



THE FRIENDS OF BRAESIDE PARK NEWSLETTER

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Presidents Report

Welcome back, volunteers, to the Friends of Braeside Park.

At our recent committee meeting, we welcomed two visitors from the Parkrun Association and the President of the Men's Shed. Parkrun is seeking Parks Victoria's permission to establish a regular Saturday morning event at Braeside Park. However, their existing event at Karkarook Park has already presented several challenges.

On Saturday, 15 February, for example, 550 participants impacted that park's paths, vegetation, and the experience of other visitors. While the benefits of regular physical activity are undeniable, the question remains: does Parkrun need to operate in every park?

Braeside Park already attracts runners, walkers, cyclists, and nature enthusiasts. By 6 a.m. on weekends, the first car park is often full. The addition of hundreds more visitors could significantly diminish the enjoyment of our regular users. Furthermore, traffic congestion at the Lower Dandenong Road entrance is already an issue, with delays of up to five minutes. Increased numbers could result in severe traffic bottlenecks.

There are alternative locations for a new Parkrun, including Tattersson Park in Keysborough South, Spring Valley Parklands, Victory Park, and Chadwick Reserve in Dingley. Additionally, the Kingswood Golf Club redevelopment could incorporate a 5 km running path, providing some social and health benefits after the destruction of existing green space.

Environmental concerns, restroom facilities, safety, and crowd management are also critical factors. With rangers stretched across multiple Sandbelt Parks on weekends, managing such large gatherings without dedicated oversight is a challenge.

The Friends of Braeside Park stand united in encouraging Parkrun to seek a more suitable location—one that does not compromise the unique environment and visitor experience at Braeside Park.

The Friends' Activity Calendar is up and running with Clean Up Australia organised by Frank and Helen Russo and David B. Rosemaree and David M begin the Bird Surveys this month. Water Watch monitoring has begun, and the Propagation Team is hard at work. Judith and Margaret are on the Living Links Strategic Plan Review involving over a 6 month period the assisting with selection of the preferred supplier (online); attending 3 project team meetings (online); providing comment on the draft strategy and action plan (online); and attending 2 Living Links Committee Workshop sessions (in person). Living Links Collaboration involves the councils and community groups in the Dandenong Creek Catchment. We will keep the Friends' Committee and community informed.

Judith Sise

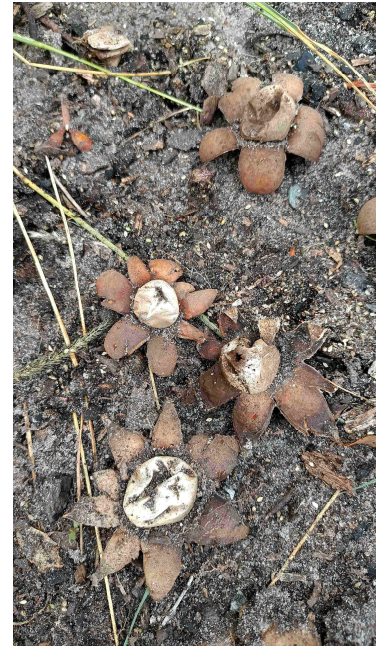
News

After the Rain...

As Vicky weeded the paths and beds in the Nursery, she came upon a small troop of *Geastrum australe*, commonly called earthstars. *Geo* (earth) and *strum* (stars) and *australe* (Australian)

Earthstars are found on soil, usually among litter and in eucalypt forests or at least forests with a eucalypt component. A favourite location is mixed eucalypt-*Casuarina* Forest where the fruiting bodies are frequent among the *Casuarina* needles. The fungus may be solitary but is more commonly found in small groups. Occasionally, this earthstar may appear in large troops, which it did at the Nursery.

At maturity, the central puffball is raised up above the litter by the rays of the star while the spore mass has become brown and powdery. During rain, drops fall on the thin papery skin of the puffball which then acts like a set of bellows and puffs clouds of spores out of the top opening. A colony of these mature earthstars examined during rain is spectacular for the brown clouds of spores constantly appearing above the fruiting bodies.



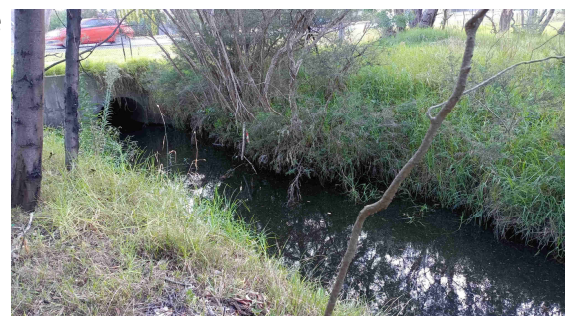
Sometimes the earthstars can be found along the Red Gum track. See if you can find one or two!

