

**MONDAY and MORE POSSUMBILITIES - keep an eye on the notice board**

**Morning Bird watching** – See above, check chalk board, depends on demand, with *Euan and Jenny*

**10am Organic farm tour #2**– for those who missed it on Friday, with *Jill Redwood*

**The Kuark Detour:** Kuark isn't too much of a detour for those travelling home via the Princes Hwy, so if enough people are interested, Ed will take a second group on the Kuark Experience. The timing and how much of Kuark you might experience will depend on how much time everyone has – so put in your expression of interest early and Ed will tailor the trip to suit. The group would drive to Kuark together, then as people need to leave they can hop in their cars and continue south to the Princes Hwy, without returning to the Bonang Hwy. (The lucky ducks who are staying here Monday night can enjoy Kuark then return to camp!

### **Note to all campers!**

**Activity times and locations may change depending on weather, recent logging, fire and road closures.**

**Share your cars! It's friendly and it saves petrol. Offer a fiver to the driver.**

**Watch the chalk board outside the information tent and come along to our morning briefings for details and departure times.**

**The cow bell will announce meeting times and meal times – but don't wait to be called. Your punctuality really does make a huge difference to the camp organisers.**

## **FORESTS FOREVER CAMP - ACTIVITIES LIST 2016** *GUIDED TOURS AND DAYTIME ACTIVITIES*

### **FRIDAY afternoon**

**Caught on Camera** – The Victorian National Parks Association's popular Caught on Camera project uses motion-sensing cameras to monitor wildlife. Come to a short demonstration, then help set up cameras at various locations close to camp *1 hour with Christine Connolly, VNPA Naturewatch coordinator*

**Organic Farm Tour** – Half the Forests Forever camp is held on the back paddock of Jill Redwood's organic farm, which is basically an illustrated children's story come to life, or 3D pinterest. Now's your chance for a sticky-beak. *1 hour with Earth Garden Magazine's go-to cover girl, Jill Redwood.*

**Valley View walk** – Let's stretch our car-cramped legs with a walk to the top of the nearest hill behind the camp to see the forest change as we ascend. Follow the red paint dots from the bridge. Guide sheet at toilets or info tent (please replace as they are in short supply) *1 ½ hour wander with info leaflet –*

### **FRIDAY night: Get to know your fellow tree-huggers in the Big Tarp!**

**Welcome** – with *Jill Redwood (EEG) and Euan Moore (VNPA)*

Brief overview of East Gipps forests and why they are so luscious and special.

**Chris Taylor's photography** – Chris is not only an academic researcher on forests, but also a talented photographer. Find out how his stunning photographs are helping the campaign for the Great Forests National Park in the Central Highlands. This is also in introduction to the walk he'll be helping to lead tomorrow.

### **SATURDAY**

**Early morning Bird watching** – Get to know the birds of the forest on a short Bird watching group walk, close to camp. Includes tips on bird identification and how to get the best out of your binoculars. Bring binoculars if you have them. *With Euan Moore and Jenny Rolland – start time TBA.*

### **9am sharp! Meet at the info tent for a briefing on the day's activities**

**9.30am Brown Mt** - This year "The Circuit" has been replaced by a more intimate dive into the old growth forests of Brown Mountain, but there's enough in this one place to learn the history of the forest campaign. Notorious forest campaigner *Jill Redwood* will lead you into beautiful old growth forest. Fairly easy walking down into the forests with some tougher going over logs and through thickets to reach a 'glade' of giants. This forest really is beautiful but it's a challenge to photograph. Learn how to get the best shot with *Chris Taylor*. *Bring your camera, lunch and a drink. 20 mins drive each way. Returns to camp mid-afternoon.*

**10am The Three Gems** –Visit Tea-tree Flat on the Delegate River crossing, where a mossy bog that is almost-no-more holds a pollen profile that tells a history beyond the last ice age. At the “rainforest” boardwalk, learn how eucalypt forest, mixed forest and rainforest jostle for space in the landscape. Walk and talk at the Goonmirk Rocks to see the giant Mountain Plum Pines with a grassy understorey and silver wattles. Depending on time, a fourth gem may be revealed. Full-day activity with a fair bit of driving and easy walking. Bring lunch, a drink, a watch, a metaphysics primer and Charles Darwin. *With legendary ecologist David Cameron*

