on this park activity.

After learning important facts about Braeside Park (as most of the participants had not visited the park before) we set off from the visitor centre to the Heathland area, via the peppercorn tree near Lower Dandenong Road adjacent to where the stables stood that stabled Phar Lap back in 1930-31. The grassy track was followed into the Heathland, noticing the re-vegetation works around the Dingley Waterway area and visiting the oldest tree in Braeside Park, around 800 years old. There were many photos of this wondrous giant, which was a highlight of the walk for some participants.

The experience of taking part in the extended walk in the Heathland, with its natural vegetation, and flat paths was added to by discussion of park management problems including Burgan control, cattle in the park, upraised tree stumps and their treatment, and the value of the Heathland area to the natural environment of Braeside Park. The wedding bush obliged by providing pleasant scents and added to the Heathland experience for many first time visitors. Some bird life was also seen with many keen bird observers in the group.

On return to the park trail near Bent Bridge, and another look at the Dingley Waterway, we learnt about the contribution of Harry Telford and Phar Lap to the historical uses of the Braeside Park, We also heard about the 'instant' Red Gum forest that appeared at the conclusion of the 14 year drought in 2009. These trees are now a feature of walks inside this area. Alas, a welcome cuppa beckoned and we returned to the visitor centre for a cuppa and chat to discuss other aspects of the park with Des and Friends members, who were happy to oblige.

This walk was so popular, that over 30 people who wanted to come were not able to as it was fully booked, with an opportunity for further walks in the future. This will provide an opportunity to spread the word into the local and Melbourne community about the role the Friends group has at Braeside Park.



*Summer Ranger Kylie with the oldest Red Gum at Braeside Park. Photo by Kylie Eklom*

## Final Night Walk for 2014

*By Margaret Hunter, Secretary*

The last of the Friends night walk program in Braeside Park was held on Friday 19 September 2014, and like most of the earlier night walks was fully booked. We met at the Swallow Car Park, just inside the Lower Dandenong Road entrance, with a group of adults and children all keen to see the park at night, a unique experience.

After a safety talk from Margaret and the opportunity to collect torches and practice with the friends' spotlights, we set off for the playground area and then the Heathland area, where many had not been before. We saw a possum sitting quietly near the visitor centre, and adjacent to this a Barn Owl in the branch of a large tree, as well as a number of bats. On nearing the Heathland, a Tawny Frogmouth was spotted by keen eyes as well as a number of other possums and rabbits. The ducks at the duck pond were also a popular with the younger members of the group. The group enjoyed the walk and enquired about other opportunities for park involvement. See the park report for further information from this years night walk program.

More night walks are planned from April/May 2015, following the end of daylight saving. The Friends are looking for Friends members and community members to train in running night walks in 2015. Interested readers of this newsletter should contact the Friends secretary, Margaret Hunter or the park to register your interest. Our email address is [braesideparkfriends@gmail.com](mailto:braesideparkfriends@gmail.com) or 0417 323 460. This is an opportunity to also gain valuable experience in environmental activities in Braeside Park. All enquiries are welcome.

## Wildlife Happenings

*By Des Lucas, Ranger in Charge*

A follow-up on the possum story from earlier this year. This morning I arrived at the gate where I had the encounter with the two ring-tailed possums. Whilst unlocking the padlock I noticed what appeared to be a ball of fur next to the post. Upon inspection one could clearly see that it was a juvenile ring-tailed possum. It was picked up, wrapped in a spare shirt I had in the car.

Contact was made with one on the local wildlife shelters – Michelle Phillips – South Oakleigh Wildlife Shelter. The possum was dropped off but on a much closer inspection it was found that the end of the tail had been bitten off. The little female possum ended up being euthanized. Such a sad ending but this is what happens in the wild all the time. It's part of the way nature keeps population's in check.

## Fond Memories of Braeside Park - a Letter to the Editor

By Kaye Proudley

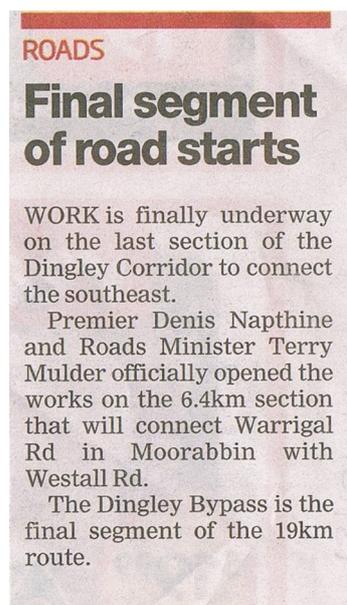
I have been around Braeside Park since before its inception as a park - back when it was a Melbourne Water facility and we had to get a yearly permit to go in there to birdwatch. Back before the Bird Hide, Nursery and Visitors Centre, back before all the plantings, car-parks and roads around the park, back before bbq's and toilets and playgrounds.