Judith Sise

Water Watch Begins

Vicky, Sofie and Judith restarted Water Watch monitoring in the park after a lapse of five years. All three completed the training by Melbourne Water in 2024. The first monitoring was restricted to just two of the four sites nominated by Melbourne Water within the Park. The two creek sites were dry. The trio assessed the water at the wetland and from the Dingley Drain which enters the Park. They recorded the results for pH, oxygen, phosphorus, ammonium, turbidity, and salinity. The temperature of both the air and water was also recorded. Each component affects the health of the water. The depth and width of the water body was noted as was the environment surrounding the sites. The Drain has a lot of litter blown and swept in from Lower Dandenong Road and Dingley, but the wetlands was litter free. For Vicky and Sofie, this was their first monitoring, and they were very professional remembering all the instructions practised at the sessions presented by Richard Akers, Melbourne Water's Water Watch Co-ordinator. The monitoring will be completed every second Saturday of the month.

Judith Sise



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Propagation...

The Propagation Team did not break for the Christmas-New Year holiday season. This is one of the busiest periods in the nursery with hot winds and the peak seed collection time. The heat beds installed late in 2024 have been a bonus to increasing the germination of seeds. The Nursery time has changed to 9 am and finishing at 12 pm. The difference was most noticeable with double the trays of seedling pricked out and seeds sown on Sunday 16 February, the first day of the three-hour session. The watering system had its difficulties but the constant checking in during the blustery, hot days by Vicky, Judith and Simon saved many seedling losses. Judith and Vicky kept up the water to plants in the Nursery ground over the sizzling summer days. Tom Archer, from Karkarook Friends, joined the volunteers to see how we operate and what seedlings we are propagating. Phil, a volunteer from Karkarook Friends also volunteers monthly at Braeside Park. Judith and Tom, both new to co-ordinating the propagation at the Parks are planning to share experiences and to spend time at each of the nurseries. Thanks to regular volunteers, Jane Battrick, Vicky Smith, Sofie Mills, Simon Flemming, Karina O'Brien for their dedicated attendance. There are a few new volunteers including Rocco and Grace who have begun Environmental course that require some on the groundwork experience with Friends' groups who will join us as well. Altogether a healthy and productive volunteer community at the Nursery.



Tom Archer

Rabbit Proofing the Nursery...

Judith and Sofie have been selected to attend a VRAN (Victorian Rabbit Association Network) Bootcamp where participants gain access to the VRAN Rabbit Learning Network, a supportive program that fosters collaboration among individuals with diverse knowledge and experiences.

This network extends integrated rabbit management practices and strengthens connections across Victoria.

After completing the Rabbit Bootcamp training course, participants in the VRAN Rabbit Learning Network continue to have ongoing access to mentors and can provide support to one another. This will run from Monday 24 March to Wednesday 26 March at Warrnambool. Hopefully, this will support Ranger Janelle Cadd, and the Friends to rabbit proof the nursery. At present, the battle to stop the rabbits building warrens across the nursery is lost. We are trying to complete the rabbit proof fencing around the perimeter of the nursery and secure the gates, but this is dependant on the reconstruction of the front fence smashed in the big storms of the 13th of February 2024.

Out in the rest of the park rabbits roam free to multiply in tens. Hundreds of warrens. Occasionally funds are made available to the Rangers through grants mostly to tackle the rabbit plague but never enough to make a significant impact. Should we care? YES because...

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Rabbits impact approx. 330 of our Australian fauna and flora species and that means every plant and living organisms in our park is impacted by rabbits.

And without the removal of the rabbits the regeneration of our ecosystem and any improvement to our soil stability & water quality is impossible.

Rabbits are the worst introduced pest in Australia. NOT CUTE!

Judith Sise

From the Secretary

FRIENDS OF BRAESIDE PARK NIGHT WALK PROGRAM 2025

The Friends of Braeside Park are running their night walk program in 2025. These will commence on Friday 11 April, the second Friday in April. Bookings will not open for these activities until 1 April 2025 to Margaret Hunter on 0417 323 460 or on the email address braesideparkfriends@gmail.com

Numbers on these activities are limited for safety and supervision reasons with the aim of inclusive and short walks as needed to accommodate the needs of the participants. You will need to have sturdy footwear, clothing of the weather conditions, and walks run from the Visitor Centre from 7.00 pm sharp. Duration is 1 hour to one and half hours.

