# FEO NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2019

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FROM THE. PRESIDENT Patrick Flanagan

#### RUBBISH IN PARADISE DISMAY

I ask for your indulgence, but this month I'd like to move away from the Eastern Otways to describe my once-in-a-lifetime experience sailing with two Deakin colleagues on their yacht from Cooktown around the tip of Cape York to a western port called Seisia. I need to convey my dismay at the state of the reef, not just because of the state of the coral, but also the amount of garbage on what should be a pristine part of the reef (at least I thought). Our 18day passage stuck close to islands near the mainland, and the furthest east we ventured was Lizard Island. Typically, we would anchor for the night on the north-west side of an island, as

the prevailing winds were from the south east so the NW provided the best protection. Disappointingly, and without fail, the islands were rubbish strewn. The main offenders were rubber and plastic thongs, single-use water bottles, other plastic containers (small and large), lengths of plastic rope, fragments of fishing nets, and other general human-made detritus.

We did enjoy the constant company of sea birds, flying-fish, dolphins and turtles during the day while sailing. But, alas, no whales. One special experience was on Night Island, which the British Admiralty, in their wisdom, had planted out with Sisal plants so their sailors could use the central stem to knock down coconuts from the palm trees for food. The invasion of Sisal plants that are incredibly spiky and unfriendly to humans provide a perfect habitat for nesting birds. We woke in the morning while anchored there to the sound of Little Friarbirds calling from the trees, while White-breasted Woodswallows were our constant companions on the island (and generally on the trip) and the air over the island was full of seabirds, such as boobies, that exploited the protection provided by the vegetation. If you wish to share your experiences in the area, please contact me - prflanagan@gmail.com

#### CAUGHT ON CAMERA! WHITE-FOOTED DUNNART IN THE ANGLESEA RIVER VALLEY





During recent camera trapping, we were excited to 'capture' this White-footed Dunnart Sminthopsis leucopus in the Anglesea River Valley near Harrisons Track. This rare marsupial mouse is nocturnal - the photo was taken at 3am. It is a voracious eater feeding mainly on insects and other invertebrates. Our photo above is multi-times enlarged, Dunnarts have a body length of about 10 cms, and our White-footed Dunnart was on the move, hence the less than sharp image.

Friends of Eastern Otways, together with Parks Victoria, are surveying animals in the Anglesea River Valley near Harrisons Track. We are using camera traps with a delicious attractant of peanut butter and rolled oats in a tightly sealed container.

There are lots of Swamp Wallabies in the area which is not surprising, plus Brush and Ringtail Possums and Echidnas. It is exciting to find small marsupials including the White-footed Dunnart, Sminthopsis leucopus and a Swamp Antechinus Antechinus minimus.

Unfortunately, a number of feral animals have also been spotted including foxes, deer and cats. We will continue monitoring in the area for the rest of the year to build a clearer picture of what calls the Anglesea River Valley home. Let us know if you would like more information or want to become more involved. More photos page 3. Gretel Lamont.



### ENVIRONMENTAL WEEDING



#### WINTER ENVIRONMENTAL WEEDING

As planned, we continued our weeding over the winter months in the O'Donohue heathlands concentrating on the young Boneseed seedlings that had appeared since the fuel reduction burn in 2018. We know how well Boneseed germinates following fire from seed stored in the ground, so it was no surprise to find carpets of these young plants covering the ground in specific areas. With the efforts of our keen volunteers these seedlings soon disappeared. We had a really fun morning in July when, as it was school holidays, we were joined by some of our younger helpers – Hugh, Ollie, Spirit, Jack, Oscar and Manu. It was an ideal activity for the children who had no difficulty in pulling up the unwelcome plants. What was however a most unexpected find in amongst the Boneseed seedlings on our June weeding day was a great colony of Striped Greenhoods *Pterostylis striata* that obviously would have been choked out by the Boneseed if we had not come to the rescue. It is experiences like this that really make our efforts worthwhile. See report and photos page 6.

#### SPRING PROGRAM – ANGLESEA RIVER SITE

Tuesdays 9.30am-11.00am, September 10, October 8 and November 12

Contact Margaret: 0412 652 419

Meet in Camp Rd at Friends Environmental Project Sign, Opposite Parks Victoria complex

We will concentrate on young Sallow/Coast Wattle growing in the area where the Friends carried out major weed control in 2011-2013.



