



The Friends of Eastern Otways (Great Otway National Park) Incorporated.

# YEARBOOK

September 2019 – July 2020

The Friends compile an annotated pictorial record of our activities each year. This record of our activities (the Friends display at the ANGAIR Wildflower Show, monthly weeding, wildflower walks, regular walks in the Great Otway National Park, our Annual General Meeting and regular fauna surveys, etc) are compiled in our Yearbook which is available at the Friends' stand each year at the ANGAIR Wildflower Show.

Normally our Yearbook follows the Calendar year. This year because the ANGAIR Nature Show is online, we have made our Yearbook entries available PDF. Because of the disrupted year, we have made the span of our activities those that have occurred since the last ANGAIR show.

Because of Covid-19 restrictions, some of our activities have had to be postponed or cancelled and so this Yearbook is somewhat shorter than normal.



# ANGAIR SHOW September 21 -22. 2019



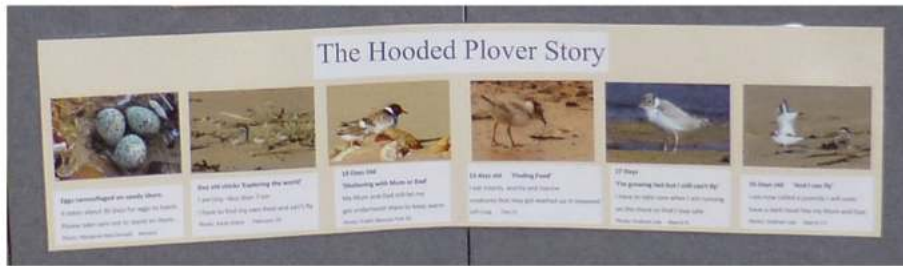
*The coastal theme enabled us to highlight the coastline and the dunes where we know the bandicoots reside and special plants support the dune system*



*The coastal discovery challenge was a great success with both older and younger visitors*



## ANGAIR SHOW September 21-22, 2019



*Hooded Plover story at Moggs Creek was a special feature*

*Paddie fledged on St Patrick's Day!*



*DVD presentation enabled visitors to view some of the animals captured on our camera images during our mammal surveys*

*It was a chance to share Friends' activities over the past year*

*Jane shares our colourful Newsletter with an interested visitor*





## *Caladenia maritima* project 2019



*Noushka collecting fungus*  
July 12, 2019



*Caladenia maritima* survey  
Sept 26 - October 16



West side 1113  
East side 65

Total 1178



No 152

Well over 200 hybrids  
We stopped counting



*Scattered flowers*





## *Caladenia maritima* project 2019



*Neil cross -pollinating orchids September 27 40 orchids were pollinated*

*November 7*

*Collection of seed pods*



*10 seed pods were in good condition*



*Neil and Marg collecting pods*



*Rani from DELWP helps as well*



# Junior Ranger Holiday Program October 2, 2019

## Wildflower Challenge



*Explaining the challenge*



*Phil shows his group a photo of the Tiny Caladenia they found amongst the grasses*



*Parents and children were excited to see how the Trigger plant worked!*



*Ros and her group were keen to join in*

*It was a fun day and the children enjoyed placing a flower sticker on their sheets as they found the various flowers*

*It is a great program that introduces children and their families to some of the wonderful flowers within the Great Otway National Park*



# Environmental Weeding River Site Camp Rd October 8, 2019



*Happy weeders supported by Parks Vic staff who used chainsaws to remove the invasive Coast/Sallow Wattles*



*A new environmental weed for our area  
Melaleuca decussata*



*But the old faithfuls were there as well  
Boneseed was in full flower*



# Wildflower Walk Harrison Track South October 19, 2019



*Dressed for all seasons*

*Scott and Katrina from Parks helped to get us to the start of the walk*



*Shining Peppermint  
Eucalyptus falciformis*



*Margaret shows some of the treasures  
on the side of the track*



*Blunt Everlasting  
and Goodenia*



*Heath Milkwort*



*Victorian Smoke-bush*



# Wildflower Walk    Harrison Track South    October 19, 2019



*The ANGAIR flower book and the orchid book were useful in alerting people to the various species. Ros was kept busy all day as she recorded the 125 species we identified*



