



# **21 YEAR EVENT**

## **TIME LINE**

**1989-2010**

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21 August 2010

## 1989

60+ financial members

- August Val & Jerry McKenna invited public into her home for a slide show and talk given by ACF Save Antarctica campaigner Margaret Moore. 60+ people attended.
- 18 Aug Because of this large number of people in the Broadford area interested in the natural environment a public meeting, chaired by Bill Coppinger, was held in the Broadford Shire Hall. A Steering Committee of Val McKenna, Colin Officer, Joan Amos, Bill Coppinger, Geoff Vale, John Rauris, Bernadette Cornfoot, Wayne Pappin and Bob Tomkins was nominated to form and run this group. We were temporarily known as the "Broadford Conservation Action Group", or even the "Broadford Community Action Movement" but we soon settled on "Broadford Environmental Action Movement", or BEAM.
- Broadford Native Plants Preservation Committee, an active group formed in 1984 by Colin Officer and Jenny Divers, amalgamated with BEAM.
- 19 September Public meeting where the 10 member steering committee presented a group structure and operating proposal for consideration and approval. Office bearers were confirmed.
- 20 September Application #2065 lodged for planning permit by Federation of Gold Mines NI for mineral exploration and prospecting on area including Mt Piper.
- October? BEAM lodges objection to recent application for mineral exploration and prospecting on Mt Piper.
- October BEAM commences and maintains intense public campaign in local press and door knocking residents to oppose mineral exploration and prospecting on Mt Piper.
- October State and federal parliamentarians and members of opposition join in public outcry against mineral exploration on Mt Piper.
- 30 November Public information meeting in Broadford. Guest speaker: Dr Joe Camilleri, environmental activist and reader in politics at Latrobe Uni spoke on urgent environmental issues and the need to keep the public informed
- c. 8 December After receiving 163 objections, Shire of Broadford rejected a recent application for mineral exploration and prospecting on Mt Piper;

and requested appropriate protective zoning or designation be allocated to Mt Piper and environs.

13 December

Kilmore Free Press gives details of Broadford Shire Council rejection of recent application for mineral exploration and prospecting on Mt Piper, and listed some objections to the application.

## 1990

- March 1990 A Constitution written and accepted.
- 1 April BEAM led a bird watching walk in Tallarook Ranges.
- 3 April 20 BEAM members attended public lecture by Dr David Suzuki in Melbourne. He stressed that to survive no project should go ahead which adversely affects clean air, water, soil, and full biodiversity of species. Remember, "if you are not part of the solution, you are part of the problem!"
- 11 May Public information meeting in Broadford. Guest speaker Dr Allan Roberts on "Putting Ecology in its Place? The Economy and the Environment".
- May Working bee - tree planting in Whiteman's Reserve, Broadford.
- 8 June Incorporated as Broadford Environmental Action Movement Inc.
- 16 June Public information meeting in Broadford. Guest speaker: Michael Porcher, on organic farming.
- July Public information meeting in Broadford. Guest speaker: Trevor Blake, on "Organising for an Ecological Australia".
- 15 August AGM in Broadford.
- August Public information meeting in Broadford. Guest speaker: Trish Sykes provided an overview of activities of The Wilderness Society.
- ... Member excursions to Tallarook Ranges, Trawool Valley and Tooleen Forest.
- October Bird hide (partially funded by BOCA) opened at Broadford Sewage Farm.
- ... Masts, cables shed removed by Gas & Fuel Corporation from summit of Mt Piper.
- .... Tree planting at Broadford Sewage Ponds.

## 1991

33 financial members

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| January    | Mt Piper and environs were listed in Butterfly Community No1 under the Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act.   |
| February   | Maintain public awareness of threat to Mt Piper.  |
| February   | submission on Shire of Broadford new draft planning scheme.   |
| February.. | More work on Whiteman Reserve, Broadford, especially watering newly planted plants.   |
| ...        | Public competition held for BEAM logo design – 70+ entries, and the winner was Jenny Divers. For an explanation of the logo see Newsletter # 4, 1991.   |
| February   | Essential ongoing watering at Broadford Sewage Ponds.   |
| February   | BEAM and Broadford Shire Council become aware of dumping of soil from contaminated site (Broadford Wool Scourers) on a property on Elliotts Road and in Chain of Ponds Creek, a tributary of mid Goulburn catchment area.   |
| February   | when requested BEAM suggested the Willy Wagtail as a faunal emblem for the Shire of Broadford, and the Black-eyed Susan as a floral emblem. See newsletter # February 1991  |
| February   | Did BEAM members have anything to do with the recent welcomed announcement that the green grocers in the Broadford Arcade, Lyn Gleeson will be selling a range of organic fruit and vegies?   |
| 13 March   | BEAM opposed Shire of Broadford's proposal for a new tip near the town, and suggests extensive recycling could lessen need for landfill tips.   |
| 9 July     | BEAM receives grant to plant more trees at Broadford Sewage Farm.   |
| 29 August  | BEAM becomes aware of "notice of intention to grant an exploration licence" to Perseverance Corporation Limited which includes Mt Piper. This application might test the precedence of the Flora & Fauna Guarantee Act (in which Mt Piper is currently included) over the Mines Act 1958. |

- August AGM, at which retiring president Andrew Burnett spoke to David Suzuki's comment "if you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem".
- 1 October Public information meeting: guest speaker Andrew Burnett spoke about local and international issues including drift net fishing.
- 12 October Public information meeting in Broadford: guest speaker Dr David Smith, zoologist and award winning natural history film maker talked about his recent book "Continent in Crisis". See summary in Newsletter #4, 1991
- 16 October Public "litter free" picnic in Broadford: guest speakers from Worldwide Home Environmentalists Network. For summary see Newsletter #4, 1991.
- 16 October Public information night at Broadford: guest speaker David Laurie, who discussed the work of two local landcare groups, and how whole farm planning helps fight salinity.
- 19 October Public wildflower walk at Horwood Road (now Colin Officer Flora Reserve) led by Colin Officer and David Laurie.
- 26 October Working bee at Whiteman's Reserve, Broadford. Bring your gumboots.
- ... Submit objection to a mining lease relating to Mt Piper and environs.
- October Recycling Expo at Kilmore. Environment and recycling supplement in Kilmore Free Press principally for children.
- 5 November Public meeting: guest speaker Tim Ekberg, a commercial grower of organic produce. For summary see Newsletter #4, 1991.
- 5 November Motion passed at committee meeting for Margaret Woodgate to commence the BEAM "Clean Food Buying Group". Margaret will use bio-dynamic and organic food whenever possible.
- 8 November Public information night in Broadford: guest speakers Dr Charles Meredith and Dr Robyn Adams spoke on fire ecology. A computer based fire risk assessment package was demonstrated. For a summary see Newsletter #4, 1991.
- 16 November Public information and fundraising stall at Broadford Apex Amateur Show.

- 19 November Public information night: guest speaker Ann Jelinek, DCE Flora & Fauna Guarantee Officer talked about the invertebrate inhabitants of Mt Piper, the current management of Mt Piper and its future. See summary in Newsletter #1, 1992.
- 24 November BEAM hosts visit by 35 members of the Bird Observers Club who visited Broadford Sewage Farm and Peta & Jeff Vale's place at Mt Piper.
- November Detailed explanation of protection of flora and fauna of Mt Piper. see "Is Mt Piper really safe?" in Newsletter #3, 1991.
- November Peta Vale talks about having a conservation covenant on their property adjoining Mt Piper. See "Conservation Covenant" in Newsletter #3, 1991.
- November Several groups offer to grow plants from seeds. See Newsletter #3, 1991.
- ... A Clean Food Purchasing Group established within BEAM.