# COMING EVENTS

# ANGAIR WILDFLOWER WEEKEND + ART EXHIBITION Saturday + Sunday September 21 + 22

10am - 4pm

Memorial Hall, McMillan St, Anglesea Contact: Margaret MacDonald 0412 652 419

Enjoy the show's wonderful displays and activities relating to the flora and fauna of the local area. Learn about amazing animals and plants that live in the Great Otway National Park, take part in a nature ramble or a guided wildflower walk. Our Friends of Eastern Otways display focusses on the dunes - birds, mammals, reptiles, invertebrates. See wildlife images from our mammal camera surveys.





# WILDFLOWER WALK Saturday October 19

10am -2.30pm

Meet at ANGAIR 10am

Contact: Margaret 0412 652 419

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Location TBA closer to the date depending where we can see the best flowering of our beautiful indigenous species. Wear sensible walking clothes, hat and shoes. BYO lunch.

# CAPE OTWAY GUIDED E-BIKE RIDE Saturday November 16

Meet Aireys Inlet Community Centre 8am Contact: Sue Guinness 0407 070641

Limited numbers, Bookings and pre-payment essential.

On pedal assist e-bikes explore the Cape Otway coastal landscape and ecology, visit historic sites and enjoy some koala or bird spotting along the way. Alternatively take a walk whilst others explore the area by e-bike.

BYO morning tea, lunch and drinks. BBQ facilities available.

EEO Members \$40, non-members \$50, children under 18 \$35, or bring

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# FRIENDS ACTIVITIES SINCE OUR LAST NEWSLETTER.



#### ANNUAL KOALA COUNT - JUNE 8

We couldn't have asked for a better day for our annual Koala Count, being fine and sunny, with perfect conditions for a walk in the forest.

Seventeen adults arrived to take part in the survey. We were very pleased to have six young children - Hugh, Ollie, Olive, Arlo, Augie and Manu join us. We also welcomed Katie (at left), and Sophie, two teenagers who were invaluable in spotting the koalas.

We had morning tea at Kennet River Reserve before heading up Grey River Road. Once we had parked and started the survey, we were delighted to find two koalas quite close to the cars. Keen eyes were quick to find the koalas, sometimes in trees beside the road and at other times way down into the gully.

The total number of koalas recorded for this year was 41. It's interesting to observe how the numbers have declined over the last three years compared with

the highest number of 144 individuals in 2008. It's possible that the health of the trees may be reflected in the fewer numbers of browsing koalas, or that in fact the lower numbers may be more sustainable.

We had a great view of a Wedge-tailed Eagle that circled over our heads as we walked up Grey River Road. A question asked during the walk - 'What is the collective term for koalas?' Answer is a Colony of Koalas.



Thanks to everyone who participated in a very enjoyable day's activity. **Kaye Traynor, photos by Pete Crowcroft.** 

Left: The surveyors. Above and below, the surveyed!





A REWARD FOR OUR EFFORTS Striped Greenhood *Pterostylis striata* As stated in our Environmental Weeding report, a new colony of Striped Greenhoods was discovered when we were weeding in the O'Donohue Heathlands in June. We found about 10 strong flowers and a great number of rosettes.

The Striped Greenhood is best recognised by the tall, narrow, dark green and white striped flower stem that can bear up to 10 leaves. Flowering plants do not produce rosettes.

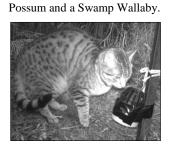
This species of Greenhood is very rare in our district although it is widely distributed across southern Victoria. We are aware of a small colony in the O'Donohue heathlands but there has been no action at this site for a few years. Our only other records are on two small colonies on private land at Aireys Inlet which regularly produce flowers. Margaret MacDonald





### MAMMAL SURVEYS

From page 1
At the same camera site as the White-footed Dunnart, this very interested feral cat, a Brushtail









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#### LAKE ELIZABETH FUNGI WALK – JULY 20

After having returned to Anglesea from the tip of Cape York, only 36 hours previously, going from just over 10 degrees south of the equator to 38 degrees south from a warm 28 degrees to a chilly 10 degrees, I wasn't looking forward to the Fungi walk at Lake Elizabeth on Saturday 20th of July, but the day turned out fine and sunny and the fungi did their best to put on a good show, in the dank, wooded valley that the lake occupies.

