

Voluntary Committees of Management Newsletter

Edition 9 - June 2016

Foreword

Welcome to a special edition of the Voluntary Committees of Management Newsletter. This edition is dedicated to celebrating those committees that received awards for their outstanding contribution to the management of Crown land reserves.

Last year's inaugural *Committee of Management Volunteer Week Awards* provided a fantastic opportunity to showcase and recognise some of our committees and their members. Congratulations to the winners and thank you to everyone who took the time to nominate.

On behalf of the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, I would also like to thank all our committee members for your continued commitment to managing Victoria's precious public land.

We rely on your dedication and passion of the local community to keep our outdoor spaces safe, clean, accessible and looking good.

This newsletter is for voluntary committees of management state wide. We love seeing your initiatives and achievements. This is your newsletter, and I encourage you to share your stories and achievements with committees across the state.

Please send comments, suggestions or articles to voluntary.committees@delwp.vic.gov.au



Chris Padovani

Acting Regional Director, Port Phillip Region



Loch Sport Foreshore CoM manages part of the foreshore in beautiful Gippsland, where groyne replacement works have started.



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Gippsland:
Grampians:
Loddon Mallee:
Barwon South West:

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The Walhalla Board of Management, Gippsland

The Walhalla Board of Management manages several Crown land reserves within the historic township of Walhalla.



Walhalla Mechanics Institute

These include the following tourist draw-cards; the Walhalla Long Tunnel Extended Mine, the Chinese Gardens, the heritage listed buildings of the Walhalla Post Office, and the Mechanics Institute.



Walhalla Post Office

Congratulations to John Buchecker of the Walhalla Board of Management for receiving an award at the inaugural Committee of Management Volunteer Week Awards. John has been a member of the Board for six years and during this time he has managed the Old Post Office, contributed to applications for grants to maintain and conserve the building, and has created and coordinated a team of volunteers to open the building to the public.

Is your CoM on Facebook?

DELWP's communication team would love to have a link to your **Facebook** page. We can assist you to promote the fantastic work you are doing and find potential new CoM members. Please email your Facebook page to voluntarycommittees@delwp.vic.gov.au

Heidelberg Historical Society, Port Phillip

Nick Gammon has received an award for his information technology contribution to the Heidelberg Historical Society. He has designed and implemented a large suite of programs covering volunteer rosters, resource access, and development and management of 17 databases. His work has increased membership, increased publicity for the society, encouraged participation by members, and provided accurate statistics that will be relevant to future grant applications.



Nick Gammon of Heidelberg Historical Society and Victoria Purdue

Victoria Purdue, Program Manager Regional Planning and Approvals Port Phillip Region presented the award to Nick for his laudable contribution to this voluntary committee of management.

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Celebrating our voluntary Committees of Management in the Loddon Mallee Region

DELWP Loddon Mallee celebrated National Volunteer Week by awarding certificates of appreciation to 38 volunteers.



Rushworth Public Park Reserve Committee of Management

The awards recognise the volunteers' efforts and achievements in managing and caring for much-loved reserves and community facilities.



Echuca Historical Society Incorporated

Popular local spots in the region including the Kyneton Racecourse, Echuca Historical Society Museum, the former Castlemaine Courthouse, Rushworth Public Park Reserve and the Old Fryerstown School are managed by volunteer CoMs, responsible for the ongoing maintenance and enhancement of the land.



Gary Buckley of Kyneton Racecourse Reserve CoM



Moora Racecourse Recreation Reserve



Fryerstown Community Reserve



Fryerstown Community Reserve Committee

DELWP Loddon Mallee Regional Manager, Adam Melis said "We absolutely rely on the generosity and passion of the local community to keep our outdoor spaces safe, clean, accessible and looking good."



Castlemaine Historical Society



Castlemaine Historical Society Incorporated

Committee of Management volunteers are the unsung custodians of our great outdoors, lending their hands to help manage Victoria's public land estate."

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Fawcett Mechanics Institute – Fawcett Hall on Spring Creek, Hume



Fawcett Mechanics Institute Reserve Committee of Management

Fawcett Hall was founded in 1882 by local residents wanting to provide a library for the education and enjoyment of the local community.

It fell into terrible disrepair and at one time was almost demolished. The restoration of the Hall has been a significant catalyst in bringing today's Fawcett community together, providing a place to gather for enjoyment and to distribute information.

A majority of the grants money was raised by efforts from local volunteers such as Jan Young.

In 2014, the committee with the community planned and built a new kitchen, new toilets, and outdoor decking connecting the new extension to the original building. They also built in environmentally sustainable design elements including connection of storm water pipes to tanks; septic plumbing to reuse rain/grey water from the kitchen and toilets; and solar panels to offset electricity costs.

This was completed with a budget of \$63,000 via Regional Development Victoria's funding "Putting Locals First Program" and it brought the entire community together. Community members who were qualified tradespeople worked alongside others to make the renovation happen over 12 months.

With a population of only 90 permanent residents this has been an amazing effort.

The entire CoM was nominated for volunteer awards and received them personally and on behalf of their great community.