## 1992

- 4 February BEAM nominated Broadford Shire Council for a care award for their management of polluted water on the forest farm at Broadford Sewage Ponds.
- 4 February Information night: Colin Officer gave an enlightening talk about the extensive mid-Goulburn River Catchment Board. See Newsletter #1, 1992.
- 15 February BEAM BBQ to meet members of Seymour Environment Group, Friends Of Tallarook Ranges, and Strath Valley Environment Group. The kids in particular enjoyed the day!
- February BEAM committee members accompanied the head of the tribunal looking into the Broadford Shire Planning Scheme on an inspection of all the reserves within the town.
- February Details of new recycling symbol on plastic bottles. See Newsletter #1, 1992.
- February What is biodynamics? See Newsletter #1, 1992.
- February New frogwatch field guide available. Article on honeyeaters. See Newsletter #1, 1992.
- 1 March BEAM members inspect houses and properties of 4 members: Tomkins, Rauris/Woodgate, Beilharz, and White/Monsant. See Newsletter #2, 1992.
- 28 March Public information talk at Broadford: guest speaker Tony Fitzpatrick, an amazing long-time Maldon broadacre biodynamic farmer. For insightful and watershed article by Alison Tomkins, Newsletter #2, 1992.
- March information and fundraising stall at Broadford's March Hare Fair.
- March BEAM pleased when Broadford Shire Council recently adopted amendment I4, which dealt with important zoning matters within the Broadford Planning Scheme, including recognition of the strip along Horwood Road containing wildflowers, which later became the Colin Officer Flora Reserve. BEAM, BEAM members and other groups made submissions to this amendment. For summary, see Newsletter #2, 1992.
- March Nominated by BEAM, Shire of Broadford won the Catchment Care Award for management of sewage water. See Newsletter #2, 1992.



- 6 April BEAM information stall at Environmental and Recycling Expo. Themes were reducing waste, re-useable products, recycling. See Newsletter #2, 1992.
- April DCE improve access track to Mt Piper and construct a car park.
- 5 May Environmentally-active questionnaire presented in Newsletter #3, 1992. Try it...
- 2 June Information meeting: Bernadette Cornfoot talked about recycling and reusable products. See Newsletter #3, 1992.
- 20 June BEAM tree planting at Broadford Sewage Farm, followed by sausage sizzle.
- 7 July Information meeting: Colin Officer talked about "birds of the area".
- 4 August AGM in Broadford. As is customary in BEAM the Proceedings of the AGM, including satellite groups and our Environmental Conservation Strategy are included in Newsletter #4, 1992
- 4 August At the AGM Philip Clancy revealed a plan to start a data base of current and historical information about flora and fauna in our area
- 4 August At the AGM, Peta Vale spoke of the value of dead native fauna to science; and Alison Tomkins confessed to what is really in her deep freeze.
- August Colin Officer discusses plan to use wildflower area near #3 Reservoir Broadford as a key part of an environmental master plan for Broadford. See Newsletter #4, 1992
- 6 October BEAM meeting to discuss several planning items, including proposed government "fast tracking" of development matters. See Newsletter #5, 1992
- 6 October New tip at Broadford will be a transfer station. BEAM will be involved in educating public about how to recycle. See Newsletter #5, 1992
- 6 October BEAM submission to mid-Goulburn Regional Landcare
- 11 October Public wildflower walk, at #3 Reservoir, Broadford. The delightful display highlighted need for beam action to protect this and other wildflower areas around Broadford. See Newsletter #5, 1992

- 3 November BEAM meeting viewed an inspiring video showing productive and profitable recycling programmes in Seattle. See Newsletter #5, 1992
- 10 November BEAM formed a subcommittee regarding the planned Broadford Transfer Station. BEAM offered to assist Shire with an education programme
- 10 November Margaret Brisset and Alison Tomkins set up a BEAM seed and plant swapping group
- 14 November Information and fundraising stall at Broadford Amateur Show concentrated on native vegetation, and the transfer station issue
- 29 November Working bee at Whiteman's Reserve
- November response from Minister for Planning to members' enquiries re amendments to the Planning & Environment Act. He really "clarified the situation"... see Newsletter # 1, 1993
- 1 December BEAM'S Christmas Breakup. Children welcomed, of course
- December BEAM members shared a BBQ with Seymour Environment Group at Tallarook
- ... Continued Clean Food Purchasing Group within BEAM

## 1993

- 2 February BEAM meeting, with unexpected guest speaker CFA Mal Lundberg, Supt of Region 12. He explained structure and operations of Region 12, and suggested we incorporate a fire prevention plan in our conservation strategy. See Newsletter #1, 1993
- 2 February VicRoads and Mobil contacted BEAM re planning and planting at their proposed service station on freeway south of Seymour
- 16 February BEAM attended a Flora & Fauna Guarantee Act Regional Forum in Alexandra. The forum then visited Mt Piper. The scientific advisory committee acknowledged the valuable support of BEAM in protecting Butterfly Community No. 1 at Mt Piper. See Newsletter #2, 1993
- 21 February BEAM working bee to prepare seedlings and plants to sell at fundraisers
- February BEAM'S newest and youngest member – congratulation to Marg & John on safe arrival of Hannah
- 2 March BEAM meeting with guest speaker BSC Shire Engineer Bernard Rodda who detailed the new transfer station at Broadford, including retention of vegetation on sides of access road. See Newsletter #2, 1993
- 21 March One of many working bees at Whiteman's Reserve
- 27 March BEAM information and fundraising stall at BPS March Hare Fair
- March To their great credit Broadford Shire Council instigated a change to the Broadford Planning Scheme Amendment I4. The alteration is I8 which is a vegetation overlay on the area surrounding Mt Piper. It is designed to conserve specific habitat which provides food and shelter habitat for members of the Butterfly Community No.1. See Bob Tomkins' extensive explanations in Newsletter #2, 1993
- March Public information meetings in Broadford to explain, especially to residents affected, the objective, value and operation of amendment I8. See Newsletter #2, 1993
- 18 April Working bee at Whiteman's Reserve
- April Colin Officer reveals all about the emus of Puckapunyal. See Newsletter #2, 1993

- 4 May Public information night in Broadford. Guest speaker: enthusiastic Rob Batten, Scientific Officer responsible for conservation and restoration of land and vegetation at Puckapunyal Range
- 8 May BEAM'S visit to Puckapunyal Range, guest of Range Scientific Officer Rob Batten, was an eye-opener. See Newsletter #3, 1993
- 15 May Working bee at Whiteman's Reserve
- May BEAM made submission to Broadford Shire Council about planning scheme amendments No:
- I7 (creekside and flood management of areas within the town),
  - I8 (certain restrictions of clearing of native vegetation in immediate vicinity of Mt Piper), and
  - I10 (400m x 60m area of profuse wildflowers along Horwood Rd currently threatened by proposed subdivision)
- 1 June BEAM secured a fencing grant and met with recipients, the Mt Piper Estate Reserve. A safe playing area for small children will be constructed on the estate
- 13 June BEAM members attended Wallan Field Naturalists field day to trilobite cambrian rocks west of Kilmore, and a second area which contains an underlay of chert.
- 20 June Working bee at Whiteman's Reserve
- June David Laurie urged BEAM members to prepare to respond to DCNR review of disused Tallarook to Mansfield railway line
- 18 July Working bee at Whiteman's Reserve
- ... BEAM submissions by Colin Officer and David Laurie to
- Land Conservation Council regarding the Melbourne Study Area No. 2 dealing with national parks, and
  - Vic Roads regarding planting of native vegetation at proposed Mobil Oil Service Station on freeway south of Seymour. See Newsletter #4, 1993
- ... BEAM invited several councillors and others to inspect wildflower area on Horwood Road (now the Colin Officer Flora Reserve).
- 3 August AGM at Broadford. As usual, extensive proceedings, including appreciation of support by retiring Shire Engineer Bernard Rodda, listed in Newsletter #4, 1993

- 20 August            Memorial exhibition of arts, craft & music, plus folk singing and jam sessions held in Broadford in honour of Jenny Divers, BEAM member and designer of our logo.
- 5 October            BEAM proposed to Broadford Shire Council that the walking track be extended along Sunday Creek to Whiteman's Reserve (as part of the Broadford Master Plan)
- 5 October            Committee decision to discontinue information presentations in conjunction with committee meetings. Henceforth all information meetings will be our very popular public information nights.
- 5 October            A planning permit for mining exploration on Mt Piper was again discussed, and a letter was sent to Cerberus Minerals Pty Ltd. The application was refused on 3 May 1994
- October              BEAM lodged an objection to the granting of mineral exploration licence (the third since BEAM'S inception). For summary of objection see Newsletter #1, 1994
- 9 October            Public information night with very popular guest speaker Dr Tim New on research on Mt Piper invertebrate community. What does an ant blue butterfly look like? Why are the butterflies and their attending ants important? Why is Mt Piper so special? See Newsletter #5, 1993
- 9 October            BEAM annual wildflower walk; Fleming Road Reserve and Horwood Road area (now Colin Officer Flora Reserve)
- 17 October           Working bee at Whiteman's Reserve
- 24 October           BEAM information and fundraising stall at Strath Creek Market. Wet, but fun, and successful, with lots of people interested in native plants for their garden. This should be pursued.
- 8,9 November      BEAM information stall at Environmental Expo, this year held in conjunction with the opening of the Broadford Transfer Station. A very wide range of local environmental issues were represented including first showing of floral photographic display by Alison Tomkins. See Newsletter #5, 1993
- 8 November        BEAM members participated in guided tour of Australian Paper Manufacturers Paper Mill in Broadford
- 13 November        BEAM information and fundraising stall at Broadford Amateur Show. Alison Swann did a sterling job in labelling >200 plants!

- 21 November BEAM participated in Hume Bushwalking Group's walk to Strath Falls, including historic tunnel
- 28 November Working bee at Whiteman's Reserve, followed by sausage sizzle
- November Alison Tomkins presented drawings and brief information on local indigenous plants. Many of her drawings illustrate members' articles in our newsletters. See Newsletter #5, 1993
- 11 December Annual BEAM Christmas Break-up. Bring the kids, plenty of yabbies!
- 18 December BEAM members attended a combined Christmas function west of Tallarook with Friends of Tallarook Ranges and Seymour Environment Group. Hosts Judith & Stuart Alcorn showed us some of their 16 species of native orchids!!!
- ... Continued Clean Food Purchasing Group within BEAM

## 1994

- 1 February Editor Alison Tomkins illustrates her article on stray dogs and cats (“a feral cat is any cat off its home verandah”). See Newsletter #1, 1994
- 1 February Editor Alison speaks out vehemently against whaling, suggesting an improved world view. See Newsletter #1, 1994
- 20 February Working bee at Whiteman’s Reserve
- 8 March Mt Piper Education Reserve and parts of 3 adjoining properties gazetted for inclusion on register of Australian Heritage Estate. See Newsletter #2, 1994
- 26,27 March BEAM member campout at Wilhelmina Falls Camping Ground, near Yea
- 5 April As requested by local resident committee, discussed new quarry and rail siding in Dry Creek area between Broadford and Kilmore. We will investigate further
- 17 April Working bee at Whiteman’s Reserve
- April BEAM received a “thank you” letter from Shire of Broadford for our work at Whiteman’s Reserve. So thanks to all our participating members
- 3 May BEAM discussed application for storage of brewer’s spent grain as silage on the Strath Creek Road near Broadford
- 13 May Public information meeting titled “Who Cares?” Guest speaker: Ray Thomas, on the work of Euroa Environment Group; plus discussion on how to involve wider community in environmental issues. Representatives from many groups attended and each spoke briefly of their problems, solutions and achievements. Information sharing and exchange was emphasised. See inclusive summary by Colin Officer in Newsletter #3, 1994
- 22 May Working bee at Whiteman’s Reserve
- 10 May Application for Mineral Exploration Licence #3673 made by Gold Mines Victoria for area including Mt Piper. Licence granted in November 1994.
- 7 June BEAM will respond to:  
- 99 year lease of unused roads

- does the storage of brewer's spent grain as silage proposal contravene I4?
- suggestion to build a wetlands to manage waste water from seymour sewage farm

7 June	BEAM to apply for Salinity Grant to construct a display for our public stalls
19 June	Working bee at Whiteman's Reserve
28 June	In response to a resident's alarm, BEAM to object to re-zoning of land at Heathcote Junction
17 July	Working bee at Whiteman's Reserve
1 August	AGM at Broadford. As is our tradition results and all reports included in Newsletter #4, 1994
6 September	Response to recently released shire amalgamation plan
6 September	Declined request from Shire of Broadford for BEAM to run entry for Tidy Town
6 September	Notification that work has been completed for Catchment Coordinating Group grant along Dry Creek, Broadford
11 September	Member tours of alternative accommodation plan at Lyndale Park Village, Tallarook (for summary of visit see Newsletter #4, 1994); and APM Broadford on their Open Day
28 September	Public information meeting: Minette Russell-Young of the Knox Environment Society Inc spoke on care and restoration of our indigenous vegetation. See Newsletter #4, 1994, & #1, April 2001
28 September	Donation of a reference book to Broadford Library and to Broadford Secondary College
2 October	Annual public wildflower walk
..	More work at Whiteman Reserve, Broadford
18 October	Public information displays at Broadford library featuring photos in display folders of local wildflowers in shire reserves, taken and prepared by Alison Tomkins
23 October	Public information and fundraising stall at Strath Creek Market



- 6 November Working bee at David Laurie's place to propagate native plants. Most will be used for planting in Mobil Service Station at Tallarook
- 12 November Public information and fundraising stall at Broadford Amateur Country Show showcased a range of local environmental themes
- 9 December BEAM invited to participate in APM tour and make suggestions for environmental improvements. See comments by Bob Tomkins in Newsletter #2, 1995
- 11 December working bee at Whiteman's Reserve, then Annual Christmas breakup
- 18 December BEAM attends Seymour Environment Group BBQ at Judith Alcorn's place west of Tallarook. Approach to newly formed Shire of Mitchell discussed, especially regarding existing planning schemes and conservation strategies
- December Newest BEAM members are Heidi Monsanto, and Michael John Rauris. Congratulations to proud new parents Alison and Michael, and the old hands Margaret and John
- ... Input into Broadford Main Street beautification plan, Broadford Lake proposal, indigenous tree plantings at Reedy Ck and new freeway Mobil service station south of Seymour
- ... Received grants for Tuan nest boxes, and display boards
- ... BEAM postcards featuring local flora and fauna available from Alison Tomkins
- November? Several local shires amalgamated into new Shire of Mitchell
- ... Continued Clean Food Purchasing Group within BEAM

## 1995

- 1 February BEAM committee discussed:
- proposed man-made lake on the Broadford Common
  - Mt Piper mineral exploration threat
  - donation to The Wilderness Society to help stop wood chipping
- 16 February BEAM met with officers of newly amalgamated Shire of Mitchell, and discussed roadside management, conservation strategy, Mt Piper, Tallarook to Yea Rail Trail, streamside management & proposed lake for Broadford
- February Lodges objection to granting of exploration licence covering Mt Piper
- 15 March Wrote to Fran Bailey several times seeking clarification of security from mining for Mt Piper. Reply from Mark Birrell (Minister for DCE)
- March For extensive update on happenings relating to Mt Piper see Newsletter #1, 1995
- 6 April BEAM received Community Salinity Grant to fund display boards for our information stalls
- 6 April BEAM lodges submission to River Management Board re their recreation strategy
- 8 April BEAM hosted a meeting of area environmental groups to canvas forming a unified environment group to work with newly amalgamated Shire of Mitchell. All groups wish to retain their own identity, but will participate in formation of a united group to approach shire on certain matters. See summary in Newsletter #2, 1995
- 8 April BEAM and Seymour Environment Groups had discussions over lunch
- 12 April Public information night Tuans, and the effects on them of deforestation. Guest speaker mammologist and Tuan expert Dr Todd Soderquist. See summary by David Laurie, illustrated by Alison Tomkins in Newsletter #2, 1995
- 17 April Wrote to Mark Birrell several times, including seeking clarification of 5 points relating to protection of Mt Piper and its flora and fauna.
- April BEAM produced a summary sheet of BEAM'S history and activities

...	representation on new Catchment and Land Protection Boards
...	informing local community of potential threat to Mt Piper from exploration licence
3 May	BEAM petition organised to show local support for no mineral exploration on Mt Piper
3 May	BEAM has been asked to investigate possible impact to raptors of motorised hang-gliders
June	copy of conditions applying to mineral exploration permit currently covering the Mt Piper area shown in Newsletter #2, 1995
June	Summary of level of protection of Mt Piper provided by its current status in Newsletter #2, 1995
June	List of plants available to BEAM members. All are indigenous to the area, propagate from seeds collected in this area. See Newsletter #2, 1995
9 August	AGM at Broadford Hotel
August	Public meeting in Broadford: Bob Carrail spoke on value of wetlands to farm productivity, and Tony Brindley spoke of the construction and value of wetlands on private land
15 October	Annual public wildflower walks
11 November	Public information & fund raising stall at Broadford Amateur Country Show
29 November	Public information meeting in Broadford: Kate Short: chemical pollutants and problems they cause to people and the natural environment
2 December	Member alpine campout at Mt Buffalo
December	BEAM Christmas break-up and working bee
...	Continued Clean Food Purchasing Group within BEAM

