



FRIENDS OF LOCAL KOALAS, LAND AND WILDLIFE INC.

FOLKLAW NEWS

Autumn 1998.

Newsletter No. 9

Welcome back to our First Newsletter for 1998. What a busy year we had last year. We have already started planning for an exciting 1998. Get your diaries out now and write in the following dates to remember. Oh by the way, Subscriptions for 1998 are now overdue. We value your continued support, unfortunately unless we receive your membership renewal we will no longer be able to send you a newsletter.

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FOLKLAW'S - CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR 1998.

Sunday 26 th April	Koala Reserve Working Bee - Preparation for planting.
Sunday 31 st May	Koala Reserve Working Bee - Planting
Sunday 21 st June	Annual General Meeting
Sunday 28 th June	Koala Reserve Working Bee - Planting
June	<i>Winter Newsletter - Deadline for articles 5th June.</i>
Sunday 26 th July	Koala Reserve Working Bee & <i>Special Community Planting Day.</i>
Friday 31 st July	National "Save the Koala Day"
Sunday 30 th August	Koala Reserve Working Bee
September	<i>Spring Newsletter - Deadline 4th Sept.</i>
Sunday 27 th September	Koala Reserve Working Bee
Sunday 25 th October	Koala Reserve Working Bee
Sat 10th/Sun 11 th October	Annual Peninsula Wide Koala Count.
Sunday 29 th November	Koala Reserve Working Bee
December	<i>Summer Newsletter - 4th Dec.</i>
No December Working Bee	



Arthur's Seat Wildlife Community Regeneration Project.

Volunteers are needed on Saturday 2nd May or Monday 4th May, morning or afternoon sessions. Enquiries Parks Victoria on 131963 to register your interest.

Free Seminar on Frogs.

When - Thursday 7th May, 1998 at 8.00 p.m. Where - Warrandyte Community Centre. Information - Contact Donna Stoddart on 9840-9307.

Greening Australia Courses for 1998.

Details contact Gerard (03) 9457-3024.

Thursday 7th May - Developing your propagating skills.

Saturday 23rd May - Assessing & monitoring the return of fauna through revegetation.

Save the Bush Conversation & Management Course will be held in Spring.

Conducted on 13 evenings & 4 field trips. Details Roger Oxenbold on (03) 9654-4711.





Koala Reserve Working Bees - Last Sunday of each Month. 9.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.
For details and equipment required contact Judy Jack on 5983-1034.

Annual General Meeting

Sunday 21st June, 1998. Venue - Hall at R.W. Stone Reserve, Camp Hill Road, Somers. Members and anyone interested in Wildlife are invited to attend. Guest Speakers to be announced closer to date.

Committee Meetings - Second Friday evening (7.30 p.m.) each month. Different venues. All members of FOLKLAW can attend, please contact a Committee Member first to find out venue.

Save the Koala Day - Friday 31st July, 1998.

This day increases awareness, involves raising money for Wildlife Carer and Australian Koala Foundation and special activities at schools. (Speak to Alison Kain if interested 5983-8634)

KOALA RESERVE UPDATE.

Grasses and shrubs planted late '97 at the Parklands and Stanmore Avenue entrances have struggled but survived the long dry summer. Plans have been made to continue the Parklands Avenue planting along the pathway further into the reserve, thus establishing a corridor from the reserve to neighbouring properties.

A large stockpile of mulch has been delivered and will be spread by volunteers in preparation for planting in May & June. If you are willing to assist bring a fork and barrow to our next working bee on Sunday 26th April between 9.30 - 11.30 a.m. (BYO Cup for morning tea). If you can't come on the day but would like to help out at another time please phone Judy Jack on 5983-1034.

Mornington Peninsula Shire Council have initiated a vegetation survey of the reserve. This information will be useful in planning for continued revegetation work and it is expected to be done early Spring. Also a feasibility study on creating an ephemeral wetland in the reserve is being undertaken by the shire. This will involve investigating how to retain water in the reserve for longer periods of time thus adding to the diversity of wildlife it can support.

The Koala Reserve is a wonderful asset to the Somers community and is a valuable link in the network of vegetation between HMAS Cerberus and Coolart. We encourage you to join in its continuing development, maintenance and in monitoring the ever increasing wildlife population.

Tree Planting - Somers Primary School

Somers Primary School still has plans to get the igloo in the back of the school up and going. Once set up the school will become part of the "Tree Project" (a volunteer organisation who grow trees for rural vegetation project). Anyone interested can contact Judy Jack on 5983-1034.