*Rod and Wendy admire the Anglesea River Valley*



*Wendy was busy picking up all the litter that had been dumped in this beautiful environment including a cleaning brush!*

*Rangers Katrina and Scott collected it all after the walk*



*A colourful bush pea*



*Alison found perhaps the first duck for the season*

*Flying Duck Orchid  
*Caleana major**



# Environmental Weeding River Site Camp Rd November 12. 2019



*And the Melaleuca decussata  
was in full bloom*

*It was certainly very spectacular*



*But the troops soon got to work*



*We feel we got most of it  
but time will tell*

*We will need to check  
next year as many young  
plants were  
appearing*



## E-Bike Ride at Cape Otway, November 16, 2019



*Nathan gives instructions before the ride*



*Riding on private land  
close to Bimbi Park*



*The walkers spent time  
exploring the area*



*Native Elderberry*



*Onion Orchid*



*Unknown flower*



## Environmental Weeding Powerline Track December 9, 2019



*4WDs were needed to get us to the top of the steep hill*



*Getting ready for the activity and work in progress -*

*Alcoa chimney in background*



*A well-deserved morning tea at Poppys Anglesea*



## End of year celebration at Moggs Creek Picnic Ground 14/12/2019



*Morning tea before we start the walk*



*Colleen admires the Victorian Christmas Bush*



*Ollie admires the Tall Cinnamon Bells Orchid*

*The orchid with its bell-shaped cinnamon- brown flowers tipped with white was growing beside the track*



*Stopping on one of the bridges to survey the ferns and other vegetation that grows close to the Creek*



# End of year celebration at Moggs Creek Picnic Ground 14/12/2019



*Back at picnic ground Ross and Phil had barbecue under control*



*There were plenty of salads to share*



*Lunchtime in the great environment of the Great Otway National Park*



*Thank-yous from Wendy, Patrick and Katrina*



*Parks Vic staff show their support*



## Spotlight Activity Moggs Creek January 3, 2020



*BBQ at picnic ground before the walk*



*Pete captured the Yellow Bellied Glider high up in the tree.*

*It posed for us all to get a good look*



*Setting off along the track*



*Margaret reads poem to group*



*Pete has some fun with eating a pretend scat!*



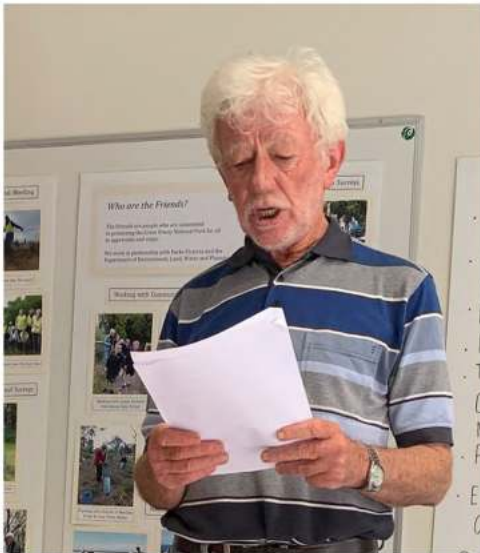
*It was a great night and it was so good to see the children joining in the activity and really enjoying the experience.*