## 1996

- 2 March BEAM & Goulburn Valley Environment Group visited Tony Brindley's magnificent wetlands on Mornington Peninsular
- April Submission to Shire of Mitchell broadly supporting the new Shire Master Plan, in particular the planning and environmental protection components
- April Assisted consultant John Reed in preparation of a register of heritage assets for the Mitchell Shire
- April Represented at panel hearing re amendments L3 & L4, relating to proposed service station on freeway, 4 km south of Seymour
- May Letter to Shire of Mitchell emphasizing need for a shire roadside vegetation strategy
- ... Shire of Mitchell adopted its planning amendment L8, designed to control vegetation removal on properties surrounding Mt Piper
- ... Opposed amendments L3 & L4 Mitchell planning scheme
- June Grant application successful to fence Tallarook Flora Reserve, previously known as Boulton Flora Reserve, and weed control at Tyaak
- Contribute to Trust For Nature vegetation protection strategy
- Distinctive BEAM banner bought
- Locally propagated indigenous plants sold as fundraiser
- Discussions with consultants employed to develop new Shire Planning Scheme
- Input into Weeds Strategy being developed by consultants for Shire of Mitchell
- .. Submission to draft Wildlife Strategy for Goulburn Broken Catchment
- July Submission to Shire of Mitchell that owners are required to control and be responsible from actions of their pets – a response to Shire's proposed cat control by-law
- 18 August AGM at the Royal Oak Hotel, Kilmore

October	Annual public wildflower walk
8 December	BEAM annual Christmas break-up
December	Information and fund raising stall at Bradford Amateur Country Show, included startling 3d relief model of Mt Piper made by Alison Tomkins, and recently arrived distinctive beam banner organised by Alison Swann
...	continued Clean Food Purchasing Group within BEAM

## 1997

- 1 May Public information meeting to discuss Shire of Mitchell new Planning Scheme
- 8 June 1997 Seymour Environment Group (which Lesley Dalziel, Colin Officer, Tim Ekberg and others formed on 22 August 1978) amalgamated with BEAM.
- 12 September Public information meeting at Broadford: Bob Phelps (Genetic Network) spoke about the ethical & environmental implications of genetic engineering technologies.
- ... Input to Advance Broadford Committee about suitable native species for planting in Broadford.
- 14 September AGM at Horan Track home of John Rauris & Margaret Woodgate.
- ... Information stall at Broadford Amateur Country Show.
- .. Input in Mt Piper Recovery Plan.
- 19 October Annual public wildflower walk to Mangalore Flora Reserve, then to Tallarook private property of Stuart & Judith Alcorn, west of Tallarook.
- 25 October BEAM public information and fundraising stall at Kilmore Celtic Festival.
- .. Input into works planned by Upper Goulburn Waterways Authority.
- 7 December At a special general meeting BEAM's name was changed from "Broadford Environmental Action Movement Inc" to "BEAM – Mitchell Environment Group Inc" to better reflect our group's shire-wide environmental activities.
- 7 December Annual Christmas breakup at Helmut & Ilse Beilharz.
- ... Continued Clean Food Purchasing Group within BEAM.

## 1998

- 2 January "BEAM – Mitchell Environment Group Inc" incorporated and a new certificate of incorporation issued on 17 March 1998.
- ... Portable photographic display of wildflowers in local Shire owned reserves presented to Shire of Mitchell library system by BEAM for borrowing and display. Titled Mitchell Shire Wildflower Display. Photographer Alison Tomkins.
- 16 June BEAM met with DNRE, Mitchell Shire Council and land developer K.A. Reed (Group) at Horwood Road. A plan to establish a 13.79 ha reserve to include significant wildflower and other native vegetation, as well as several other conditions, was agreed to.
- 21 June BEAM working bee planting numerous trees.
- September? Information & fund raising stall at Broadford Amateur Country Show.
- September? Very popular "Draw a Native Bird" art competition for Broadford Primary & Secondary students. ~200 entries, displayed at the BACS, and judged by Rob Freeman. Category winners were Cassie Capobus (Lyrebird), Jessica Cook-McGuinness (Crimson Rosella) & Nicole Rachford (Crimson Rosella).
- ... ? Submissions on draft Goulburn Broken Native Vegetation Management Strategy; and on North East Regional Forest Agreement.
- ....? Participated in tour of works done by Upper Goulburn Waterways Implementation Committee; and in local bird surveys.
- ...? Submissions on Box-Ironbark Forest preservation campaign.
- October Annual public wildflower walk.
- November? Launch of Mitchell Natural Treasures brochure, detailing 20 of the more notable natural beauty spots in our area. Artwork by Hans Manson.
- ... Continued Clean Food Purchasing Group within BEAM.
- December Annual Christmas break-up.

## 1999

January	BEAM received major grant to lift community awareness of the endangered Golden Sun-moth.
January?	Results presented of questionnaire to BEAM members using VPNA survey designed to rate importance of environmental issues in lead-up to the Vic. State elections.
February	BEAM to share an information stall in Seymour Alternative Farming Exhibition.
28 March	Stall at Broadford Swap Meet raised ~\$500!!!
...	Various representations re use of contaminated road fill in duplication of Goulburn Valley Highway
...	Participated in Shire of Mitchell Recreation & Open Space Strategy.
13 April & 23 August	In Seymour, BEAM supported National Day of Action re opposition to Jabiluka uranium mine.
17 April, 8 May & 19 June	Working bees to refence the Tallarook Flora Reserve, formally known as Boulton Reserve.
February, May & August	History of Seymour Billabongs researched and presented in BEAM Newsletters by Guy Price. Monitoring of the health and status of the billabongs continues.
2 May	Special committee meeting to set priorities for BEAM action in 1999 – what needs to be done, and how. Facilitated by Phil Bourne. Biodiversity and membership of young people emerged as main foci
June	BEAM Committee meeting addressed by Cheryl O'Dwyer, leading Golden Sun-moth researcher.
5 August	Public information meeting in Broadford: Michael del Monaco: Jabiluka, from a traditional owner's perspective. Speaking on the same subject earlier in the day Michael had captivated Jeanette Burnett's students at BSC.
...	BEAM members attended a "What Vegetation is That?" training day by DNRE.



- ... Supported development of Site 17 in the Australian Light Horse Park in Seymour.
- ... Annual donation of books to three libraries within Mitchell Shire.
- ... Contributed to Goulburn Broken CMA meeting on major revegetation in area.
- November Information and fund raising stall at Broadford Amateur Country Show.
- November Popular “Draw a Native Bird” art competition for Broadford Primary & Secondary students. More than 100 entries, displayed at the BACS. Category winners were Cassie Capobus, Angharad Lodwick Nicole Rachford & Michael Clarke.
- 12 September AGM held in Broadford.
- 6 October Took visiting students from sister high school in Japan on tour of wildflowers in Horwood Rd.
- 10 October Mitchell Shire’s Natural Treasures pamphlet launched by John Landy (Greening Australia) and Gary Cecil (CEO, Shire of Mitchell). Artist was Hans Manson.
- October Annual public wildflower walk.
- ... Some of the committees that BEAM members participate in include: Mitchell Shire Land Management Committee, Upper Goulburn Catchment Implementation Committee, VicRoads Goulburn Valley Highway Duplication Committee, National Vegetation Management Strategy Steering Committee, Light Horse Memorial Park Site 17 Project Committee of Management, Seymour Bushland Reserve Committee of Management, Goulburn Broken Environment Alliance, Threat Abatement Plan team for Butterfly Community No. 1 on Mt Piper, Mt Piper Management Plan, Monument Hill Preservation Project
- December Support establishment of Tallarook to Mansfield Rail Trail.
- ... Continued Clean Food Purchasing Group within BEAM.
- 12 December Annual Christmas break-up, at Common Ground, Seymour.