SIGHTINGS OF KOALAS IN VICTORIA. (STATE WIDE).

Julie Prior from the Wildlife Care Network in Victoria wants people to ring her regarding koala sightings particularly in Urban/Residential Country areas. Contact Julie on 0412-395-963.



PARKS VICTORIA/COAST ACTION - GRANTS.

FOLKLAW has been very fortunate recently in successfully obtaining two grants. I (Alison) put together a proposal for a Parks Victoria Grant to produce Educational Awareness material to hand out to schools and the general community about Living with Koalas. Part of the grant is to produce a magnetic card for people to place on their refrigerator with the Wildlife emergency contact numbers. So we can have input from all members of FOLKLAW a special sub-committee has been formed to implement this project. If you are interested in this project please phone Alison on 5983-8634. It is anticipated that this project will be completed before our Annual General Meeting.



Roger Richards also put together a very successful application for further work to be done by Friends of the Promenade through a Coast Action Grant to regenerate the area around the Promenade in Somers. This is a great example of people caring for their own environment.

If you are interested in this project, please contact Roger during the week on his Melbourne No. 9836-2670.

JENNIE BRYANT - Wildlife Carers Report

For urgent calls Jennie can be contacted on 5979-1542 or Mobile No. 0417 395 883.

INTERNET SITES

Michelle Wood has now taken on the job of updating our Internet site and responding to Email received. We have received letters from overseas. If any members are on the Internet and wish to contact us regarding FOLKLAW activities or other items of interest, please Email Michelle on:-

Sites which may interest you are:-

FOLKLAW <http://www.vicnet.net.au/~folklaw/>

AKF <http://www.gil.com.au/~akfkoala>

email: akfkoala@gil.com.au

LAND FOR WILDLIFE

<http://www.nre.vicgov.au/plntanml/native/landfor/index.htm>

NEWS FROM FOK AT PHILLIP ISLAND.

It is always a pleasure to read about the activities The Friends of the Koalas Inc. at Phillip Island are involve in. It always seems to give inspiration and the will to keep going. There Calendar of Events for all the Phillip Island Environment Groups is a wonderful idea and shows just how busy their year is.

We would like to try and organise a special trip to Phillip Island on one of their Koala Count days which are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. If you are interested please send back the reply form attached nominating your date of preference, then we will contact you regarding cost and date etc. Let's aim for August or September.

I would like to visit the Phillip Island Group. _____

My preferred date is _____

Please contact me _____ on _____

Please send back to FOLKLAW, C/o Post Office, Somers, 3927 by 30th May, 1998.

FOLKLAW AIMS

(Friends Of Local Koala, Land And Wildlife)

- 1 To protect and enhance Koala habitat and indigenous flora and fauna of the Mornington Peninsula / Western Port Region's and to preserve the existing Koala Colonies.
- 2 To ensure the completion and implementation of the MP Kola Conservation Strategy.
- 3 To promote, and participate in the establishment and extension of Koala habitat on, both public and private land, throughout the Mornington Peninsula / Western Port Region.
- 4 To contribute to the promotion and protection of the indigenous flora and fauna of the Mornington Peninsula / Western Port Region.
- 5 To educate the community and to create awareness of the problems facing Koalas and other wildlife in the MP/WP Region, and to promote public participation in the solutions.
- 6 To work with with appropriate government departments and other relevant bodies in the monitoring and management Koalas and their habitat in the MP/WP Region.
- 7 To liaise with other Koala Conservation groups, thereby participating in protection of Koalas nationally.
- 8 To raise funds for local Koala research and to support the group's work, or other public activities which support the group's general aims.
- 9 To do whatever else is necessary to promote the aims of FOLKLAW.



MEMBERSHIP FORM (ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION)

Please enroll me as a Member of the FOLKLAW

NAME:

ADDRESS:

I enclose cash / cheque / money order to the value of: \$.....

*(Please make any cheques payable to FOLKLAW,
and mail to FOLKLAW Treasurer, c/o Somers P/O, SOMERS 3927)*

Please circle one of the following categories:

FAMILY	\$20	FAMILY, CONCESSION	\$15
ADULT	\$15	CONC./STUDENT	\$10

AND / OR DONATION: \$5 \$10 \$15 \$20 \$30 \$40 \$50 OTHER:

For office use only:

Receipt issued
Date:

Membership card No.
Date: