



NEWSLETTER(1) – 10th July, 2016

Important Notice

Landholders with Water Frontage licences on the Yarra River and Hoddles Creek that were due to expire on the 30th June 2016, are being offered a three month grace period till 30th September 2016. See the attached document.

YOU MUST LET THEM KNOW YOU AGREE TO THIS EXTENSION-- send a confirmation email to DELWP(property.port Phillip@delwp.vic.gov.au) asap.

If you do not confirm this extension it would allow DELWP to prosecute for cattle on their crown reserve.

Dear Member,

The YWG Committee reports the following,

The local CFA gave the committee a briefing on their involvement with the Yellingbo Investigation and their opinion of the fire risks these vegetation corridors pose. They confirmed our view that the investigation took little notice of any of the CFA's submissions in it's final recommendations . Not even a CFA member on the new committee of Management.

A map was produced showing how these interconnecting vegetation corridors could cause major fire disaster for our whole region.

Christina Ellnor spoke to the committee about the likely increase in insurance premiums with the increased fire risk.

We are going to have one or two properties valued to show how the State Emblems Conservation Area will devalue our properties.

Committee will be asking for a proper Fire Risk Assessment(can cost six figure sums) as is done for any other major government projects

It was discussed how Haining Farm in Launching Place was bequeathed to the government for the express purpose of teaching school kids about farming and farm animals by the Reid family. The proposal to completely revegetate is contrary to this.



Research into the existing fence lines under Melbourne Waters Stream Frontage Scheme is ongoing, we urge members not to agree to any fence changes till we get more information.

Many “letters of concern” have been sent by members, we encourage more to be sent.

The committee adopted a long term mission statement: -**“The long term aim of the Yarra Waterways Group is that the inclusion of Crown River Reserves of the Yarra River and Little Yarra River, Badger Creek and Britannia Creeks into the State Emblems Conservation Area be stalled and reviewed “.**

Jenny reports the current membership at [REDACTED] we encourage more people to join up and pay membership.

The committee is currently preparing a major submission to go to the minister about our concerns over this State Emblems Conservation Area.

We will notify members shortly about a date for the next public meeting.

REGARDS

Committee of the YARRA WATERWAYS GROUP.