## 2000

- 26 January BEAM's Alison Tomkins Shire of Mitchell Citizen of the Year.
- 26 Feb Information stall at Kilmore Hospital Fete.
- 26 March Fundraising stall at Broadford Swap Meet.
- ... Shire of Mitchell replaced its Land Management Steering Committee with a Mitchell Shire Council Environment Committee.
- 1 April "Welcome to New Members and Friends" BBQ at Hans Manson's place at Avenel.
- 28 April BEAM continues its support for the imaginative Australian Light Horse Memorial Park project in Seymour, and attended opening of walking trails and signs.
- ... Updated information pamphlet about BEAM.
- ... Applied to ATO for "Charity" status, and for ABN.
- ... Commenced action to have wildflower area on Horwood Road permanently protected.
- 9 June Public information meeting in Broadford to launch Golden Sun-moth information brochure and poster. Guest speakers were Prof. Tim New and Golden Sun-moth researcher Cheryl O'Dwyer.
- 10 June Prof. New & Cheryl O'Dwyer led a walk on Mt Piper.
- 10 June Golden Sun-moth public information sign erected at Mt Piper car park by DNRE. Bruce Radford unveiled.
- 3-4 June BEAM invited to participate in World Environment Day with a stall at the Royal Melbourne Zoo discussing "What can individuals and the community do for the environment?"
- June BEAM's Dr Colin Officer awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Alcoa Award for Outstanding Service to the Environment: 1<sup>st</sup> place went to Ray Thomas of Euroa Environment Group. Both well deserved, and congratulations to both.
- 8 August Meeting with DNRE re future large scale environmental activities.
- August Colin Officer prepared a background article for BEAM August Newsletter on Seymour Bushland Park and Australian Light Horse Memorial Park.

26 August	AGM at Common Grounds, Seymour. Guest speaker was Elyse Garmston who spoke about the role and function of the Shire of Mitchell new Environment Committee, and the Shire of Mitchell attitude to the natural environment.
...	BEAM listed on Mitchell Shire Council "Community Services Listing" and on Mitchell Shire "Land Management Information Directory".
...	BEAM supported Hume and Hovell Monument and Reserve restoration project in Kilmore.
October	Visiting Japanese secondary school students shown local wildflowers.
October	Annual public wildflower walk.
...	Submission to ECC re Box/Ironbark campaign, and response to their draft.
...	Expressed our interest to Mitchell Shire in the Very Fast Train project.
...	Suggested alterations to existing Rabbit Buster Program.
...	Supported establishment of Yea Environmental Education Centre.
11 November	Information and fund raising stall at Broadford Amateur Country Show.
25 November	Annual Christmas breakup at Janis Baker's bush block on Three Chain Rd.
November	Bob Tomkins put greater value on retention of streamside vegetation than on roadside vegetation; and singles out participation in Mitchell Shire Council Environment Committee as BEAM's most important activity.
...	Continued Clean Food Purchasing Group within BEAM.

## 2001

As at 30/6/2001 we had 32 (+6) financial members

- 6 February Friends of Monument Hill – Kilmore was formed.
- February Public information stall at Kilmore Hospital Fete.
- 27 March Discussions on Pretty Sally Environment Group becoming a Satellite Group of BEAM for our mutual benefit.
- 24 March By request BEAM hosted Knox Environment Society Inc on an instructive walk over Mt Piper. They gave a significant donation in appreciation. See also Newsletter #4, 1994
- March Extensive submission given to Shire of Mitchell, DNRE, CMA on retention of native vegetation relating to new vineyards, pine and olive orchards. See Newsletter #1, April 2001
- ... Submission to Shire of Mitchell on their draft Environment Strategy.
- April Newsletter prediction by Bob Tomkins that “water” and “role of environmentalists” will be prominent in forthcoming federal election. See Newsletter #1, April 2001
- 28 April Australian Light Horse Memorial Park, Seymour opened. This laudable project was driven by Lesley Dalziel. See Newsletter #, April 2001
- 11 May Highly successful (>100 people) public information meeting in Broadford by Dr Jerry Marantelli on frogs.
- c.June Objection to Shire re new threat to wildflower area on Horwood Road detailing inconsistencies in proposed subdivision. The area needs to be included in a protective covenant.
- 18 June Members met with several State Government Ministers during a visit to Seymour to discuss shortcomings in environmental policies.
- c.June Lesley Dalziel and Alison Tomkins met with Governor John Landy in visit to Shire of Mitchell. He remembered launching our Mitchell Treasures pamphlet and commented it is imperative remnant vegetation be fought for and retained.
- July Pretty Sally Environment Group integrated into BEAM as a Satellite Group.

- 29 July Tree planting with our Pretty Sally satellite group, which will include participation of Rotary Club members from Melbourne through their Building Bridges project.
- 7 August BEAM participated in Vegetation Removal workshop resulting from Cr Robert Gordon's "greater value to native F&F" motion. The Mitchell Shire Council has engaged a consultant to review the Shire's attitude to the environment. The recent botch-up at Greens Pinch, as highlighted by Charmaine Bittles, where 90+ mature trees were knocked down to make way for a vineyard was discussed. The consultant was surprised at the extent of public outcry this destruction caused. BEAM praises the Shire and welcomes this workshop. See Newsletter #3, September 2001.
- ... Members represented BEAM on several committees and at several meetings including Catchment Management Authority, Goulburn Broken Catchment Authority, & Shire Environment Committee.
- 18 August AGM at Hunter's Tryst, Beveridge: Guest speaker Geoff Williams from Australian Platypus Conservancy.
- 23 August Box-Ironbark forest proposal tabled in State Parliament. Still a lot of opposition to it, and BEAM members continue to supported this campaign. For extensive comment on this by Lesley Dalziel see Newsletter #3, September 2001.
- ... 1<sup>st</sup> draft report on Rail Trail on display. BEAM continues to support this beneficial project.
- ... Mitchell Shire Environment Strategy available to public.
- September Public information stall at Seymour Agricultural Show.
- ... Broadford Amateur County Show rained out and cancelled.
- October BEAM, led by Lesley Dalziel, canvassed attitudes of local candidates of forthcoming federal elections on several specific environmental matters. The collated results were included in articles in local newspapers, and caused quite a bit of discussion.
- 20 October Annual public wildflower walk, to Murchison Falls.
- ... Discussions with Shire of Mitchell re waste disposal in Seymour – landfill or transfer station.
- ... Elyse Garmston of Mitchell Shire Environment Department and secretary of the Environment Committee provided BEAM with a

summary of local salinity situation. See Newsletter #4, December 2001.

- ... establishment of a "Friends of Mt Piper" group discussed – possibly as a BEAM Satellite Group?
- November BEAM took 2 groups of visiting Japanese students on tours of local wildflower areas, as part of Mitchell: Honbetsu sister city association.
- ... Continued Clean Food Purchasing Group within BEAM.
- 9 December Annual Christmas breakup, in Broadford.
- 10 December BEAM sent second submission to Shire of Mitchell re proposed walking track along the Goulburn River in Seymour.

## 2002

- 9 January Shire of Mitchell advised BEAM of application to establish a landfill facility in Seymour. Much two-way correspondence follows.
- 15 February Public information stall at Seymour Alternative Farming Expo emphasizing benefits of growing wood lots.
- 20 February BEAM requests details of waste management in Shire of Mitchell.
- March Lesley Dalziel presented an article on forestry issues in March Newsletter, and suggested ACF forest campaigner Lindsay Hesketh address BEAM.
- 15 March Major fires in Glenaroua-Hilldene-Pyalong area burnt out ~5700 h.
- March Bob Tomkins briefly summarized BEAM visit to the Glenaroua fires, and asked what needs to be done now. See Newsletter #1, March 2002.
- 7 April BEAM members inspected burnt area to decide how BEAM can help.
- 10 April BEAM invited to have representative on Mitchell Shire Environment Committee. (We have had a representative on it from its inception to present time in 2010).
- 14 April Public information and fund raising stall at Broadford Swap Meet.
- ... BEAM and Landcare members participated in salinity revegetation inspection trip to two farms in the Western District. Philip Clancy presented comprehensive report in Newsletter #2, June 2002
- ... Guy Price prepared extensive article on 20 ways to save water. See Newsletter #2, June 2002.
- 17 August AGM at Tallarook Pub: Guest speaker was Simon Watherow, snake- handler extraordinaire spoke about "You and Your Snake".
- 31 August Tree planting in Glenaroua area after the 15 March fires burnt out ~5700 h; followed by BBQ at Common Ground. See Newsletter #2, June 2002.
- ... Robert Hollingworth painted a large landscape which included 26 animals, some in a cryptic pose. To be used in BEAM information activities.

