



# Brisbane Ranges Friends News

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## Upcoming Events

**Sunday 18 March**  
**10.15am, Steiglitz Courthouse**  
Waterwatch and weed removal at Sutherlands Creek

## FoBR Membership Fees

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*Anakie Gorge*  
*Photo: Wendy Cook*

## Activity Report

Colin Cook

Our February activity had us undertaking track maintenance between the Anakie Gorge and Stony Creek picnic areas. Pruners, loppers and saws in hand we set off along the track.

Although we haven't done this section of track for a while, the condition was pretty good and it needed more of a trim than a full blown haircut. What was also pleasant to note was the lack of rubbish we collected along the length of the track, which would have barely filled a bucket.

A brief stop was made to inspect the Velvet Daisy Bush plants near the track, which were busy pumping out seeds and looking quite happy with their lot.

## New Rangers

We've lost one Ranger and gained two more. Lauren Cogo has gone to a permanent Ranger job at Echuca. Alice McDougall and Luke Gunstream started with Parks Vic at Bacchus Marsh recently and will be involved with the Brisbane Ranges and Steiglitz, and we hope to see them in the park on a regular basis.

# VNPA NatureWatch Project

Colin Cook

NatureWatch is planning to organise a workshop to sort out a project plan for running a sound recording program in the Brisbane Ranges, with the aim to identify bird species by their calls.

At the moment, I am just gathering expressions of interest for attending the workshop, which will most likely run from 10am to about 2-3pm on a weekday.

Discussions in the workshop will provide the information for NatureWatch to write a project plan so we can run a "how to" workshop and commence recording later in the year.

If you can't attend the workshop, you are more than welcome to participate via any messaging medium you prefer. Please let me know of your interest in attending the first workshop.

# For your diary! Join us

## Sunday 18 March

Waterwatch testing and weed removal along Sutherlands Creek.

Meet at the Steiglitz Courthouse carpark at 10:15am with all the usual gear. Bring your favourite mattock for attacking gorse seedlings.

## Sunday 8 April

TBA

**Your articles:** We would love to publish your stories of bushwalking in the Brissies. Send in your contributions to [friends\\_br@yahoo.com.au](mailto:friends_br@yahoo.com.au)



FOBR and friends at the Community Conservationists film launch  
Photo: Bev Phillips

# Phascogale Project

Colin Cook

On Friday 9th February, a few FoBR-ites and some students and teachers from Wyndham Central College attended the launch of Remember The Wild's Community Conservationists short films.

In the words of Remember The Wild "Community Conservationists is about celebrating the tree-planters, the wildlife carers, the citizen scientists, and anyone else who is putting in the hard yards for the good of us all. By sharing their stories we aim to better connect people with the nature and conservation issues on which they work, as well as help them to attract more support from our community. We promote our Community Conservationists stories far and wide and allow the groups to use them whenever and wherever they want, so they may inspire others."

All of the films we saw that night were very well made and an inspiration. Check out the full set at <http://www.rememberthewild.org.au/initiatives/community-conservationists/>.

We will be undertaking more work with Wyndham College during the year, but the program is yet to be finalised.



Phascogale near Aeroplane Rd  
Photo: David Whelan



# Out and about in the Brissies



Velvet Daisy Bush going to seed



Spring wildflowers



'Tis the season for birds like this Horsfield's Bronze-cuckoo and Eastern Yellow Robin  
Photos: Kristen Cook



Damselfly



Fauna survey with Geelong Field Nats - frogs, lizards and invertebrates of the tile grids

