

Newsletter 289 November 2019

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Friends of Chiltern Mt Pilot NP Newsletter #289 Nov 2019

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Dear Friends,

November Field Day

The attendees split into two groups with one proceeding to Bartley's Block where about 800 Caper Spurge seedlings were removed. This weed needs to be monitored fairly frequently so that it does not go to seed and get out of control. The Vinca (Blue Periwinkle) area is also being carefully monitored and any seedlings that appear are removed. After weeding, this group explored the block and checked out the Coconut Ants. The second group went to the White Box Walk to weed and check markers. Both groups gathered at the Honeyeater Picnic Area to consume the usual bun.

2020 Friends Calendar

The 2020 calendar features a variety of aspects of the Park as can be seen from the flier below. The calendar is our main fundraiser for the year and copies are available from the Chiltern Post Office. Details of how to order or buy are provided below.

Friends of Chiltern-Mt Pilot National Park 2020 Calendar



Photographers

Eileen Collins, Ann Killeen, Kim Radnell, Karen Retra, Kaye Trainor,
Simon Bennett, Joseph Birkhead, Neil Blair, Philip Dubbin, Chris Edwards,
Brian Pritchard, Neville Bartlett and Kit Haselden Photography

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A Long-legged Fly – Heteropsilopus sp. (Dolichopodidae) – Eileen Collins

This large group of small flies are characterised by their long legs and metallic colours. Usually found perching on plant leaves where they stalk their prey, mostly small arthropods. There are in excess of 300 described species in Australia. Source: Farrow. Insects of S.E. AustraliaA Long-legged Fly – photo: Jan Heywood



Ranger's Report – Brian Pritchard

Contractors have completed control works on St John's Wort at Rutherglen NCR, Grasslands Block and Bridal Creeper around Chiltern. Roads have been graded in the Mt Pilot Section. All of our eight project fire fighters have now commenced work and pre-fire season track clearing and hazard removal is continuing. Over the next month contractors will commence fox and pig control programs in the park.

Rainfall

For October: 9 mm. Year to date: 369 mm. Last year we had 310 mm for the year up to the end of October.

NEXT MEETING – SUNDAY 1st DECEMBER 2019 This will be our Christmas Tea meeting to celebrate another very busy and successful year. BYO a meal to share. Meet at the Honeyeater Picnic Area at 4:00pm. Field contact: Neville on 0412 399 2392020

Friends Calendars – Order Details

Stop Press: copies can be purchased at the Chiltern Post Office. The 2020 calendars cost \$20 each plus \$11.20 postage/packaging if you need to have them posted. This is now the flat rate for ONE calendar countrywide and includes the cost of a padded bag. Postage for 2 to 3 calendars in same bag in Victoria or interstate (max 3 per bag) \$14.45

Please forward your order and cheque to: Friends of Chiltern-Mt Pilot N.P., 69 Conness Street, Chiltern Vic 3683. A limited number will be printed. I.....enclose payment of \$..... for.....calendar(s)

Address:

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Membership It's Time to Renew

Memberships expired on June 30th. Thank you to all who have taken out membership this year. We hope you will continue your support. Friends have achieved a great deal during the past year. Surveys for plants, birds and monitoring, maintaining and surveying mammal boxes, tree planting, weed control and provision of brochures, interpretive signage and park furniture are just some of our contributions. Your support for our activities is valued and your membership renewal is vital to our cause. Membership expires on June 30th of each year. Please ensure your contact details are current.

Please find enclosed my membership of \$15 for 2019-20. The fee covers the whole family and includes 11 newsletters.

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