You will be asked to sign in and out of the activity for group safety by the guides, and we also ask that if late arriving it is not expected that you will be able to join the group for safety reasons. This is for the safety of guides/and walkers.

We will cancel the walk if the weather conditions are unsafe 2-3 days before, or if conditions change by 4.00 pm on the day of the walk after consultation with the guides.

Viewing of the animals including possums, echidnas, noisy miners, ducks at the duck pond and the famous Sulphur Crested Cockatoos are also expected.

We look forward to you joining us on this program in 2025 on the first Friday of the month following the April walk. Information is on our website, Facebook page and park information boards. We do not take bookings on Facebook only by direct email contact and confirmation before the walks on each occasion for safety.

Group bookings are run on other days so the public can participate in our long running night walk by individual application to the Friends, if guides available.

Other friends activities

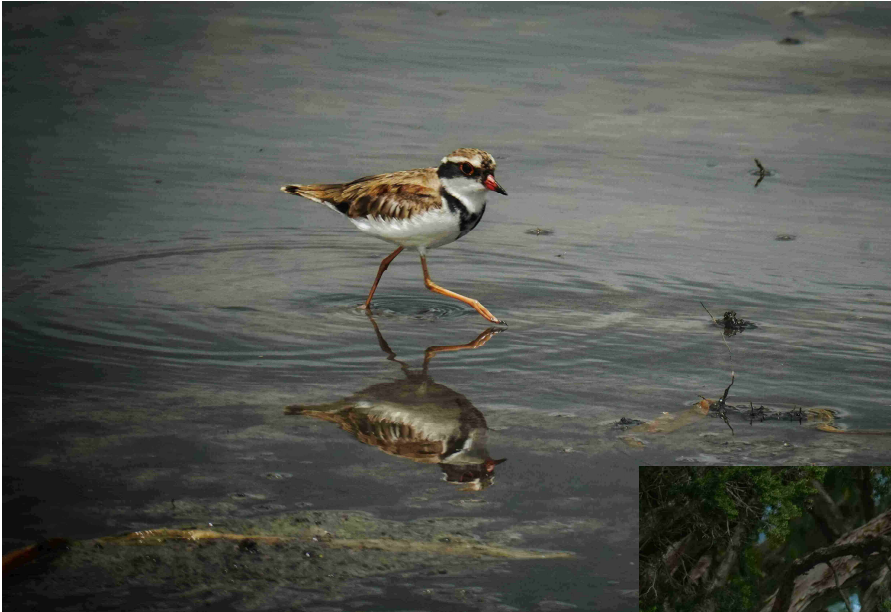
Are on the activity program on the park notice boards, and near the Visitor centre, we welcome volunteers to our events to register on Park Connect, who want to assist the group in our regular and special activities. Please contact Margaret for further information on braesideparkfriends@gmail.com or on 0417 323 460 (text preferred).

Margaret Hunter

Water Birds

We are lucky to have a great variety of birds at Braeside Park, and new species appear with the changing water depths and the seasons.

Recently I was very happy to see a black-fronted dotterel, a yellow-billed spoonbill, and an Australian pelican.



Dotterels are very fast little birds, feeding from the shallow waters when the water levels are low, commonly over the summer months.

There is a possibility that the yellow-billed spoonbills frequenting the park recently are breeding- I saw one nesting at the wetlands!

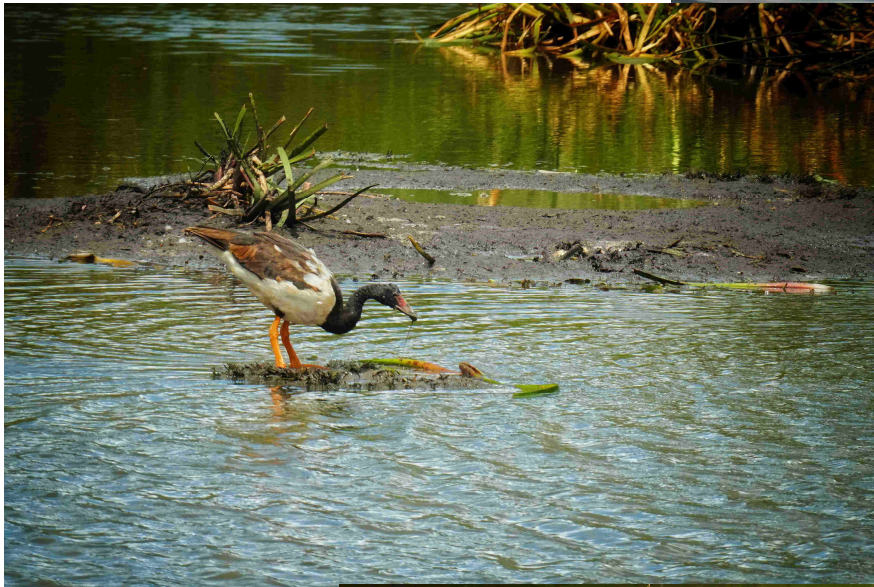
Pelicans are always a delight to watch, particularly when gobbling up fish from the deeper water at the park.