Twenty-one of the Friends enjoyed the walk around Lake. Our number included the Crowcroft, Cook and Grabham Families, who collectively made up half the participants. We also welcomed Mathieu, a recently-joined member who was very interested in which fungi might be edible. Katie, a

Duke of Edinburgh activist, also joined us for another outing.

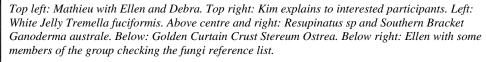
The group quickly became two groups, a fast one and a slow one with Oliver, aged 8, who decided that he wasn't about to let any

fungus escape his eagle eye and inspected every possible example of what 'might' be one.

Even for those of us less keen on fungus spotting than Oliver, there was plenty to see, including Southern Bracket *Ganoderma australe*, White Jelly *Tremella fuciformis*, and Golden Curtain Crust *Stereum ostrea*, (But I'm no mycologist and I'll leave identification to someone more expert than I am). These were just a small sample of those we observed. Kim was a serious observer - if I lead this activity next year, I'll ask her to be my resident expert. **Patrick Flanagan.** 

















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#### KALIMNA FALLS WALK – AUGUST 17

The sun shone on us once again for a beautiful walk in the park. Eighteen people enjoyed the fern and moss lined track, the fungi and tall trees as we made our way along beside the full flowing Sheoak Creek. We discovered a Dusky Antechinus cleaning itself on the side of the track. It allowed us to have a good look and take photographs. Later we found some more, both alive and dead. We thought they were probably males at the end of the mating season.

The Lower Falls had a good amount of water flowing over into the pool and we enjoyed eating our lunch on the rocks behind the waterfall. Watching the water was mesmerising but the roaring water made conversation difficult and we headed out turning towards the Upper Falls which are closed for maintenance. Turning left took us up and down to Little Sheoak Creek, and then up again to Garvey Track. This area reminded us of the Grey River Rd at Kennett River where we count koalas and, despite lots of scat evidence on the ground, we could not find even one in the trees as we hiked down the hill and back to our cars at the Sheoak Picnic Ground.

Birds seen and heard included Yellow Robins, Eastern Spinebill, White-eared and New Holland Honeyeaters, Grey shrike-thrush, Currawong, Bristlebird, Gang Gang, Spotted Pardalote, Superb Fairywrens and Crimson Rosellas. Flowering plants included Bootlace Bush,

Stinkwood, Common Heath, Dusty Miller, Sundews and Tall Greenhoods. The Mintbush which wasn't flowering was still obvious to everyone with its strong scent. Fungi included Brackets and interesting varieties of Puffballs. It was lovely day out enjoyed by all and we were pleased to welcome visitors including a year 7 student doing her Compass award. **Alison Watson.** 







Top: Kalimna Falls and the walking trail leading to the falls. Above from left: an obliging and photogenic Dusky Antechinus, walking along Garvey rack, tall Manna Gum. Below: Lunch underneath the Kalimna Falls.





## "FRIENDLY" NEWS

#### TIME TO CELEBRATE AND EXPLORE

There's the beauty of our botanical treasures which are already starting to put on a show. Don't forget about our stunning feathered friends who will start to vocalise the arrival of the mating season. My personal favourite is the tiny, the insects and arachnids—there's so many to find! Join us in getting out and documenting this treasure-trove of life's variety, all found in our backyard! Get your camera and upload your observations to iNaturalist, and if you are within the boundaries of the Surf Coast it will be included in the Surf Coast September 2019 Bioblitz.



Last year we had over 560 observations of approximately 250 species (some are yet to be identified to species level). Including 123 species of plants, 47 species of birds, 5 mammals, 10 fungi, and many others. Can we do better this year? We



Above: Pobblebonk frog and left Waxlip Orchid with tiny insect.

didn't go under the water so that is a big opportunity! If you want to check it out the 2018 project, this is the link. <a href="https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/surfcoast-september-bioblitz">https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/surfcoast-september-bioblitz</a>

The following activities offer a chance to join experts to discover the biodiversity in your backyard: **Sunday 1st September 10.30am to noon** — A biodiversity exploration walk to celebrate Wattle Day. So, obviously we should target the wattles (Acacia sp.) but this will be a great opportunity to look for all

kinds of biodiversity right at the start of the month. We'll visit the revegetation site at Soapy Rocks and talk Surf Coast environment. We'll visit the beach for the shoreline species (think seaweed) and might see the Nankeen Kestrels nesting on the cliffs. Can we get all 20 Acacias that occur naturally here? Meet at Point Roadknight boat ramp.