- 5 September BEAM writes to state politicians expressing our support for Tallarook to Yea Rail Trail.
- 29 September Annual wildflower walk, to Horwood Road area.
- September Information stall at Seymour Agricultural Show. Once again the “habitat” theme was present when lots of kids enjoyed trying “spot the 26 animals” integrated into Robert Hollingworth’s excellent landscape painting.
- 21 October Ian Blyth addressed a BEAM committee meeting, telling us about the newly formed Mitchell Reform Group, which intends to stand candidates in each of the ridings at the March 2003 shire elections.
- 30 October New Box-Ironbark parks and reserves proclaimed. BEAM had earlier entered submissions on this.
- November Introduced European (Honey) Bee industry will still be allowed in new Box-Ironbark Parks. BEAM had discussed this at length, and Rob Hollingworth and Ray Thomas presented articles included in November Newsletter.
- November Ray Thomas sent BEAM an informative article on volunteer “burn out”. It applies to us!! See November Newsletter.
- 24 November Annual Christmas breakup at Tallarook, including a walk along granite terraces.
- 27 November BEAM members attended a public information meeting on climate change by Prof. David Karoly.
- ... Continued Clean Food Purchasing Group within BEAM.



## 2003

- February BEAM surveys candidates for coming Mitchell Shire Council elections. 10 responded.
- 14 February Information stall at Seymour Alternative Farming Expo discussing “habitat”, and incorporating the value of growing wood lots, and the kids’ favourite “spot the 26 animals” in Robert Hollingworth’s landscape painting.
- 22 February Information stall at Kilmore Hospital Fete including “spot the 26 animals”. Comments from parents that their kids spent “too much time” trying to spot the animals...! Well done Rob.
- 25 February BEAM is alerted to another application for mining exploration licence (#4728, Mt Isa Mines).
- 30 February BEAM objects to application for mining exploration licence #4728.
- February More articles and discussion on honey and feral bees in Newsletter #1, February 2003.
- February Colin Officer presents an extensive article on Gardening in the Drought in Newsletter #1, February 2003.
- February David Wakefield prepared a cryptic! environmental crossword for the Newsletter #1, February 2003.
- 15 March Public information meeting at Tallarook on Quolls by Chris Belcher.
- 15-31 March Quoll survey carried out in Tallarook State Forest.
- .... Lesley Dalziel and David Laurie presented with Centenary of Federation medals.
- 14 April Ongoing campaign to incorporate Warrigal Rocks into Tallarook State Forest.
- 16 April BEAM rep at annual round table discussion with the Upper Goulburn Implementation Committee.
- 30 April BEAM rep. elected to Mitchell Shire Environment Committee.
- April? Information stall at Seymour Show, including ever-popular “spot the 26 animals” landscape painting by Robert Hollingworth.
- 9 May BEAM submission to DSE task force about local water resources and supply.

- May? BEAM became a member of Environment Victoria – we are not alone!
- 5 June World Environment Day. As well as appropriate articles BEAM put a Robert Hollingworth drawing into The Free Press and invited kids to colour them in. “Lovely, accurate and imaginative” results, with Tara and Teagen Jordan of Kilmore winning a close-fought competition.
- June Lesley Dalziel finalizing video and accompanying booklet for BEAM’s “Bringing Back the Birds” project. For extensive rationale Newsletter #2, June 2003.
- ... Submissions and comments on Rural Zoning and Planning issues to local and state authorities and commissions.
- ... Continuing support for ongoing attempts to establish Tallarook to Mansfield rail trail.
- ... Supported campaign to establish a recycle and waste transfer station in Seymour.
- ... Purchased and distributed BEAM fridge magnets to members.
- July BEAM sends submission on native vegetation to productivity commission.
- 30 August AGM at Broadford: Guest speaker Dr Kath Handasyde spoke of value to arboreal mammals of holes in old trees.
- 17-20 September A lively group of tertiary students conducted a flora and fauna survey of Mt Piper, and our very own Viv Pasic participated.
- 19 September Public night walk, spotlighting on Mt Piper.
- 20 September Public information meeting at Broadford: Dr Doug Robinson (Trust for Nature) explained advantages of a Wildlife Covenant on suitable private property.
- September Robert Hollingworth presented a summary of BEAMs quoll survey in Tallarook Ranges. See Newsletter #3, September 2003.
- September Daniela Pascuzzo prepared an extensive article on “Weed Watch”. See Newsletter #3, September 2003.
- 4 October Information stall at Seymour Agricultural Show, with “water wildlife” as our theme.

- 5 October Annual public wildflower walk at Tallarook Flora Reserve, previously known as Boulton Reserve.
- 19 October Public information meeting with David Laurie to celebrate Water Week: guest speakers Dr Paul Sinclair from EV spoke about parlous state of the Murray River, and Chris Doyle from CMA stressed need for community group support to balance views of water users.
- 22 October BEAM writes to several state ministers and to several federal ministers on ministerial council about the Murray-Darling Basin "Living Darling" initiative.
- 2 November Public "Bird and Bush Walk" to Australian Light Horse Memorial Park and Seymour Bushland Reserve.
- 18 November BEAM requests Shire of Mitchell slash environmentally sensitive areas on roadsides after seeds have dropped.
- December Daniela Pascuzzo prepared an extensive article on "Local Plant Watch". See her spring wildflower summary in Newsletter #3, September 2003.
- 2 December Peter Mitchell attended a workshop discussing "Fostering Sustainable [human] Behaviour, aimed at greater success of community groups. See his summary in Newsletter #1, March 2004
- 13 December Annual Christmas breakup on a Goulburn River cruise leaving from Nagambie, including marvelously moving music magically made by our manically melodious member musicians.
- 17 December Submission to Minister for Environment on Operational Guidelines for clearing of native vegetation.
- ... Continued Clean Food Purchasing Group within BEAM.

## 2004

- 10 February Submitted comments on Native Vegetation Inquiry by the Govt's Productivity Commission.
- 20 April Second Submission to Minister for Environment on Operational Guidelines for clearing of native vegetation.
- 14 March Commence 'Bring Back the Birds' project.
- 16 March Objection lodged with Shire of Mitchell to proposed Sand Drag activities in Broadford.
- 12 April "Up the Creek", a daytime family ramble along Dry and Sunday Creeks, Broadford.
- 12 May BEAM's Loris Wilmot and Lesley Dalziel proposed a Shire Register of Significant Trees. See Newsletter # Spring 2004 for discussion and Nomination Form.
- June Robert Hollingworth submitted a "heavy" article. See "My Friend the Fly" in Newsletter #2, June 2004.
- June Bob Tomkins asks what we have learned about water conservation from the recent drought? See Newsletter #2, June 2004.
- June 2004 BEAM's Dr Colin Officer included in Queen's Birthday List (OAM). See Newsletter #2, June 2004 for a summary of his contribution to BEAM.
- 21 June Guest speaker and member Heather Gibbs invited members to assist in her PhD study on what effect climate change is having on birds by participating in "Common Breeding Bird Survey".
- 13 July BEAM members attend "Broadford streetscape" meeting.
- 28 August AGM in Seymour: guest speakers Ray Thomas spoke about GVEG extensive work rehabilitating vegetation in the Lurg district east of Benalla; and Heather Gibbs spoke on her "Common Breeding Bird Survey" PhD project on climate change.
- 28 August Lesley Dalziel and David Corke's TV video clip for BEAMs "Bring Back the Birds" project was viewed.
- 28 August BEAM website launched: [www.beam.org.au](http://www.beam.org.au) Perhaps the most important functions of this new website will be information dissemination and member communication.

28 August	After dinner spotlighting walk on new Shire of Mitchell initiated, BEAM supported pathway along banks of the Goulburn River.
11 September	“Boxing day” at Broadford to build nest boxes.
18 September	Understorey planting at Kulaba West.
October	Public information and fundraising stall at Seymour Agricultural Show. Sale of Daniella’s wildflowers raised >\$250.
31 October	Annual public wildflower walk at Monument Hill, Kilmore, and at Tallarook Flora Reserve.
15 November	BEAM members participate in bird survey at Kulaba West planting site. For results, including graphs See Newsletter # Summer 2004.
November	Field day at Mt Piper run by Ann Jelinek to discuss its status and work required.
Spring	Member survey to determine best future for BEAM. For survey see Newsletter # Spring 2004.
12 December	Annual Christmas breakup on Goulburn River cruise, leaving from Chateau Tahbilk Winery.
Summer	BEAM members contributed to several important organizations including Goulburn Broken CMA, Shire of Mitchell, DSE.
Summer	illuminating articles on burning the land, as Lesley Dalziel and Robert Hollingworth travel through Australia (separately). See Newsletter # Summer 2004.
Summer	David Wakefield prepared another confounding environmental crossword.. See Newsletter # Summer 2004.
...	Continued Clean Food Purchasing Group within BEAM.