Water Birds

Super exciting to see these sharp- tailed sandpipers feeding at the wetlands the other day..

Sharp-tailed sandpipers are medium-sized waders that make an incredible journey from Russia to southern Australia and back again each year. Their breeding grounds are in Russia, where they raise their chicks before feeding and making an 11,000 km journey to Australia to gorge themselves on food found in our wetlands, mangroves, mudflats and beaches. This journey, and the countries that they stop to refuel at along the way, is called the East Asian-Australasian Flyway. Affectionately known as 'Sharpies', their name comes from their streamlined body shape and sharp-looking feathers that make for great camouflage amongst



vegetation in wetlands and on mudflats.

I always love seeing magpie geese at the park, as they don't visit very often. This one pictured was poking his head into a mud hole, I assume feeding on something in the muddy water.

Pied Stilts can be seen in the shallow waters of the wetlands at the moment, prancing around

like the own the place!
Beautiful birds.

Heather Markland



Photos by
Heather Markland

Tawny Update

2024/25 Tawny Frogmouth breeding season

This year has been a great year for the tawny frogmouths. A record number of 29 chicks successfully fledged from 21 breeding pairs! There was an amazing 90% success rate for observable nestlings to fledglings.

Last season we had 17 new fledglings from 20 pairs, so there was a substantial increase this year. Last season had some wild weather where several of the chicks suffered from hypothermia, but this year the weather was mild during the crucial nesting period. There was some wild weather earlier in the season, but fortunately, it did not seem to cause any harm.

This year 3 chicks that had fallen out of the nest prematurely were successfully rescued! All three were returned to an appropriate branch near the adults and survived. In summary, an excellent year for the tawny frogmouths of Braeside Park.

The tawny frogmouths are still out and about in the park. Even though the chicks are now grown and some have flown off, some are still with their parents. Look carefully about 4 to 10 metres up on the lower to mid branches of gum trees and you are bound to spot one. And remember, keep your chin up!

The Tawny Frogmouth group (Helen, Carl, Vicki and Warren)



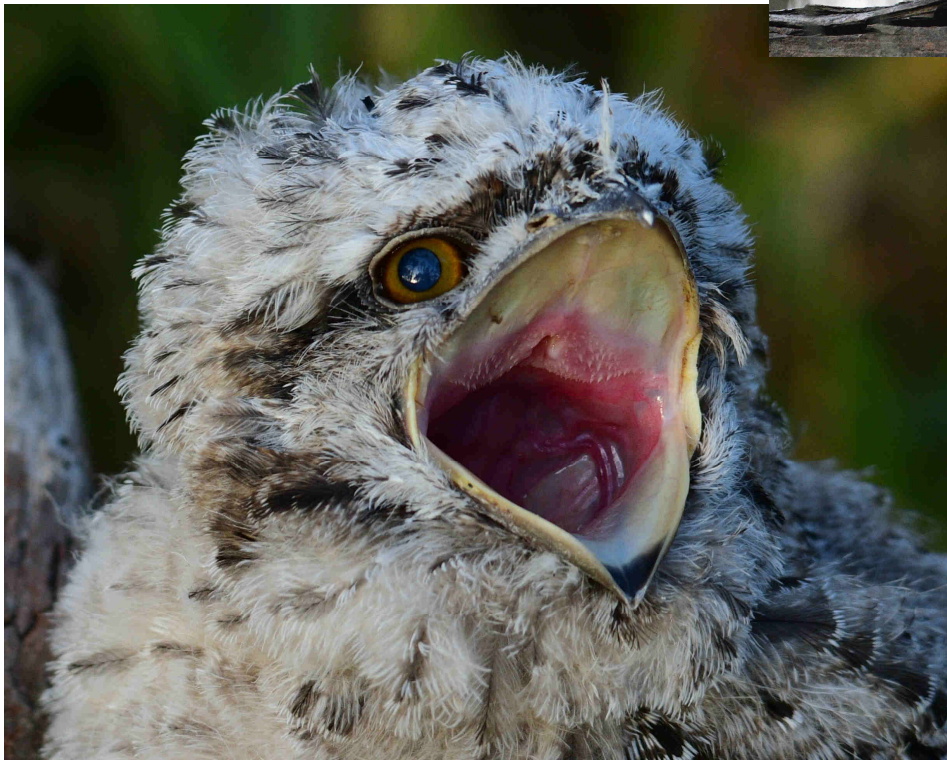
It is unusual to glimpse the fuzzy snowy white tawny frogmouth chicks before two weeks after hatching. This picture shows one at about 10 days old.