Sunday 1st September 4pm (microscope trailer), walk 5pm to 7pm – Pt Roadknight Rockpool Evening Explore. Last year everyone was in awe of the Maori Octopus *Macroctopus maorum* as it hunted in the shallow rockpools. There's always a chance to see their smaller Blueringed cousin after dark also. Bring your torch and not your finest shoes (no thongs or bare feet either). Our digital microscope will be set up beforehand for a look at some of the smallest coastal creatures.

**Friday the 13th! 5pm - late. Full mooOOOooon Creepy Crawlies**. Let's find all the most awesome creatures people think are scary for some reason. The eight-legged ones (Arachnids), those mammals that fly around at night (bats) and those adorable yet phobia inducing, fluffy moths. This should be a great night on the full moon at Moggs Creek Picnic Ground. Maybe we should observe those beautiful gliders too. The Yellow-bellied Glider *Petaurus australis* does cackle like a witch, so it fits the bill. Wear suitable shoes and appropriate clothes and bring a water bottle. This is a Friends of Eastern Otways activity in partnership with Parks Victoria. Register for this one here: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/friday-13th-creepy-crawlies-biodiversity-night-tickets-69257297441">https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/friday-13th-creepy-crawlies-biodiversity-night-tickets-69257297441</a>

If you are interested in attending these events RSVP with Pete - 0412 044 127. You don't have to register with iNaturalist and take observations to come along, but here's the link if you would like to: <a href="https://www.inaturalist.org">www.inaturalist.org</a>



#### MacKILLOP COLLEGE PROJECT

Apart from our regular monthly Tuesday weeding sessions during late autumn and winter, the Friends carried out additional weeding activities at Moggs Creek with teachers and students from MacKillop College (pictured at left). This is a coeducational secondary school based at Werribee with a high intake of students from many cultural backgrounds. This has been a shared project with Great Ocean Road Coast Committee, Parks Victoria, Friends of Moggs Creek with the Friends of Eastern Otways taking on the leadership role. MacKillop College has been bringing Year 8 students regularly to camp at Moggs Creek for a number of years now, but this is the first time that environmental weeding has been included in their camp program. The teachers were keen that the students could 'give back' to the area they visited. The project was certainly a challenge – ranging over a period of seven weeks and working with approximately 300 students. Yes, the school has

300 students in Year 8 with 14 classes! Each class had the opportunity to spend three days at Moggs Creek (two classes at a time) carrying out a variety of outdoor activities. Our program took place on a Friday morning for approximately two hours. The students worked on two sites:- coastal heathlands adjacent to the Great Ocean Road and a section of the Great Otway National Park on the eastern edge of Moggs Creek. Both areas had great quantities of large woody weeds and the students got busy with loppers and saws removing the invaders from the valued indigenous vegetation.

We were just so impressed with the enthusiasm of the children, and the co-operative relationships that they extended to the volunteers, the different agencies and to their fellow students. Most students were experiencing this type of hard work for the first time and we endeavoured to make sure they realised the value and the impact that their team made by working hard together. We would like to congratulate the students on their efforts, and the staff who gave so much of their time to ensure the outdoor education program provided exciting activities for the students. It was a very rewarding experience for us all. **Margaret MacDonald.** 



## "FRIENDLY" NEWS

#### KANGAROO ADVISORY GROUP COMMUNITY FORUM

There was an overwhelming response to the annual Kangaroo Forum held on Wednesday 24 July, 2019. About fifty people attended. Phil Pegler's presentation titled: Parks, Kangaroos and Competing Social Values. Phil is the Manager, Environment and Conservation at Parks Victoria. His role is to implement the policy of Parks Victoria in managing wildlife populations in the parks and reserves under their control. The highly fragmented conservation areas can cause an over-abundance of animals which can result in starvation, degradation of habitat, and insufficient food reserves caused by over-browsing.