Heyfield Wetlands CoM, Gippsland

Members of the Heyfield Wetlands Committee of Management Incorporated nominated six of its nine members for the inaugural Committee of Management Volunteer Week Awards. DELWP extended the awards to recognise the work of **all the members** of the committee.



Heyfield Wetlands CoM with Carole Macmillan, Regional Manager (second from right).

The certificates acknowledged the various tasks undertaken by each member in managing and caring for the beautiful Wetlands Reserve in Heyfield.

Edward Artso was also recognised for 14 years of service alongside Wendy Rhodes for her 23 years of service. Congratulations and thank you to these hard-working volunteers!

Guidance notes and simple model policies available!

New, easy-to-read guidance notes and simple model policies that CoMs need are now available. Contact your local DELWP regional office or go to the new 'Committees of management' support module on the website:

www.delwp.vic.gov.au/committees

CoMs guidelines – updated!

The *Committees of management responsibilities and good practice guidelines* have been updated.. Please use the new version, available from your local DELWP regional office or the website:

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Kilmany Public Hall and Recreation Reserve CoM, Gippsland

Over 130 years of combined volunteer service by the Kilmany Public Hall and Recreation Reserve Committee has been recognised.



Bill Henebery (left) with Mike Timpano

Pictured above is Gippsland's Regional Director, Mike Timpano, presenting long-serving volunteer, Bill Henebery, with a Recognition Award recognising **50 years of service** to the Kilmany Public Hall and Recreation Reserve Committee.



Kilmany Public Hall and Recreation Reserve Committee with Mike Timpano, Gippsland Regional Director (far left)

Mike Timpano also presented the other members of the committee with awards, including significant milestones of 30 plus years.

Theft Alert

A number of hot water units have been stolen from public halls and buildings. Two units were stolen from Crown land reserves very recently. We encourage CoMs to secure their units to discourage thieves.

Does your CoM have email?

CoMs are encouraged to create an email for their committee. Something like kilmany-CoM@email.com. The Department can provide this to anyone wishing to get in touch. Once you have an email address please let your DELWP regional contact know or send it to voluntary.committees@delwp.vic.gov.au

Great Southern Rail Trail, Gippsland

Public use of the popular Great Southern Rail Trail in Gippsland has been made safer thanks to the recent lopping and removal of dangerous trees.

In partnership with DELWP, the Great Southern Rail Trail CoM recently organised an extensive audit of potentially hazardous trees along the trail.



Great Southern Rail Trail

Neville Pulham, committee chairperson said: "We appreciate the support given to our volunteer committee by DELWP." Congratulations are also in order for Neville who received his award in the recent CoM Volunteer Week awards.

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AWARD WINNING VOLUNTEERS:



Barwon South West
Region

Dunkeld Community Centre

Mary-Ann Brown, Heather Macgugan, Doug Fleming, John Prust, Nikki Parker, Christina Manolas, Marcia Macgugan

Hawksdale Racecourse and Reserve

Anne-Maree Huglin, Maxine Keane, Kate Julius, Jenny Ryan

Kirkstall Recreation Reserve

Rochelle Hine, Sharon Wohlers, Leah Brown, Debbie Lenehan, Brian Lenehan, Daryl Brown, Mark Shanley, Tim Mahoney, Gerard Kearney

Wallacedale Public Hall

John Whyte, Barabara Hinchliffe

Woolsthorpe Hall

Kathryn Anne Ewenson, David Richardson, Denis Richardson, Margaret Richardson, Kim Williams, Karen Mahony

Yeodene Hall

William Phillips



Grampians
Region

Dooen Public Hall

Kola Kennedy, Maxwell Johns

Dooen Recreation Reserve

Laurence Pearson

Garibaldi Hall

Steve Hodgetts

Gordon Public Park

Mary-Teresa Ritchie, Sophie Benkemoun, Adam Frazer, Therese Winter, Lisa Ferguson

Maude Recreation Reserve

Lexie Stray

Yendon Recreation Reserve

Kay Paton



Loddon Mallee
Region

Castlemaine Historical Society Inc.

Carol Dorman, Walter Dunstan, Warwick Anderson, John Starr, Ken Gifkins, Elizabeth Day, Alleyne Hockley, Ian Hockley, Clive Willman, David Major, Peter Benson, Mary O'Toole, Ross Williams, Graeme Day

Echuca Historical Society Inc.

Heather Rendle, Jan Hollingsworth, Margaret Hart, Diedre Coombs, Mesh Thomson, Dorothy Hamond

Fryerstown Community Reserve Committee

Tim Todhunter, Stephanie Holt, Jeanette Ballinger, Jodi Oakman, Lynne Landy, Ritchie Hewett, Paul Gahan, Chris McAuliffe

Kyneton Racecourse Reserve Committee

Gary Buckley

Moora Racecourse Recreation Reserve

Max Matthey, George Ralph

Romsey Mechanics Institute Committee

Kathy Lakey

Rushworth Public Park Reserve CoM Inc.

Peter Raglus, Kaylene Raglus, Peter Schade, David Perry, Ian Riley, Marion Riley



Port Phillip
Region

Heidelberg Historical Society Inc.