Tawny Update



Typically, one to two chicks are raised in the nest, but occasionally three chicks appear in one nest. Here we see three chicks with the adult male frogmouth. Note that one is nestled within the feathers of the adult. These chicks are about 3 weeks old.

This photo shows the demeanour of a fledgling after a heavy downpour. Fortunately, it dried out soon enough :-) They normally fledge about 1 month after hatching.



If a predator approaches a chick, it has a defence mechanism to open its scary big mouth and opens its surprisingly large wings and makes scary squawks and a kind of raspy hissing sound.

**Article and photos
by
Carl Sprung**

Bird Survey

February 24

The bird survey was held on Friday 28th February 2025. The group consisted of 7 volunteers. The weather was very pleasant at 8am, but the temperature reached 25C by 11am.

We surveyed Heathland zones 1, 2, 3 and 4 and Woodland zone 4 and identified 29 species (x23 species in Feb 24).

Numbers were low except for Rainbow Lorikeets (x28) and Superb Fairy-Wrens (x28). The various honeyeater species were not observed, and only (x1) Red Wattlebird was sighted possible due to dry conditions and food availability. Observations of Noisy Miners were low in the Heathland as per usual which I presume is due to the different ecology. However, numbers were also low in Woodland zone 4 which is usually dominated by Noisy Miners!

Volunteers were very excited to discover the Heathland trails had been cleared and all survey zones were accessible to the group. Great job by the Ranger Team! Trails have been widened providing greater visibility of the surrounds which enhances safety for those participating in the survey. It was great to experience the beautiful terrain of Heathland zone 4 again. We observed Brown Thornbills, Grey Fantails, Rainbow Lorikeets, Spotted Pardalotes, Fairy-wrens and Scrub-wrens. In the cooler months, this zone is home to diverse bird species and provides long views of the parkland. It's a great place to observe and photograph birds of prey flying overhead or resting in trees. It's also home to many trees with hollows and attracts many species that require a hollow to breed.

The highlight of the day was observing a White-face Heron and Great Egret together on the pond near the Heathland. The heron decided to fly off but one of our members took a nice photo of them together. We also spotted a Swamp Harrier flying over Heathland zone 2, which was delightful.

Rosemaree MacLean



Ian Morehouse



Ian Morehouse

Words from a Volunteer

For 2025, I have a few aspirations as a volunteer and committee member of the Friends of Braeside Park. I am passionate about conservation and love being involved on the ground, outside, getting my hands dirty. I am excited to be continuing several projects with our Plant Propagation team.

With the introduction of the heat beds recently installed; these allow us to create the perfect environment of warmth and moisture to give seeds and cuttings a great start, allowing for all year-round planting and a more productive nursery. I am looking forward to having more planting days with fellow volunteers so we can help re-vegetate the park. I believe the propagation group play a vital role for the park, in ensuring the native and indigenous species of flora is maintained.