Phil explained that decisions made by the Department are not always acceptable to the general public. It is a difficult balancing act to adequately serve the best interests of both the wildlife conservation values and competing interests.

Parks Victoria intervenes when there is clearly evidence of wildlife suffering, agricultural or cultural assets being impacted, or human health and safety is threatened. Any intervention is carried out humanely in accordance with the formal code of practice in particular where circumstances arise and having to cull kangaroos is the only humane option.

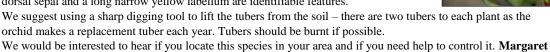
Following Phil's presentation there were a number of questions from the audience. There was clearly a great deal of interest generally in the subject of kangaroo management in our State. Graham Coulson and Gemma Cripps updated results from the ongoing research work on the kangaroo population at the Anglesea Golf Course. **Kaye Traynor** 



#### LET'S BE ON THE ALERT

With the good autumn and winter rains it seems indicative that we will have an increase in the numbers of African Weed Orchid *Disa bracteata* that now seems well established in our district. Although control of this species is certainly proving a challenge, we are keen to continue our efforts to eradicate it. The species is self-pollinating and can produce vast numbers of seeds which are minute and readily transported by wind.

At the moment it is just appearing as a stout basal tuft of 4-12cm long lanceolate leaves with the start of a thick, fleshy almost asparagus-like flower spike appearing from the centre of the tuft. It is not easy to identify. Once the flowers start to open it is very distinctive. The flower spike can bear up to 60 crowded tiny flowers — a brown hooded dorsal sepal and a long narrow yellow labellum are identifiable features.



MacDonald 0412 652 419



### OTWAY THREATENED SPECIES RESEARCH FORUM

The fourth annual Threatened Species Research Forum presented by the Conservation Ecology Centre was held at the Wurdi Youang Room in the Geelong Regional Library on Friday 9 August. Margaret and Kaye attended on behalf of Friends of Eastern Otways. The program included seventeen presentations and ended with a panel discussion.

The Speakers covered a variety of subjects all relating to important conservation issues in the Otways. Barbara Wilson spoke about the harmful effects of Phytophthora dieback on threatened species. Other presentations focused on the almost unsolvable problems of introduced feral predators. However new methods of tracking individual foxes are being tried using DNA from scats.

Claire Miller spoke about Otway Ark monitoring throughout the national park, and Trevor Pescott expressed his fears for a remaining small group of Long-nosed Potoroos whose habitat is threatened by fuel reduction burning in an area near Forrest.

There were many other interesting and thought-provoking presentations given throughout the day. The Forum was a great success. It also underlines the very important research work being undertaken in the Otway region as well as the vital imperative of protecting wildlife and the natural environment. **Kaye Traynor** 

#### **SWIFFT VIDEO CONFERENCE - JULY 25**

The general theme of presentations given to the SWIFFT video link up on 25 July was citizen science, the contribution to knowledge data bases by interested people in the community, sharing that information and having it validated by research scientists. The speakers were - *Nadiah Roslen: Climate Watch Program Manager at the Earthwatch Institute.* The program collects data from observations of changing environmental conditions and how nature and wildlife adapt to these changes.

There is a free Climatewatch mobile app available to observe seasonal changes and monitor species in their local area. The data can then be verified by experts.

Dr Maria Garcia-Rojas, Field Operations Manager, Blue Carbon Army presentation titled 'Blue Carbon Counteracting Climate Change' Maria's presentation related to nature-based solutions in dealing with the effects of climate change on natural assets including geology, air, water and living things. The importance of minimising carbon footprints by restoration of degraded areas, and habitat. Planting trees – Biosequestration, protection of coastal wetlands, mangroves, tidal marshes and seagrasses, etc.

Adam Woods, Frog ID Science Communicator and Project Co-ordinator, Australian Museum – Australian Museum Frog ID. National Citizen Science Project since 2017. An App for smart phones can record and submit calls of frogs. The recordings are identified by experts. Globally frogs are in decline. 42% of all amphibian species are at risk. Of the 240 native frog species in Australia, 4 species are extinct. 37 are threatened with extinction and 15 species are critically endangered.

David Mossop, Redmap National Coordinator. 'Red Map – Monitoring the range-shift in marine species'

South east Australia is warming faster than global average and is affecting marine life. Between 25 and 85% of species are shifting. Changing eco-systems are affecting the natural balance and creating pressures on local wildlife populations.

