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Newsletter – May 2022

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Welcome to this month's newsletter.

Over the school holidays, Parks Victoria have been running a number of Junior Ranger activities for children aged 6-12. Matt led a group on 14th April to look at the role rangers play in fighting bushfires and gain an insight to how fires are planned for and managed in our parks. The group explored the adaptations of native flora and fauna and understand how the land recovers after a bush fire, while learning how to stay safe. On 22nd April, the Wildlife Detective program will learn the secrets of the bush. They tune their senses to discover who is hiding out of sight, and use clues to find out who was in the park while no one was looking.

April Activity Report

For the activity we had Ken, Matt, Graeme, Rose, Tamara, Gordon, Joelle and Darren. We had Caitlin join us for her first activity. We had apologies from Mike, Cathy and Jay.

The group met in the picnic area and found the car park, full of cars. With the activity coinciding with Easter Sunday, there were lots of groups out walking in the park.

Over the last month Matt has done some work upon the broken pole mounted camera. He has been able to use solder to fix the connections into the camera so that it now all components reliability connect to the camera. It will be great to have this camera available for future activities.



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For the day's activity the group split to complete some track maintenance and collect further seed. Joelle and Rose headed off to Billy's Creek to seek Kangaroo Apples with ripe fruit. The rest of the group went off to the Stringybark Track to clear growth which was advancing upon the track. Graeme and Ken drove in while the rest walked in. The group focused upon the beginning of the circuit and the return leg.

Near the toilet a koala was spotted by one of the groups of walkers.

When the group finished they returned to the picnic area for lunch. With other groups in the picnic area we choose to sit in a shady spot on the grass. Joelle and Rose returned to join us for lunch.



After lunch most left and it was down to Graeme, Darren and Joelle to walk around Foster's Gully. Graeme and Darren did track clearing while Joelle continued looking for Kangaroo Apple fruit. Joelle returned from Lindon's Landing while Graeme and Darren completed the circuit. There is a tree down across the track (a chainsaw will be needed to remove it) near the end of the Foster's Gully track. Walkers can step over the large pieces, until it can be dealt with later.

May Activity

Sunday 15th May 10am

The group will meet in the Kerry Road car park to complete Stringybark track maintenance. You will need to bring your lunch along with clothing and footwear suitable for the weather conditions on the day.