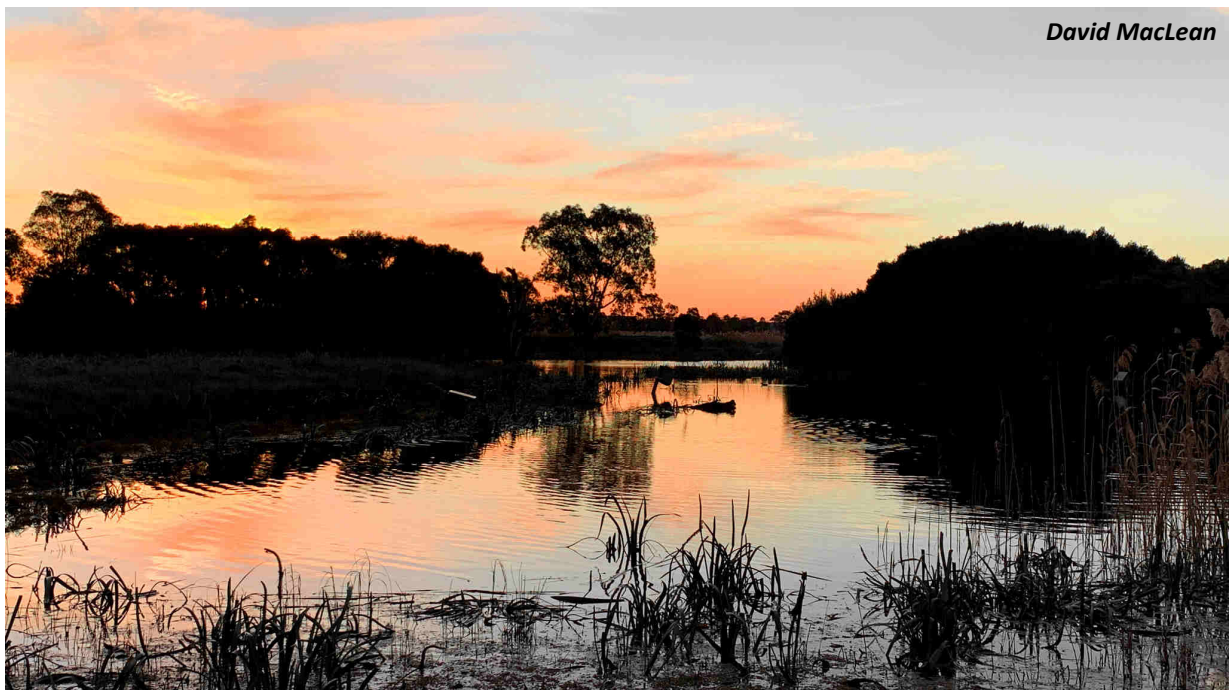
Another aspiration for me will be attending a rabbit bootcamp 'Leadership in Rabbit Control course' with the Victorian Rabbit Action Network (VRAN) alongside our President Judith Sise, this March. Where we will spend 2.5 days participating in field work and classroom training with industry experts in regard to rabbit management.

As many of you will know the rabbits in the park, present many challenges. Not only do their burrows create safety issues, soil erosion and damage to the vegetation throughout the park but the more rabbits that are in Braeside Park the more competition that the native fauna for example echidnas, pardalotes and possums have for habitat and food. Currently we have begun building rabbit proof fencing around the propagation nursery to help begin to protect the propagation stock from being eaten by the rabbits and also to try and prevent the number of burrows and unstable ground created throughout the nursery.

Lastly, I am also passionate about finally applying the knowledge I have learnt through Melbourne Water last year, working with fellow volunteers in restarting the Waterwatch program. This involves regularly testing and monitoring the quality and conditions of the water in the park and learning to identify the types of macroinvertebrates that may be present in the waterways.

Stay tuned for updates on all of these exciting projects!!

Sofie Mills



David MacLean

Tranquillity

Clean Up Australia Day @ Braeside Park 2025

Sunday, March 2nd.

The volunteers met at 10 am at the Visitor's Centre—around 25 volunteers, mainly from Kingswood Primary School and some of the team from the Friends Group. Volunteers had to sign in using a QR Code directly on the Clean Up Australia website; they were then given an OHS briefing. Gloves of all sizes, even for the littlest volunteers, rubbish bags, and high Vis vests were available. Groups were then assigned designated areas to look after. Most groups were asked to look after two car park areas and the adjacent picnic area. Quite a significant amount of rubbish was collected during the 2 hours of clean up. Most were found along the fence line, which seems to be blown in from the road. Disappointingly, there were many fast-food containers, the usual napkins and tissues, and now vapes. There were some unusual items, including many large cardboard boxes, Styrofoam, a Golf Club, a car axle, and a bottle of vanilla essence. The event included morning tea, coffee, cordial, water, biscuits, and hot cross buns.

Overall, it was a very successful day, and the park now looks pristine, especially along the fence lines of Lower Dandenong and Governor Roads. A big thank you to all the volunteers, and special mention to David Boldiston, his trailer, and Helen Russo, who helped everyone sign in and out and then later made sure everyone had a drink and something to eat.

Frank Russo



Chief Ranger Adrian Howard with Heather Marland and Vicki and Warren Smith.

Some of the Rubbish collected on the day.

Clean Up Australia Day @ Braeside Park 2025

Sunday, March 2nd.

It was a busy day along lower Dandenong Road picking up the rubbish and general left overs. I started at 9am and did not finish till 12.30pm.

People waved at us and tooted their horns and said good job. We were wearing safety vests and stood out.