My husband Roy and I used to ride our bikes over from Parkdale bringing a picnic lunch and staying for the day (and when our children came along, they rode with us) and went through the process of becoming respondents with our ideas when the park was thinking of opening to the public and have been members (from memory, since inception of the Friends Group). The park was my stamping ground and taught me about a lot of the natural world I now know. We were once active members but not so now.

For the past ten years we have been living in Gippsland in a little place called Binginwarri (near Yarram) but I still maintain my membership and am interested in how the park is progressing.

The last newsletter perked my interest because of the piece about Bev Bancroft being made a Life Member. I'd just like to publicly congratulate her on all her hard work and many years of dedicated involvement - an award she so wholeheartedly deserves. I am hoping you might put this letter in the next edition if space permits. And if you do so, may I also say hello to committee members Brian and Margaret, and to rangers Glen and Des and any other members or rangers who may still be around from my days there.

If anyone would like to contact Kay please get in touch with the editor on 0403 174 731 or [kylie\\_eklom@yahoo.com.au](mailto:kylie_eklom@yahoo.com.au)



This short article appeared in the Mordialloc- Chelsea Leader on 15 October 2014.

## Reptile Surveys

By Glen Oliphant, Ranger

Over the last six months a reptile survey was conducted by the Field Naturalists Club of Victoria in conjunction with Parks Victoria. Tiles were laid out in a grid pattern with sixteen tiles per site each tile facing in a northerly direction.

Also on each corner of the grid were laid sheets of tin, you may have noticed star pickets with orange ribbon, this was used for identification, the sites were recorded using a GPS (Global Positioning System). Braeside has 12 sites - four sites in the wetlands, four sites in the Red Gum Grassy Woodlands and four sites in the Heathland.

On Saturday 25 October, members from the Field Naturalists Club of Victoria and park rangers examined the sites to record the reptiles. The main players in the reptile identification were David D'Angelo and Ray Gibson. With an overcast sky and cool conditions it was with a huge sigh of relief that this park ranger ventured forth with all the confidence of a rabbit caught in the glare of headlights. With great skill and deftness we managed to find the first site, this happened by chance as we blundered through the bush. There was not a great rush of volunteers to lift the tin up so with a pray and a hand that was trembling so much, I lifted the tin and out bolted a skink it was at this point the ranger nearly bolted. Full of apprehension and still trembling like a T-model Ford I ventured to our second site in the wetlands. As one of the tiles was lifted someone said "there is a copperhead"..... a nervous glance and a I thought I was the lone Ranger. It took four bottles of Vallium to calm me down and a stiff whisky to bring me around.

All in all six species were identified, these were the Garden Skink (*Lampropholis guichenoti*), Delicate skink (*Lampropholis delicata*), Copperhead snake (*Austrelaps superbus*), Eastern Tree Dragon (*Amphibolurus muricatus*), Blotched Blue-tongue Lizard (*Tilqua nigrolutea*) and the Weasel Skink (*Saproscincus mustelina*).

Our Thanks to David, Ray and Mary for their expertise and knowledge.



A house roof tile in position (left) and Eastern Tree Dragon found under one of the roof tiles. Photos Glen Oliphant

## Innovative Art Space Encourage Creativity in Braeside Park

*As featured on the Parks Victoria website*

Towards the end of October, if you visited the playground at Braeside Park you may have been lucky enough to see a strange vehicle known as the Arts Nebula. The following story appeared on the news page of the Parks Victoria website

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Forty artists recently enjoyed drawing and photography workshops at Braeside Park in an innovative solar-powered workspace designed especially for people with a disability.

Parks Victoria and Arts Access Victoria partnered to organise the workshops in 'Nebula', a fully self-contained and mobile work space, gallery and performance venue owned by Arts Access Victoria. The "My Place" workshops ran for four days in late October.