# FEO AGM February 9, 2020



*43 members in attendance*



*Patrick gives President's report*



*Katrina and Matt give Rangers' Report*

## *Our guest speakers Bioscan Project*



*Gen Walker-Smith*



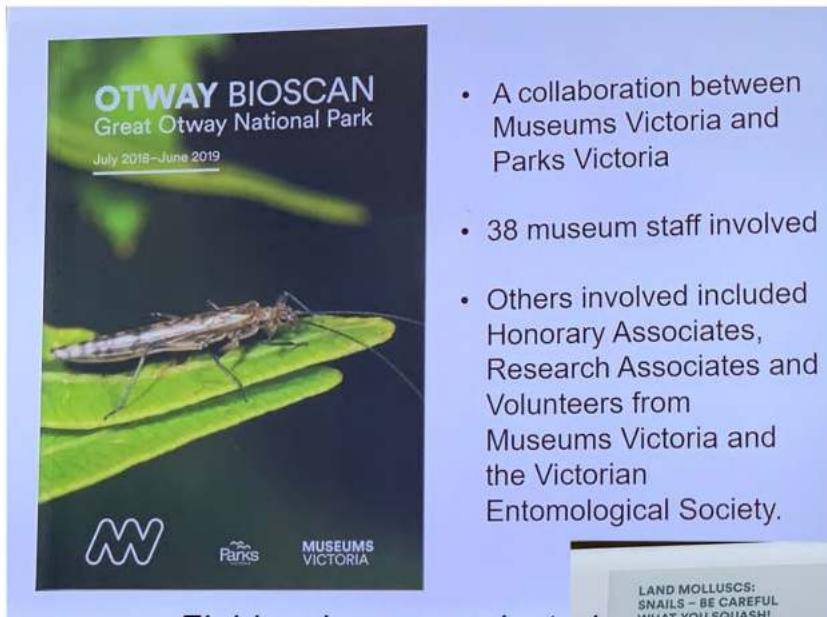
*Peter Marriot*



*Marilyn Hewish*



# FEO AGM February 9, 2020



- A collaboration between Museums Victoria and Parks Victoria
- 38 museum staff involved
- Others involved included Honorary Associates, Research Associates and Volunteers from Museums Victoria and the Victorian Entomological Society.

*Some of the presentation of the Bioscan Project.*

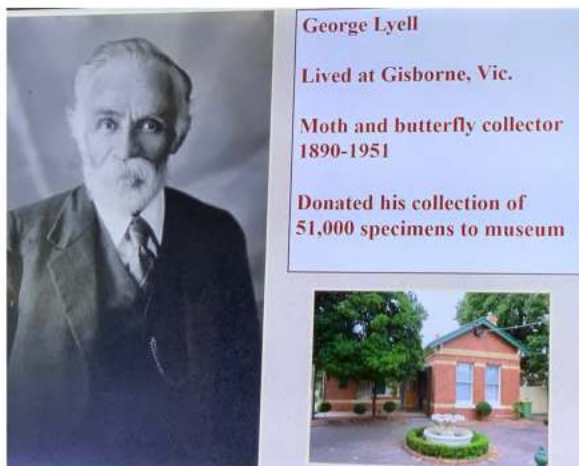
*Main focus is to improve the level of knowledge of biodiversity in the Park and in particular the lesser known fauna*

*Fieldwork was conducted from September 2018 to March 2019*



Another goal of the report was to provide some general information about some of the less familiar things that can be discovered within the GONP.

The report contains 18 narratives about some of the natural wonders you might be lucky enough to see if you visit the GONP and surrounds.



**George Lyell**

**Lived at Gisborne, Vic.**

**Moth and butterfly collector 1890-1951**

**Donated his collection of 51,000 specimens to museum**

*a great contribution to project*



*Incoming Secretary Ellen Doxey (left) with former Secretary Sue Guinness who has retired from the Committee*



*Members enjoying afternoon tea following the meeting*



# Environmental Weeding Pipeline Track Anglesea 11/2/20



*The usual team with Matt and Ruby from Parks Vic  
Claire Parks Vic was photographer*



*It was hard work*



*But rangers helped out*



*Much easier on side of Pipeline Track*



*A well-deserved morning tea*



# Mammal Survey Harrison Track North February/March 2020



*Pick-up team March 13*



*Pimelea flava still in flower*



*We were most impressed  
with Tim's work - not an easy task*

*Results were disappointing*



*Tim Powell working on track linking  
Harrison Track Nth to Harrison Track Sth*



*A tabby cat*



*Lots of swamp wallabies*



## Opening of Jamieson Track Walk February 22, 2020



*Official opening of walk  
from Jamieson to Kennet River  
by Lisa Neville MP*



*FEO members with Katrina Lovett Parks Vic*



*There were lots of steps  
to climb*

*some  
interesting  
signage*



*A white-lipped snake on way  
to Jamieson camp ground*



*but worth the effort with magnificent coastal  
views as your rewards*





## Environmental Weeding Heathy Woodland Urquhart Bluff 10/3/20



*We felt it was a privilege to weed in such a beautiful area*



*and some of the treasures as rewards:-*

*Parson's Bands Orchids*



*Twining Glycine*



# Environmental Weeding GONP at Urquhart Bluff June 9 2020

*Blitz on Bluebell Creeper*



*Ross works on Bluebell Creeper invading the Dusty Miller*



*It was not easy as this invasive weed winds its way throughout the indigenous vegetation*