We cleaned rubbish, drains, cut some tree limbs and generally tried to make things better. We were encouraged by many drivers, motorcycle and bicycle riders.

Last year some people stopped and helped. This year everybody was too busy. Oh well maybe next year.

David Boldiston



Kingswood Primary was Represented by these groups.



Common Birds of the Park

Continuing from the last edition, following are another six of the more common birds found at the park.

Purple Swamphen

The Purple Swamphen, also known as **Porphyrio porphyrio** and sometimes referred to as the Pukeko, is an interesting and vibrant bird native to wetlands, swamps, and marshes across many parts of the world, including Australia.

Appearance: The bird boasts a striking, iridescent purplish-blue plumage with a red bill and a characteristic red frontal shield on its forehead. It has long, sturdy legs that are often used to navigate through swampy environments.

Behaviour: Purple Swamphens are omnivores, feeding on a varied diet that includes plant material, small animals, and insects. They are known for their distinctive, loud calls and social behaviour, often seen in groups.

Habitat: These birds thrive in wetland areas with abundant vegetation. They are adept swimmers and can often be seen wading through shallow waters or climbing on reeds and other plants.

Reproduction: Swamphens build nests out of reeds and other vegetation. Both parents take part in incubating the eggs and raising the chicks.



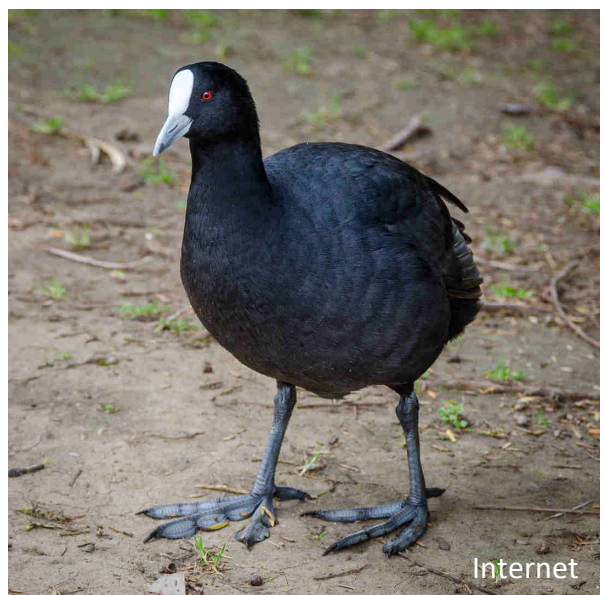
David MacLean

Eurasian Coot

The Eurasian Coot, also known as **Fulica atra**, is a widespread and adaptable water bird found across Europe, Asia, Australia, and parts of Africa.

Appearance: The Eurasian Coot has mostly black or dark grey plumage with a distinctive white bill and a frontal shield. Their eyes are red, adding to their striking appearance. They have lobed toes, which help them navigate through water.

Behaviour: These birds are omnivorous, feeding on a mix of aquatic plants, small animals, insects, and sometimes even other birds' eggs. They are known for their aggressive territorial behaviour, especially during breeding season.



Internet

Habitat: They inhabit freshwater lakes, rivers, reservoirs, and marshes. They are strong swimmers and divers, often seen bobbing on the water's surface or diving for food.

Reproduction: Eurasian Coots build nests out of reeds and aquatic vegetation, usually close to the water's edge. Both parents are involved in incubating the eggs and caring for the chicks.



Eastern Great Egret

The Eastern Great Egret (*Ardea modesta*) is an elegant, tall wading bird found across various parts of Australia, as well as in Southeast Asia, New Zealand, and Papua New Guinea.

This bird stands out due to its impressive height, often reaching up to 1 meter (3.3 feet) tall.

It has all-white plumage, long legs, and a slender neck, which it curves into an S-shape while flying.

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Habitat: The Eastern Great Egret is commonly found in wetlands, estuaries, and coastal regions. It prefers shallow waters where it can wade and hunt for food.

Diet: Their diet primarily consists of fish, amphibians, small mammals, and invertebrates, which they skilfully catch with their sharp bills.

Breeding: During the breeding season, Eastern Great Egrets build nests in colonies, often in trees or reed beds. They lay 3-5 blue-green eggs, and both parents take turns incubating them.

Status: The Eastern Great Egret is not currently considered endangered, but habitat loss and environmental changes can impact their populations. Conservation efforts focus on preserving their natural habitats.



Editorial

As soon as one year ends, another year starts. Pretty obvious you would say, but we often are so caught up in in our world that we don't often pay enough attention to this fact.

What does this mean to the Friends?