Parks Victoria's Deborah Prentice said the project is part of a wider program to help more people enjoy the natural wonders of Victoria's parks.

"This new program aims to give people who have a disability more opportunities to access parks and interact socially. It's been wonderful to see how much everyone enjoyed getting out into and connecting with nature. The resulting artworks inspired by the natural landscapes have been fantastic too," she said.

"The program fits well with Parks Victoria's Healthy Parks Healthy People approach. Research tells us that getting out and connecting with nature is really beneficial for people's health and wellbeing so we are keen to find innovative ways to encourage more people to use our parks," she said.

"Given the success of this program at Braeside Park, we would like to continue our partnership with Arts Access Victoria and give more people these opportunities in other parks around Melbourne," she said.

Rhian Hinkley from Arts Access Victoria said the workshops had been a wonderful introduction to working in nature and the participants had loved the experience.

"It's been inspiring for people to have the opportunity to work in a different environment and 'Nebula' has provided a great base for the participants to come back to during the day.

"Some of the groups hadn't been to Braeside Park before and are now keen to come back and spend time enjoying the park," he said.



*The Nebula being 'opened' up for the days activities (photos 1-3 by Kylie Eklom) and budding artists (photo courtesy of the Parks Victoria Facebook page).*

## **Park Report**

*As reported by Des Lucas, Ranger in Charge*

### **DINGLEY VILLAGE MEN'S SHED**

The Amenity building interior fitting is now well advanced. DVMS secured a grant for a 100,000 litre water tank which has now been installed. The security alarm has also been installed.

### **PEST ANIMALS**

Rabbit numbers are on the rise again as breeding season is now producing the third litter. Rabbits have risen from seven rabbits per spotlight kilometre in July to 28 in early October.

### **PARK MAINTENANCE**

The internal plantations at Ibis car park, which were in poor condition, have been removed and four new car parking places produced. This has significantly improved the appearance of the car park. The Red Gum access road has been graded and topped with new material over the last few weeks. A group of four from Alpha Autism will be spreading mulch at the Nursery – Community Garden on a Wednesday morning through to Christmas.

### **FAUNA MONITORING**

The regular bird surveys that have been completed from the Friends around the wetlands are being loaded into Birdlife Australia's data base. Birdlife are looking to extend surveys throughout the remainder of the park. Are there any Friends members who would be interested in being part of the new program? If so please provide your details to Des.

### **NIGHT WALKS REVIEW**

The night activity program for 2014 has come to an end. The program was a huge success with most evenings being run at full capacity. Donations received for the walks will be used by the Friends group for various environmental projects around the park. Following is a summary from each of the nights.

- 9 May, Kylie & Margaret lead 23 adults and 12 children and spotted Ringtails @ 3 locations, Brushtails @ 2 locations, a Tawny Frog Mouth and roosting Magpie Larks
- 30 May, Kylie & Bev lead 13 adults and spotted Ringtails @ 9 locations, Brushtails @ 3 locations, Boobook and Tawny Frogmouths & Rat Spp.
- 27 Jun, Cancelled due to windy conditions 10 booked
- 25 Jul, Kylie & Des led 15 adults 2 children and spotted Brushtails @ 2 locations, Ringtails @ 8 locations, Tawny Frogmouth @ 2 locations, Rat Spp, Fish Spp, Grey Headed Flying Fox and various frogs calling throughout the night.
- 22 Aug, Kylie & Margaret lead 24 adults and 7 children and spotted Brushtails @ 2 locations, Ringtails @ 6 locations, Rat Spp, Tawny Frogmouth & a Boobook Owl.
- 19 Sep, Margaret & Judith led 14 adults and 16 Children and spotted Brushtails and Ringtail Possums, a Tawny Frogmouth and a Barn Owl.

## **Bird Monitoring at Braeside**

*By Des Lucas, Ranger in Charge*

Bird monitoring has been an activity that has been undertaken at Braeside Park by a variety of people for many years. Some observers record their observations whilst others just like to observe. The park has been collecting these records and storing them.

Recently a project was commenced to load the hard copy data into the Birdlife Australia database. This project is likely to take a good year to complete. Through this data loading project, Birdlife Australia have offered to setup additional monitoring throughout Braeside Park and are therefore seeking expressions of interest for those that may be interested in becoming involved in a monitoring program. The monitoring will occur over set transects on a monthly basis. Birdlife Australia have offered to provide training sessions in bird identification.