*First day back  
after the COVID-19  
shut down*

*Group was happy  
and observing  
social distancing*





## Annual Koala Survey June 20, 2020



*Morning tea at Kennett River*



*Eager team members on Grey River Rd before beginning survey*



## Annual Koala Survey June 20 2020



*The koalas were high in the trees and the foliage was at times very dense.*

*We managed a count of just 33 koalas - eight less than in 2019. 31 in 2018*

*Numbers have certainly decreased greatly over the years.*



*Thanks to all who helped and to Phill for his great koala photos*





## Walk in Ironbark Gorge July 18, 2020

*Due to COVID-19 restrictions it was a small group that set off for a walk in the Ironbark Gorge on a chilly winter morning*



*The Spreading Wattle was starting to flower*



*Eastern Spinebills were enjoying the flowering correa*



*There were carpets of mosses, lichens and ferns*



*and there were some attractive fungi appearing in the damper places*





*Walking through the rocky gorge*



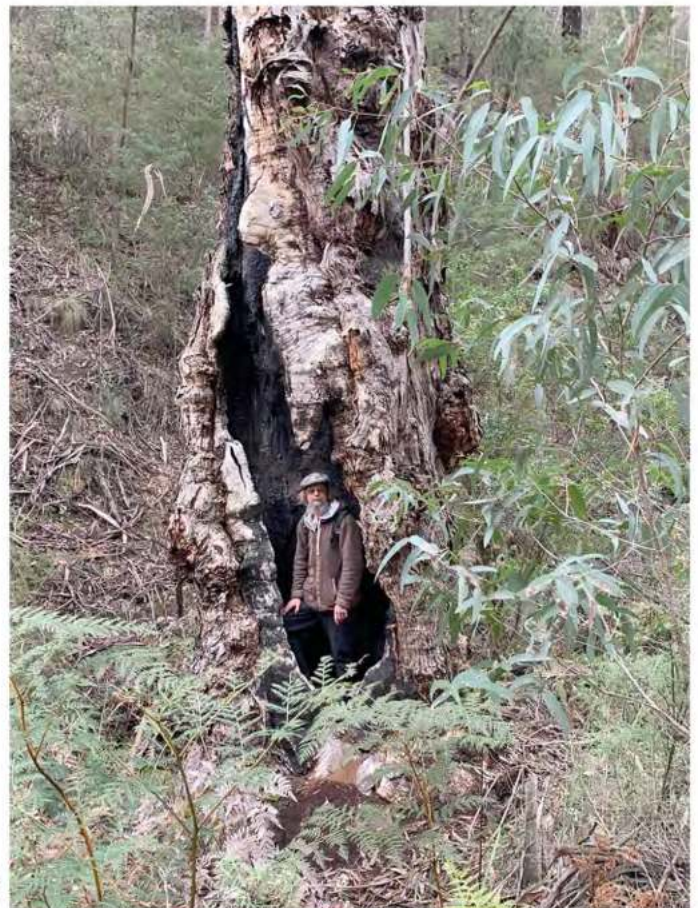
*A carpet of Ironbark flowers strewn beneath the blackened trunks of the Ironbark trees*

*Result of Sulphur Crested Cockatoos in damage mode*



*A white punk fungus on one of the eucalypts*

*Graham standing inside the burnt out trunk of one of our forest giants*





We hope you enjoyed our electronic version of the Yearbook. If you would like to be involved in our future activities, please contact us at [friendsofeasternotways@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofeasternotways@gmail.com).

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