## 2005

- 20 February Nest box building at Broadford.
- 4 March BEAM's Lesley Dalziel recognized as Shire of Mitchell's Most Outstanding Woman – Agriculture and Environment. See Newsletter # Autumn 2005 for details.
- 4 March BEAMs Libby Webster recognized as Shire of Mitchell's Most Outstanding Woman – Community and Family. See Newsletter # Autumn 2005 for details.
- 30 April Fundraising and information Trivia Night at Broadford.
- ... Supported proposed Tallarook to Yea Rail Trail.
- 20 June BEAM requested and received concept design and business plan information from consultants Urban Enterprise P/L on proposed Tallarook to Mansfield Rail Trail.
- ... Tree planting at ???.
- .... Building bird and mammal nest boxes.
- ... Fundraising and information Trivia Night in Broadford.
- .... Information stall at Kilmore Hospital Fete.
- ... Continued promotion of BEAM project 'Bring Back the Birds'.
- .. Public information meeting: Tobi Geiger spoke about wind farms in Australia.
- September Environmental activist Karen Alexander was guest speaker at AGM at Tallarook Pub: Good to think globally, but MUST act locally!
- September Dr Colin Officer made BEAM's first LIFE MEMBER. See summaries of Colin's activities and photos in Newsletters # ..... and # Autumn 2006.
- October Information stall at Seymour Show.
- ...??? Objections against mining exploration application for Mt Piper.
- ...??? Friends of Monument Hill joining with BEAM.

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- Proposal to have Mt Piper be given a “mining free” status. See Newsletter # Autumn 2006 for brief mentions.
- Annual public wildflower walk.
- Information stall at Kilmore Show, emphasizing the Good Neighbour Forum.
- Annual Christmas breakup at Freeman’s Track, Tallarook Ranges; bush track walk afterwards.
- Continued Clean Food Purchasing Group within BEAM.

## 2006

- ???
- Shire of Mitchell newest floral reserve, at Horwood Road, Broadford is named the "Colin Officer Flora Reserve" to recognise his long-term, ongoing and outstanding contributions made to environmental and health matters throughout the shire.
- 1 & 23 February Following written submissions BEAM members attended large public meetings on proposed Tallarook to Mansfield rail trail. For John Brissett's summary see Newsletter Autumn 2006.
- March Robert Hollingworth continues his long series of articles on frogs. See Newsletter # Autumn 2006.
- March John Brissett and Philip Clancy write about BEAM's ongoing involvement with Whiteman's Reserve, and discuss input of neighbours Anita & Ivor Miller.
- March BEAM member Jenna Carole from Tallarook received Shire of Mitchell Woman of the Year in arts and culture; and Lesley Dalziel from Seymour received the Most Outstanding Woman in Environment and Agriculture for second consecutive year.
- 1 April Tallarook Arboretum opening well attended by BEAM members. We will have several Christmas break-ups there in the future.
- 20 April Objection to proposed subdivision of 2-24 Davidson St, Broadford.
- 4 June Nest box building in Broadford.
- 6 June? Seymour Bushland Park covered by Trust For Nature covenant. Colin Officer provided a comprehensive report in Newsletter # Winter 2006.
- July? BEAM Satellite Group Friends of Monument Hill did weeding and cleaning up in Sam de Gabrielle Reserve in Kilmore.
- 30 July FOMH planted at Sam de Gabrielle Reserve as part of 2006 National Tree Day.
- 30 July BEAM members had a working bee at Whiteman's Reserve in Broadford, as part of 2006 National Tree Day.
- 26 August AGM at Kilmore: viewed "Marching with Penguins".
- 27 August,  
24 September,  
26 November FoMH working bees in Kilmore.



1 October	Annual wildflower walk at Colin Officer Reserve, Horwood Road, Broadford, followed by a BBQ. New Mitchell Shire Reserve Committee of Management launched.
7 October	Information and fundraising stall at Seymour Agricultural Show.
28 or 29 October	Wildflower walk at Monument Hill, Kilmore, by FOMH Satellite Group.
October	BEAM representative on Mitchell Shire Environment Committee encouraged the Shire to prepare a wind farm policy.
October	BEAM invited by Goulburn Broken CMA to join Waterwatch project.
9 October	Public information talk in Tallarook on "Biodiversity and Habitat Restoration" given by Malcolm and Jane Calder.
November?	Public information and fundraising stall at Seymour Agricultural Show with the theme "Sustainable Landscapes – Living Landscapes" focusing on water management.
November?	Q&A article on "What is Global Warming" in Newsletter # Summer 2006.
November?	For brief discussion on members considering greenhouse gases and climate change when voting in the forthcoming State elections See Newsletter # Summer 2006.
5 November	BEAM participated in 3 <sup>rd</sup> annual bird survey in the Kulaba West plantation project.
25 November	Many BEAM members attended Batting for Biodiversity at Mt Piper, conducted by bat expert Dr. Lindy Lumsden. Seven species were recorded but up to 13 May occur here. See Newsletter # Autumn 2007. The establishment of a Friends of Mt Piper group was discussed.
2 December	Information and fundraising stall at Kilmore Show, continuing the theme "Water Management".
10 December	Annual Christmas breakup in Broadford.
late 2006?	Status of "Mt Piper Education Reserve" upgraded to "Mt Piper Nature Conservation Reserve" thus providing it greater protection from potentially damaging activities.

## 2007

- 18 February BEAM'S Friends of Monument Hill discuss with relevant authorities periodic burning off accumulated fire fuel debris on Monument Hill, Kilmore. See Newsletter # Autumn 2007.
- March Colin Officer comments on 2005 "inquiry into crashes involving roadside objects" which threatens wholesale destruction of roadside vegetation. (Was this the one in which ridiculous suggestions were made to remove all trees within 9 metres of the road?), See Newsletter # Autumn 2007.
- March BEAM member Martina Gormanns suggests establishment of "LETS" project (local energy transfer system). See Newsletter # Autumn 2007.
- 4 March Members picked up rubbish on Jeffreys Lane and entrance to Mt Piper Nature Conservation Reserve, as well as other sites in shire as part of "Clean Up Australia".
- 5 March BEAM requests information on Shire of Mitchell Roadside Vegetation Management Policy.
- 30 March BEAM members attend "Al Gore Climate Change Slide Show", presented by John Pettigrew in Kilmore. a sobering, thoughtful night.
- 28 April BEAM members attend launch of "Friends of Mt Piper", and join the group.
- July BEAM members participate in two National Tree Day activities.
- 26 August AGM at Tallarook: Guest speaker was geologist & leading authority of trees in south eastern Australia Dr Leon Costermans.
- 16 September BEAM'S informative and very popular brochure "Mitchell Shire's Natural Treasures" was updated, reprinted and relaunched. BEAM bus trip inspected some of the sites listed in the brochure. Several local specialists spoke about "their" sites.
- 22 September BEAM'S new rep. on Mitchell Shire's Environment Committee is Martina Gormanns.
- 27 September BEAM hosted a "climate change forum" at Tallarook. See article by Phil Bourne in newsletter #Summer 2007-2008.
- 7 October Annual BEAM wildflower walk at Colin Officer Flora Reserve.

- 27 October The Age newspaper includes a table showing responses of major 3 parties in forthcoming federal elections to specific environmental issues. See Newsletter #Summer 2007-2008.
- 28 October Wildflower walk with BEAM's Friends of Monument Hill in Kilmore.
- October Biosis Research P/L requests cooperation with sight records of Golden Sun-moth. See article by Ruth Marr in Newsletter # Summer 2007-2008.
- November Information and fundraising stall at Seymour Agricultural Show.
- 25 November BEAM members participate in Friends of Mt Piper working bee.
- October? BEAM submission on Taylors Creek Strategic Plan in Wallan.
- November BEAM sent submission to Goulburn Valley Water Authority advising them to route new Seymour to Broadford pipeline away from environmentally sensitive areas at Colin Officer Flora Reserve and Horwood Road Flora Reserve.
- November BEAM sent articles to 3 local newspapers detailing forthcoming Shire election candidates' responses to BEAM's questions on their attitudes to climate change.
- November BEAM advised proposed "Broadford Lakes Retirement Village" will abut the Colin Officer Flora Reserve.
- 1 December Information stall at Kilmore Show.
- 9 December Annual Christmas breakup at Tallarook Arboretum.