More work to be done on the nursery, review current and past projects and evaluate their value to the Park and all who use it (this includes the fauna and flora).

A new treasurer to break in.

But most important of all, a new year to enjoy the beauty and tranquillity of Braeside Park.

Recently the bird survey group carried out their latest survey and we were (yes, I am a member of that group) very pleasantly surprised by all the work the Rangers had done in the paths and tracks. No longer were we worried about standing on a poor sleeping snake, or tripping on a limb of a broken tree. It was fantastic and I would like to say a **big thank you** to the rangers for this.

Following is a reminder of the activities that we had last year, most of which we plan to carry out this year as well. We are not limited by these, as we listen to our volunteers and members and may add activities as required. So, if you are passionate about Dragon Flies (or spiders or something else) and would like to give a presentation or walk —let the Committee know. We may be able to help make it happen.



Graham Gill

Some of the activities of 2024:

- Autumn Discovery Walk
- Spring Discovery Walk
- Breakfast with the birds
- Great night walks
- An educational Frog Discovery Night
- New plantations
- A great calendar
- A very wet but successful Bunnings BBQ
- Some great plantings

David MacLean



FOBP Committee

Rear - David Boldiston, Simon Flemming, Frank Russo, Margaret Hunter, David MacLean

Front - Heather Markland, Rosemaree MacLean, Sofie Mills, Judith Sise, Vicky Paraskevas

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Newsletter Contributions

Thank you to all you wonderful people who have contributed to this newsletter .

Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Your articles are treated with respect and not changed in content or grammar unless authorised by you or required by law. Some format changes are usually required to fit with the look and feel of this newsletter.

This newsletter is produced bi-monthly for all financial, honorary and Life members of the Friends group who have provided an email address.

Memberships are due on 1st July each year.

If you have an item to share in future editions or have any feedback in relation to this newsletter, please contact the editor at
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Membership Application/Renewal Form:

** Indicates required field*

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Payment can be made directly into our Bendigo Bank account:

BSB: 633 000

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And email completed form to: *

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The Treasurer

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Further information on the Friends' activities is available on our website and Facebook page.

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Treasurer contact number 0438 888 601

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Community Night Walks for 2025



Friends of
Braeside Park

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

**On Friday Nights at 7pm
from April thru to September
on the 11th April, 2nd May, 6th June,
4th July, 1st August & 5th September**

Meet at the Visitors Centre

Braeside Park, enter @ Lower Dandenong Rd, Braeside


Cost: A Gold Coin Donation per person

Numbers Limited - Bookings Are Essential

**Via email: braesideparkfriends@gmail.com
or contact Margaret Hunter at 0417323460**

www.braesideparkfriends.org.au for more info

Friend's of Braeside Park Activity Calendar for 2025

Activity	Time/Day	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Committee Meeting	7pm - 9pm 2nd Thursday at the Visitor's Centre	*	13	13	10	8	12	10	14	11	9	13	11
Community Nursery	10am - 12pm 1st Saturday & 3rd Sunday	*	1	1	5	3	7	5	2	6	4	1	6
		*	16	16	20	18	22	20	17	21	19	16	21
Community Waterwatch	9.30am - 12pm 2nd Saturday/ Visitor's Centre	*	8	8	12	10	14	12	9	13	11	8	13
Bird Survey	8am - 11am 4th Friday Robin Car Park	*	28	28	25	23	27	25	22	26	24	28	*
Nightwalks	From Visitor's Centre 1pm	Nightwalks offered from April through to September Gold Coin Donation per head Bookings Essential 0417323460											
					11	2	6	4	1	5			
Community Projects Weekends. You can register on Park Connect for this activity	9am - 12pm, follow the signs	*	*	*	*	*	World Environment Day Planting Sunday 26th 9am-12pm	National Tree Planting Day Saturday/ 28th 9am- 12pm	*	*	*	*	*
Special Friends Group Activities are held throughout the year at various times. You must register on Parkconnect for these Activities.			*	Clean Up Australia Day Sunday 2nd Meet at Visitor Centre 10am - 12pm	*	Autumn Discovery Walk Sunday 18th May 2pm-4pm with afternoon tea	*	*	AGM Sunday 10th 2pm - 4pm with afternoon tea	Spring Discovery Walk Sunday 14th Sept. 2pm-4pm with afternoon tea	Breakfast with birds Sunday 12th Red Gum Picnic Area 7am - 9.30am	Frog Discovery Night 15th November 7pm - 9pm @ Visitor's Centre	End of Year Breakup Thursday 11th @ visitors Centre 7pm

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