Nick Gammon

Merricks Beach Foreshore Reserve CoM

William (Bill) Cleveland

Pakenham Upper Recreation Reserve CoM

Paul Garvey

Christopher Gunton

Point Leo Foreshore CoM

Phillip Trigger

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Gippsland Region

East Gippsland Rail Trail CoM Inc.

Andrew Sharpe, Brian Gustus, John Nelson, Michael Oxer

Gippsland Plains Rail Trail Inc.

Andrew Ashworth, Anthony Richards, Beth Ripper, Christine Richards, Dianne Honey, Eleisha Keogh, Helen Hoppner, John Cahill, Tania Brooker

Grand Ridge Rail Trail CoM Inc.

Brian Cook, Neil Trease

Great Southern Rail Trail CoM Inc.

Neville Pulham

Heyfield Wetlands CoM Inc.

Daniel ('Dan') Davies, Peter Lawrence, Wendy Rhodes, Lynda ('Lyn') Judd, Genoneva ('Gena') Hughes, Barry Donahoe, Terence ('Terry') Stephenson, Edward ('Ted') Artso, Michael ('Mike') Kube

Hinnomunjie Recreation Reserve

Stuart Stagg

Kilmany Public Hall and Recreation Reserve Inc.

William ('Bill') Henebery, Thomas Wallace, John ('Ron') Healey, Ian McMahon, Paul March, Ronald Morton, Jean Morton, Gabrielle Wallace, Glenda Anderson

Seaspray Reserves CoM Inc.

Diana Teo, John Morgan, Daniel Rodaughan, Peter Lawrence

Walhalla Board of Management Inc.

John Buchecker

Walhalla Tourist Railway CoM Inc.

David Balfour, Geoffrey Anderson

Hume Region



Corryong Recreation Reserve

Marilyn Hill

El Dorado Museum Association Inc.

Sue Phillips, Trent Cupid, Don Stewart, Dave De Prada, Eric Ramsay, Howard Phillips, Robert Godfrey

Fawcett Mechanics Institute Reserve CoM

Sam Hicks, Ian Newman, Sandra Macalister, Les Perry, Lyn Mulhall, Joy Burchell, Jimmy Young, Jim Swanton, Geoff Sparke, Bernhard Sauerbeck

Harrietville Tronoh Reserve Committee

Eleanor Hoy

Mongans Bridge Caravan Park Inc.

Elwyn Ried

Narbethong Public Hall Committee Inc.

Jennifer Wood

Reedy Creek Progress Association Inc.

Karen Zanini, Gail Griggs,

Rowen Park

John Maddock, Scott Carroll

Swanpool Memorial Hall and Recreation Reserve Committee Inc.

Ian Herbet

Walwa Services Memorial Hall Committee

John ("Red") Stuart

Want to share your stories in Edition 10?

DELWP is seeking contributions for Edition 10 and would also welcome any feedback on the frequency of the newsletter and its content. Please send any comments, suggestions or articles and photos to voluntary.committees@delwp.vic.gov.au

List of available grants

More information can also be obtained by calling the Grants Info Line on 1300 366 356 between 8.30 am and 5.00 pm Monday to Friday (excl. public holidays).

Federal government grants: <http://www.business.gov.au/grantfinder/grantfinder.aspx>

Grants Victoria: <http://www.vic.gov.au/grants.html>

Grant name	Purpose	Amount	Key dates	Website
Melbourne Heritage Restoration Fund and Yarra Heritage Restoration Fund	Restoration works to places of identified historical significance under a heritage overlay in the City of Melbourne. Restoration works to places of identified historical significance under a heritage overlay in the City of Yarra.	Assessed on case by case basis	26 July 2016 25 October 2016	http://www.vhrf.org.au/
Restoring Community War Memorials and Avenues of Honour Grants Program	Supports communities in Victoria to ensure local war memorials, honour rolls and avenues of honour are restored to their original condition or improved to reflect the service history of the local community.	Up to \$20,000	Ongoing	http://www.dpc.vic.gov.au/index.php/veterans/veterans-grants/commemorative-grants-restoring-war-memorials-and-avenues-of-honour
Restoring Community War Memorials and Avenues of Honour Grants Program	Restore/ improve local war memorials, honour rolls, avenues of honour	Up to \$20,000	Ongoing	http://www.dpc.vic.gov.au/index.php/veterans/veterans-grants/commemorative-grants-restoring-war-memorials-and-avenues-of-honour
Community Sports Infrastructure Fund	To help provide high-quality, accessible community sport and recreation facilities across Victoria	Up to \$100,000	Ongoing	http://www.sport.vic.gov.au/community-sports-infrastructure-fund
Melbourne Water Corridors of green funding	To improve river health through the corridors of green program.	Up to \$20,000	Ongoing	http://www.melbournewater.com.au/getinvolved/applyforfunding/pages/corridors-of-green-funding.aspx
Public Safety on Public Land – Major Projects	To improve public safety on public land through projects such as reconstruction or reinforcement of major structures, demolition of major structures, decontamination, control visitor access, or tree risk projects.	\$20,000 and more	Contact your local DELWP representative	Applications must be made through your local DELWP representative.