



Committee of Management Inc.

Our Fascinating Foreshore



Sunday June 18 2017



Program

- (11am) **Welcome**

- **Presentations**

- (11.05) Coastal Geology of Corinella
- (11.35) Vegetation & Landscapes of the Corinella Area

Mike Cleeland (Paleontologist, Geologist, Educator)

Alison Oates (Botanical Ecologist, Environmental Consultant)

- (12.05) 5 minute break
- (12.10) Management of the Foreshore Reserve
- (12.40) Birds and their Changing World

Peter Merritt (Dept Environment, Land, Water & Planning)

Nicolas Day (Educator, Bird Illustrator)

- (1.10pm) **Light lunch**

- (1.35 – 3pm) **Optional Walks**

- Groups gather – register for walk; leave Community Hall and walk to destination
- Group 1 - Walk Cuthbert Street to O'Connor Road – *Botanical Walk* Alison Oates
- Group 2 - Walk Balcombe Road to Jetty - *Shorebirds of Corinella* Nicolas Day
- Group 3 - Beach Street to the cliffs – *Coastal Geology of Corinella* Mike Cleeland

Mike Cleeland

- Mike Cleeland is from a long-standing Phillip Island family, and has lived in the region his whole life
- He is a palaeontologist, geologist and educator
- Mike has found several new species of dinosaurs in this area, as well as a giant ancient amphibian that lived in the rivers of the valley that existed in South Gippsland over 100 million years ago. The amphibian has been jointly named after him and Lesley Kool – the *Koolasuchus cleelandi*
- Mike is the Education officer at the Bunurong Environment Centre at Inverloch where he runs education programs for schools and visitors, including field trips to the Inverloch dinosaur dig.



Coastal Geology of Corinella

Alison Oates

- Alison is a local botanical ecologist with over 25 years' experience in both the public and private sector in Gippsland.
- She started her career at the Museum of Victoria in the 1970's working on the Victorian Aboriginal ethnographic collection.
- She worked for a number of years for the then Department of Sustainability and Environment mapping vegetation communities (EVCs) including in the Gippsland and Port Phillip-Westernport regions .
- For the past 8 years she has worked as a consultant on a wide range of projects, including the preparation of a number of vegetation management plans for Phillip Island Nature Parks and conducting pre- and post- burn flora surveys for DELWP.
- Her current project is working with the Gunaikurnai Aboriginal people of Gippsland developing a traditional plant food usage database.

Vegetation & Landscapes of the Corinella Area

- Corinella Jetty east towards Tenby Point. This photo was around 1935
- Historically, the landscape was cleared or grazed; fence lines in the day went well below the high water mark impacting on mangroves.



Vegetation & Landscapes of the Corinella Area

- Settlement Point sporting precinct is now known as the Oval
- There was a cricket pitch and tennis court.
- The area had been cleared.





Vegetation & Landscapes of the Corinella Area



5 Minute Break

Peter Merritt

- Peter Merritt has worked for the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) for 17 years
- Peter has a Bachelor of Science, specializing in Zoology and Genetics, and a Masters Degree in Environmental Science
- He is currently Senior Environmental Planner in the Regional Planning and Approvals section of the Gippsland Forest, Fire and Regions department



Management of the Foreshore

Nicolas Day

- Nicolas is a committee member of Birdlife Bass Coast and has worked as Keeper at Melbourne Zoo for 3 years
- He has led environmental interpretations, walks and courses locally and throughout mainland Australia
- He has been illustrating birds for many years for publication, and his works have been commissioned for a variety of expeditions and field trips to remote parts of the globe
- His works can be seen in various collections including the Victorian Arts Centre Trust, State Library of Victoria, and private collections through Canada, USA, UK, NZ and Australia (including National Parks Association of the ACT)
- Nicolas has lived at Tenby Point for 30 years, is currently a ranger at Phillip Island Nature Parks and is teaching art weekly at Bass Community Centre



Birds and Their Changing World

Walking Groups

Next: Light lunch, followed by optional Walk (*form groups at 1.50 pm*)

Group 1 *Plants of the Reserve* with Alison Oates Walk Cuthbert Street to O'Connor Road

(gather front left corner of the Hall)

Group 2 *Shorebirds of Corinella* with Nicholas Day Balcombe Street

(gather front right corner of the Hall)

Group 3 *Geology of Corinella* with Mike Cleeland Beach Street to the cliffs

(note: steps to the beach – not suitable for those with limited mobility)

(gather rear right corner of the Hall)