So if you have some spare time and are interested in learning about birds and in assisting with adding to the bird records of the park, then please call the park office and provide your contact details. A meeting will be called for those interested in the next couple of months so this program can commence as early as possible.

Contact Details for the Park 9265 7300.



*Juvenile Dusky Moorhen. Photo by Kylie Eklom*

## Bird Report

As reported by Steve McDonald, Margaret & Ian Langdon and park staff.

With the warm weather there has been a hive of bird activity in the park. The Magpies are in full breeding mode and at several sites they are expressing their dislike of people intruding their territory, with numerous reports of brazen swooping attacks on those with a lapse in concentration. Birds of particular note over the past couple of months include Sacred Kingfisher, Whiskered Tern, Horsfield's Bronze Cuckoo, Freckled Duck, Pink-eared Duck and Sacred Kingfisher.



Australasian Grebe. Photo Ray Fox

Australian Pelican	Yellow-billed Spoonbill	Red Wattlebird
Black Swan	Masked Lapwing	Little Wattlebird
Australasian Darter	Black-winged Stilt	Noisy Miner
Little Pied Cormorant	Silver Gull	White-plumed Honeyeater
Great Cormorant	Pacific Gull	New Holland Honeyeater
Little Black Cormorant	Whiskered Tern	Grey Shrike-thrush
Hoary-headed Grebe	Black-shouldered Kite	Willie Wagtail
Australasian Grebe	Whistling Kite	Grey Fantail
Pacific Black Duck	Brown Goshawk	Magpie-lark
Grey Teal	Swamp Harrier	Grey Butcherbird
Chestnut Teal	Crested Pigeon	Australian Magpie
Australian Shoveler	Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	Little Raven
Pink-eared Duck	Galah	Welcome Swallow
Hardhead	Rainbow Lorikeet	Eastern Skylark
Freckled Duck	Eastern Rosella	Golden-headed Cisticola
Blue-billed Duck	Red-rump Parrot	Little Grassbird
Dusky Moorhen	Fan-tailed Cuckoo	Red-browed Finch
Purple Swamphen	Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo	Silvereye
Eurasian Coot	Tawny Frogmouth	European Goldfinch
White-faced Heron	Sacred Kingfisher	Common Blackbird
Cattle Egret	Superb Fairy-wren	Common Starling
Great Egret	Spotted Pardalote	Common Myna
Australian White Ibis	Striated Pardalote	Rock Dove
Straw-necked Ibis	White-browed Scrubwren	Spotted Turtle-Dove
Royal Spoonbill	Brown Thornbill	

## Activity Calendar 2014

### Weekday Project:

Every Wednesday with Ranger staff commencing at 9:00 am from the Park Office.  
Activities can include weeding, mowing weeds, mulching, planting, fencing etc.

### Community Garden:

3rd Sunday, monthly from 9:30 am to 12:00 Noon.  
A short meeting followed by various garden and nursery activities.

### Nursery - Plant Propagation:

1st Saturday and 3rd Sunday from 10:00 am to 12:00 Noon and  
Every Wednesday 1pm to 3pm  
Undertaking a variety of propagation activities.

### Committee Meeting:

2nd Thursday, monthly at 7.30 pm at the Visitor Centre.  
The Committee meets to make decisions about the running of the group.

### Water Quality Monitoring:

3rd Tuesday, monthly at 9:00 am from the Park Office.  
Water samples are taken and monitored from the Dingley Waterway and Wetland.

### Bird Observations:

A set bird observation is completed monthly around the main wetland.  
Call Ranger Glen Oliphant on 9265 7300 to become part of this program.

### Special Activities:

Night walks are offered from April through to September. Gold Coin Donation. For details and bookings contact the park office on 9265 7300.

**Community Nursery is Open on the Third Sunday of the Month  
10:00 am to 12:00 noon – Seedlings \$2.00 each.**

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# **Friends of Braeside Park**

## **Mystery Bus Tour**

**The Friends invite you to attend a mystery day tour to  
West Gippsland, including at least three walks**

**Sunday 9th November 2014**

**Commencing at the Park Office  
Meet at 8:00 am for an 8:30 sharp departure  
BYO lunch, morning tea etc.  
Return at 5:00 pm**

**\$20 per head paid in advance**

**Bookings are limited and essential, so please phone  
the park office to secure your place.**

**Ph: 9265 7300**