## 2008

- February Discussions on BEAM linking with Tallarook Primary School and Seymour Technical Secondary College on environmental activities e.g. building nest boxes.
- March BEAM offer to assist Shire of Mitchell's Kilmore Creek rehabilitation & revegetation project.
- 2 March BEAM members participate in "Clean Up Australia Day" on part of Broadford-Kilmore Road.
- March BEAM involved in discussions with Shire of Mitchell to raise awareness of climate change and sustainable transport.
- March BEAM assists Seymour Technical Secondary College to develop building nest boxes as a VCAL project. For details of their working day see Newsletter # November 2008.
- c, April Debris and undergrowth burnoff by BEAM's Friends of Monument Hill to decrease threat of wildfire and improve native vegetation.
- 3 May BEAM member Robert Hollingworth launched his book "They Call Me the Wildman" in Tallarook.
- 1 June BEAM conducted "walk & talk" tour of Tallarook "Wildman" country in Tallarook Ranges, with author, painter, raconteur and BEAM member Robert Hollingworth and geologist Dr Noel Schleiger as guest speakers. See newsletter # Winter-2008
- 10 June BEAM invited to participate in "Landcare and Friends Group" forum. Guest speaker Dr Jim Cavaye, on fostering vibrant community groups.
- June BEAM climate change team Phil Bourne and Cecilia Riebl prepare a campaign on climate change. Main focus for 2008 is lack of Shire of Mitchell policies on climate change and peak oil. See Newsletter # Winter-2008.
- June BEAM endorses Peter Mitchell's submission to the State Government's green paper on Biodiversity and Land at a time of Climate Change including the Piper Biolink. See Peter Mitchell's submission on [www.beam.org.au](http://www.beam.org.au).
- June BEAM's Phil Bourne facilitated a session on climate change at Mitchell Shire's Youth Empowerment Conference. Collated feedback given to Shire of Mitchell.

- June BEAM assisted Shire of Mitchell submission for funding through sustainability accord to support 3 year Sustainable Communities project.
- June BEAM represented by David Atkinson at Mt Disappointment Trail Bike Strategy Implementation Committee. David contributed to a forum on this matter earlier this year.
- 11 July BEAM invited to cooperate with Shire of Mitchell to apply for “Creating Better Place” grants for work in Kilmore Creek.
- 27 & 28 July As part of 2008 National Tree Day, many BEAM members participated in planting in the far-sighted Piper Biolink Project and several other sites within Shire of Mitchell. See Newsletter # Spring 2008
- July Newly modified BEAM logo launched. This revised version was prepared by Dave Swift and will reproduce more successfully than the original, as designed by Jenny Divers. See Newsletter # Winter 2008
- July Brief outline of structure and function of BEAM committee. See Newsletter # Winter 2008
- July Comprehensive submission about revised Mitchell Shire Environment strategy prepared by Phil Bourne and Cecilia Reibl. See BEAM May June 2008 bulletin, and website [www.beam.org.au](http://www.beam.org.au) for submission.
- August Informative item by Mark South on Bardi Grubs in Newsletter # Spring 2008.
- 23 August AGM at Tallarook: guest speaker environment activist Karen Alexander, plus a short talk on the Piper Biolink by Peter Mitchell.
- 31 August & 28 September BEAM members participate in Friends of Mt Piper working bees.
- 14 September Wildflower walk at Colin Officer Flora Reserve.
- 21 September Launch of BEAM sponsored Golden Sun-moth brochure and information kits.
- September Extensive article on “feathers” in Newsletter # Spring 2008.
- September Extensive article “101 Things You Can Do About Climate Change and Peak Oil”.

- 4 October Information and fundraising stall at Seymour Agricultural Show.
- November BEAM member Kirsty McBean provided a little mental exercise with “living with animals” word search.
- November BEAM send questionnaire on climate change and their policies to all local candidates for upcoming shire elections. Phil Bourne will collate and send a summary for publishing in the Seymour Telegraph. The fact that a public forum in Kilmore and in Seymour for the candidates to briefly describe their positions on various issues indicates high level of public interest in local politics.
- 15 November “Mitchell at the Crossroads” forum in Broadford discussed the impacts of habitat loss and fragmentation, and proposals to re-link the landscape. Included talks by Deakin University’s Dr Andrew Bennett, DPI’s Kate Stothers and BEAM’s Peter Mitchell.
- 7 December Annual Christmas breakup on The Island Reserve in Broadford. BEAM life memberships were awarded to Alison Tomkins (dec.), Lesley Dalziel, John Brissett and Bob Tomkins

## 2009

- 7 February Bushfires
- March Illuminating article on the Victoria Naturally Alliance in Newsletter # March 2009.
- 1 March BEAM participated in Clean Up Australia Day where the focus in Kilmore was Monument Hill.
- May ? BEAM get together after the fires. DPI's Brad Costin led group to view exotic trees at Kilmore property of Evelyn Raglus. See Newsletter # June 2009.
- 2 May BEAM visited Battle of the Bands in Seymour on an information mission, talking with young people about the environment, seeking new young members. See BEAM rocks! in Newsletter # June 2009.
- 16 May BEAM family activity at Tallarook Arboretum.
- May BEAM seeks Shire of Mitchell support to nominate a youth member to attend Power Shift 2009 National Youth Climate Summit in July.
- May BEAM makes a submission to the (7 February 2009) Bushfire Royal Commission. The covering letter is in Newsletter # June 2009, and the full submission is on BEAM's website [www.beam.org.au](http://www.beam.org.au).
- May Several BEAM members made submissions to the Bushfire Royal Commission.
- May BEAM submission to VEAC Remnant Native Vegetation Investigation prepared by Peter Mitchell.
- June BEAM member Kirsty-Ann McBean contributes revealing article on Millipedes in Newsletter # June 2009.
- 5 July BEAM members excited about the first day of new Tallarook Farmers' Market, which will be held on 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month.
- 18 August AGM at Tallarook: Guest speaker Cathy Koning from Sustainable Communities role in Shire of Mitchell.
- October BEAM member Jenna Carole has opened her intriguing house for inspection on several days as part of Simply Sustainable.

- 17 October BEAM post fire Forest Recovery Walk & Talk on Mt Disappointment.
- 6 December Annual Christmas breakup at Goulburn Park, Seymour.



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- 25 February BEAM represented by Peter Mitchell responded to the Commissioners' invitation and made an excellent, informative presentation to the Bushfire Royal Commission in Melbourne. Links to full transcript of the day included in Sarah Durrant's article in Newsletter # June 2010.
- 17 April Sustainable Homes Tour of three local houses built along energy saving principles. For extensive details see Phil Bourne's summary in Newsletter # June 2010.
- June BEAM seeks participants in new Permablitz Program. See details in Newsletter # June 2010.
- 1 August BEAM teamed up with Wandong-Heathcote Junction Community Group to celebrate National Tree Day by planting in Wandong.
- Currently BEAM submission to Victorian Environment Assessment Council (VEAC) review on native vegetation in preparation.
- The Colin Officer Flora Reserve was in the process of having a conservation covenant put on it by Trust For Nature. The details of a Water Board easement were given to finally given to TFN a few months ago, and we await their action. BEAM thanks the Mitchell Shire Council for their greatly appreciated and long-sighted cooperation in this matter
- 21 August AGM, and BEAM's 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday Party at Broadford Shire Hall. Mini-guest speakers were "old" Committee members who were active in the early days of BEAM. Val McKenna started it all off, and Andrew Burnett, Bernadette Cornfoot, David Laurie (absent, but his contribution was read aloud), Robert Hollingworth and Caroline Morris added to the story under the guidance of MC John Rauris. The current President Gary Durrant, in the regrettable absence of our oldest and most revered member Colin Officer, read out a letter to him from Colin. Gary gave us a current overview of BEAM. Our newlook website, still on [www.beam.org.au](http://www.beam.org.au) was launched and demonstrated by Emily Robinson. "Oldie" Bob Tomkins then partnered BEAM's "youngest" members Kirsty-Lee McBean and Annemarie Bell in *CUTTING THE CAKE*. Kirsty-Lee and Bob said a few words about the past and future of BEAM. An enjoyable, informative, emotional and memorable evening was had by all.

NOTE:

Space restrictions mean this Time Line is incomplete. The many, many actions of BEAM individuals are not indicated, nor are the widespread committees on which members have represented BEAM; nor are the many newspaper and newsletter articles submitted by members. Many delightful short articles by Mark South and others included in our invaluable newsletter telling us about our (often common) wildlife have not been indexed here. Most of the “nuts & bolts” of running an active environment group performed by your dedicated, voluntary and hard-working Committee Members have been omitted. I apologise to all of these “behind-the-scenes” treasures.

BOB TOMKINS  
21 August 2010