# Parks

### RANGER REPORT: Matt Russell

#### Hello Friends,

I hope that everyone is getting ready to enjoy another spring in the Anglesea Heath. I remind you all to get out early and look at some of the coastal forested foothills in the Great Otway National Park. Our Acacias and Epacris are combining to make a fantastic array of colours, particularly our walks leaving Moggs Creek Picnic Ground.



Also, I would like to show everyone the bower I found of a young a Satin Bowerbird suitor (at left). I found this whilst weeding some *Pittosporum undulatum*, so if anyone is missing a blue laundry cup I know where it is. I love seeing bower construction and I am always amazed. I hope that a suitable mate is impressed by what they see!

#### ANGLESEA HEATH PUBLIC CONSULTATION

There has already been some beneficial work completed as result of funding provided for the Anglesea Alcoa lease area changing to the Great Otway National Park. This includes studies into Phytophthora, cultural heritage assessments, dirt bike compliance, and repairing highly degraded tracks. The Parks Victoria team have just completed some public consultation sessions regarding the new campground which is planned for Gumflats Road in the old gun club. I am happy to discuss this with anyone who would like further detail, but we aim to provide an area for camping which will have a mix of sites catering for a range of different types of camping. The campground will be part of the Parks Victoria booking system, so campers will have to book and pay.

#### JAMIESON CREEK

Work has finally started on a new walking track that will connect Separation Creek to the Jamieson Creek Campground, which is getting an update and will be

open for summer. This walking track is a result of the Wye River Bushfire Recovery, and will be a fantastic walk. From the areas I have walked there will be some fantastic views of the ocean, and go through some beautiful tree lined gullies. The stone work has already started, and as you see by the picture at right the crew has their work cut out, with some steep terrain.

#### WEED WORK

During winter Parks Victoria staff, like most workplaces, have a lot of financial reporting to perform for the end of the financial year. As a result, it is a good chance to look back to some of our work, and to see what's planned for 2019-20. So, I thought that it would be good time to share some of the success in our weed program.

In the 2018-19 financial, 466 hectares of weeds were treated by Surf Coast Parks Victoria. This figure doesn't include the valuable weeding performed by the Friends of the Eastern Otways and ANGAIR. Nor does it include work performed by PV staff.



I have included a map (at left) of all our weed work for Anglesea to Lorne. All this work was funded through grants that we have received for the protection of the highly diverse Anglesea Heath plant community. These projects included Otway Eden, Coastal Tender projects funded through the Corangamite Catchment Management Authority, and the Biodiversity on Ground Actions Project. If you would like to know more about any of these projects please contact me, I love talking about weeds.



Most of the 466ha of weeds treated was concentrated on Bluebell Creeper, Acacia longifolia, Boneseed, Coastal Teatree, Pittosporum undulatum, and South African Weed Orchid. Another aspect of our weed program particularly Otway Eden, is preventing the spread and establishment of new and emerging weeds. I have included a list below of the new and emerging weeds that I found growing in the park estate last year. Keep in mind these are only the species I found, and this doesn't include weeds such as Green Honey Myrtle, which have been around for a few years. Also, those with a good plant knowledge will notice a theme to those names. A lot of these plants are marketed as 'Drought tolerant Australian Natives'. These species pose a threat to our Anglesea Heath plant community, and have the potential to invade our

heath. So please consider this when looking at plant choices in your garden on the coast: *Moraea flaccida, Pittosporum tenuifolium,*Anigozanthos flavidus, Paraserianthes lophantha, Hakea cucullate, Salpichroa origanifolia, Gastrolobium celsianum, Dodonaea viscosa,

Acacia alata, Leucanthemum vulgare, Serrated Tussock, Banksia ericifolia, Hakea Drupacea, Kennedia nigricans.

Looking towards this financial year, we will continue to keep new and emerging weeds out of the Great Otway National Park. We are also excited that we have a new funding stream which is called the 'Biodiversity Response Planning' which we aim to target many of our woody weed species in the Otways. If you would like to know more information please contact me. My email is <a href="matthew.russell@parks.vic.gov.au">matthew.russell@parks.vic.gov.au</a> Thank you once again to everybody for helping us look after the Great Otway National Park, Matt Russell, Ranger, Lorne.