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You are cordially invited to the 2012 Annual General Meeting of the
Friends of the Box Ironbark Forests [Mount Alexander Region]

In the Castlemaine Continuing Education Centre
Templeton St Castlemaine

at 7.30 pm, on Monday, 13 August 2012

After brief reports and elections to the committee, there will be an
illustrated presentation by Damian Kelly on

Challenges and Rewards of Bird Photography

Nominations to the committee are open. They must be signed by
FOBIF members moving and seconding the nomination, and by the
nominee. If insufficient nominations are received by August 13 to fill
all positions, nominations will be accepted at the meeting.

Walks program: Change to September walk

The walk scheduled for September 16 will now take place in the Castlemaine Diggings NHP in the area of Middleton Creek. The distance will be about 8 kilometres, and there will be some off track walking. More details will be posted on www.fobif.org.au in the coming weeks.

Enquiries: Bernard Slattery at 5470 5161

National Tree Day: Come and Have a dig!

FOBIF will be running a small understorey planting and weed clearance working bee at the Chewton Yellow Box on National Tree Day, Sunday July 29, from 10 am to 12 noon. Members coming should wear working gear, and bring a trowel and possibly a mattock—as well as a snack for morning tea. The tree is a hundred metres from where the Great Dividing Trail crosses Forest Creek, near Fairbairn Street.

There's enough work here for about five hundred years, but we've already made a start, and are counting on building on this. Good numbers make for light work—so, the more participants, the merrier.

Mount Alexander Roadside Conservation Management Plan

Council is currently seeking community input and feedback to the Draft Roadside Conservation Management Plan. The Plan contains eighteen actions to guide Council's roadside operations and protection works, including improving communications with the community, Landcare and other agencies about roadsides.

There will be a listening post session at the Maldon Neighbourhood Centre (corner Church and Edward Streets in Maldon) on Wednesday 18 July from 11.30am to 1.30pm. On the following day, Thursday 19 July, a session will be at the Ray Bradfield Room in Castlemaine from 6pm to 8pm for light supper, brief presentation and discussion.

You can find the draft plan at www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/roadsides along with a link to an online survey where you can make comments about the Plan. Enquires can be sent to Kylie Stafford, Council's Natural Environment Officer, at k.stafford@mountalexander.vic.gov.au or 5471 1700. The survey will be open until 5pm Thursday 26 July 2012.

Mount Alexander Municipal Fire Management Plan

This draft plan was open for consultation in June, but consultation sessions were very poorly attended. The plan can be found at [http://www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/Files/MEMP_Sub_Plan - Municipal Fire Mgt Plan - 2012.pdf](http://www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/Files/MEMP_Sub_Plan_-_Municipal_Fire_Mgt_Plan_-_2012.pdf) and a summary FOBIF response can be found at www.fobif.org.au

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