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June Activity Report

For this activity we had Caitilin, Mike & Cathy, Ken, Matt, Tamara, Gordon, Sharon, Lynn, Jay, Joelle and Darren. Joining the group, we had seven other community members along for the walk. We had apologies from Anita, Beryl, Rose, Peter and Graeme.

The group met in the picnic area and were welcomed by Caitilin. High above in the tree tops a koala was spotted in a little pocket of sunlight. Caitilin thanked everyone who helped make our 40th anniversary celebration such a success. Several of our guests commented on what a lovely afternoon it was. There was a suggestion that as part of our 40th anniversary celebrations we should plant 40 trees in the park (most likely in the vacant area near the junction of Weir and But But Tracks, close to the first bridge across Billys Creek). We will put forward a proposal for the planting of 40 trees to Parks Victoria. If approved, we will complete the planting in a future activity from seedlings that Peter currently has. A mix of local plants would be planted.

West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority is offering Cultural Awareness training on Thursday 16 July. The two-hour session will be facilitated by Jillian West at the Korumburra Community Hub with lunch to follow. If you are interested in attending this training, [please follow this link to fill in the form](#) by 30 June.

The day's activity was a fungi and lichen walk around Fosters Gully. Multiple groups walked at different paces around Fosters Gully. Some enjoyed the opportunity to walk and warm up on the cold morning while others carefully searched beside the track to discover the little gems to be found. A wide variety of lichens and fungi were unearthed. A huge thanks goes to Mike for sharing and identifying his photos from the day.



Pixie's Parasols *Mycena interrupta*



Artomyces colensoi

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Nodding Greenhood *Pterostylis nutans*



Earthstars *Geastrum* sp.



Maybe *Agaricus austrovinaceus*



Coral Fungus *Clavulina* sp.



Gum Milkcap *Lactarius eucalypti*

As the first group completed the full circuit of Fosters Gully, another group had returned from Lynton's Landing. The first group spotted four koalas during their walk. Lunch was had by each group as they returned to the picnic area. Mike had explored in the previous week and some of the fungi he saw are shown on the next pages.



Metacampanella olivaceonigra



Green Wood Cup *Chlorociboria aeruginascens*



Lemon Caps *Gloio-xanthomyces chromolimoneus*



Ruby Bonnets *Cruentamycena viscidocruenta*



Marasmius alveolaris



Yellow Spindles *Clavulinopsis amoena*



Gymnopilus allantopus

The last one, *Gymnopilus allantopus* (if ID is accurate), is apparently a new record for the park, though it's common around the general area.

After lunch each group returned home, and the timing was good since while being dry during the walks it rained soon after, later that afternoon.

July Activity

Sunday 19th July 10am

The group will meet in the Junction Road car park to conduct some track maintenance. You will need to bring your lunch along with clothing and footwear suitable for the weather conditions on the day.