



December 2014 Newsletter

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High Profile Visitor at Williams Road Beach

Minister for Environment and Climate Change Ryan Smith attended Williams Road Beach Melway: 101 E9 on October 1st to view firsthand the work being carried out by Ann and her dedicated team.

The Minister was greeted and briefed about Ann's activities by CHRIS PADOVANI, Regional Manager - Land, Planning and Approvals, Port Phillip Region, Department of Environment and Primary Industries before a site inspection with Ann walking and talking along the Mt Eliza coastline. The unprecedented visit was to highlight the latest round of Coastcare grants of which Williams Road beach was a recipient.

Photos curtesy of Phillip Wierzbowski (DEPI Vic)



On Wednesday December 10th 2 pm – 4 pm. Dr Jeff Yugovic will speak on 'Predator ecology and the Mornington Peninsula tree decline phenomenon' at the Frankston Environmental Friends Network, Council Chambers, Frankston City Council offices, via the external stairs in Young Street. Jeff will analyse this major conservation issue relating to the current overpopulation of ringtail possum and practical ways of saving trees will be the focus of discussion.

Friends of Williams Road Beach



As a part of the Shires ongoing process to meet and engage with local communities their monthly meeting was held in Mt Eliza where Ann Scholes Coordinator of Williams Road Beach gave an overview of her bushland restoration project to Mornington Peninsula Shire Councillors. The slide show presentation was warmly received and appreciated.

Dates for your Diary	
Friends Groups return	March 1 st 2015 onwards
MEAFEC AGM	Tuesday 21-Apr-2015

Mount Eliza plateau recognised

Mount Eliza is on the map – the geomorphology map. Mount Eliza is a low granodiorite mountain partly mantled with Red Bluff Sandstone (formerly Baxter Sandstone). The highest area is an undulating plateau which is gently inclined towards the coast. Five creeks drain the coastal fall of Mount Eliza: Sweetwater Creek, Kackeraboite Creek, Ballar Creek, Earimil Creek and Gunyong Creek. In contrast, the steep inland fall known as the Mount Eliza escarpment is drained by Balcombe Creek.

Mount Eliza is part of the Mornington Peninsula horst block uplifted by bounding faults which include Selwyn Fault on the west side. The granodiorite is relatively resistant to erosion which explains why it is a mountain. It has existed as a low mountain for millions of years.

In Victorian Resources Online, the Mount Eliza plateau is mapped as 'low elevation plateau and broad ridges' which is set within 'very low elevation plateaux'. Please visit the DEPI website below.

[http://vro.depi.vic.gov.au/dpi/vro/portreg.nsf/pages/port_if_geomorphology_pdf/\\$FILE/gmus_ptphlp_708b.pdf](http://vro.depi.vic.gov.au/dpi/vro/portreg.nsf/pages/port_if_geomorphology_pdf/$FILE/gmus_ptphlp_708b.pdf)

Are you on the Mount Eliza plateau? See if you can locate your home on this map to determine your geomorphological unit (Area Description).



Area Description
Southern Uplands

3.2.1 Low elevation plateau and broad ridges

3.3.1 Very low elevation plateaux

Thankyou to our Members, Supporters and Volunteers

In 2014 MEAFEC has overseen several grant projects and is still dealing with the clearing of Mt Eliza Secondary College, because of your support we continue to fight for the preservation of Mt Eliza's Indigenous Flora and Fauna.

Our dedicated group leaders Ann, Jeff, Ross, Gerard, and Coralie are to be thanked enormously for donating generously of their time and guiding you our Friends Volunteers.

The Committee appreciates your loyal support of our causes and would like to thank you the MEAFEC members for everything you have contributed in 2014 and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Des, Peter, Meredith, Judy, Jeff, Ross, Carol and Cathy, your MEAFEC Committee.