### **SATURDAY night – Come to the big tarp**

**6pm Soup and dessert - BYO bowl** Hearty vegan soups and bread rolls and deliciously decadent desserts: \$5 for soup, \$5 for dessert. **Don't forget your bowl!**

**7.30pm Art Auction!** Warhol and Weiwei in the wilderness with cartoons.

**8pm: Forest Wildlife** talk and pictures – *with Rena Garbarov*

**9pm David Cameron's picture show** - The renowned natural science communicator will take you into the plant world, carried by human curiosity towards discovery, connection and question. Then he'll move on to the second illustration. Maybe. It's sure to be informative, thought provoking, enchanting and amusing. Bring chair, blanket and woollies and settle in for the evening! *With night-owl David Cameron*

**9pm Spotighting** Explore the forest by night. A short walk around the campground to see who is watching us from the trees. Bring a torch and quiet kids. *Approx. 1hr with Euan and Jenny*

### **SUNDAY**

**Morning Bird watching** – See above, check chalk board. *With Euan and Jenny*

**Morning Easter Egg Hunt** – the local marsupials hide Easter Eggs. Come and look.

### **9am sharp! Meet at the info tent for a briefing on the day's activities**

**The Kuark Experience:** Walk through stands of ancient forest on Mt Kuark and stunning views to the Snowy River and southern ocean from the Mt Jack Heli-pad. Visit rare warm/cool rainforest overlaps on the Arte River, and maybe spot the East Gippsland Galaxis, a critically endangered fish found nowhere else on earth! The government wants to log Kuark like there's no tomorrow, but GECO, Environment East Gippsland and some damn fine lawyers have teamed up to save it. Ed's citizen science work is a critical element of our legal challenges. *1 hour of back-*

*road driving each way and a decent walk. Bring lunch, a drink and solid shoes. With Ed Hill and Jill Redwood. Note: this event might change if roads are closed.*

**Martins Creek rainforest** – David will lead you on a quiet expedition down into some beautiful forest and rainforest – the perfect place to be and pretty well his natural habitat. Experience both undisturbed rainforest and areas that were burned in the 2014 bushfires and see how the place is recovering. An easy whole day activity, including some unhurried off-track walking and enough time to notice the details. About 20 mins driving each way. Bring the usual gear and a picnic, *with David Cameron.*

**Goonmirk Rocks** – A really lovely quiet walk in the Errinundra National Park to see an interesting granite rocky outcrop and some gorgeous forest, which features the ancient Mountain Plum Pines. The 40 minute drive features sassafras rainforest. *With Euan Moore*

**5pm Caught on Camera - review of data** – Take down spy-cameras and get a sneak preview of the shots! *1 hour with VNPA's Christine Connelly*

### **SUNDAY night – Come to the big tarp**

**6.30-8pm More hearty soup and dessert –. BYO bowl** Hearty vegan soups and bread rolls and deliciously decadent desserts: \$5 for soup, \$5 for dessert. **Don't forget your bowl!**

**7pm Caught on Camera – see the results!** – A short talk this evening about the Caught on Camera project (see above) including photos of wildlife detected around the camp and photos from other sites, *30 mins with VNPA's Christine Connelly*

**8pm Spotighting** Explore the campground night and find look for gliders and possums. Bring a torch. *Approx. 1hr with Euan and Jenny (a quiet activity)*

**8pm Environmental Justice** – There may come a time when a lass needs a lawyer, and EJA is a forest's best friend\*. Overview of the laws for forests and threatened species, then a brief run down on EEG's cases including Brown Mountain, Cobb Hill rainforest, Owls, the three cases earlier this year and our latest joint effort - the big Kuark case. *With lawyer Danya Jacobs from Environmental Justice Australia.* Discussion and information. 20-30 mins?

**Announcements:** lost something, need a lift, hand in your survey sheets...

**What can I do?** Are you all inspired? Raring to go change the world? Let's talk about what we can each do to help save East Gippsland's forests and how to communicate what you know to the rest of the world – *with all the environment group leaders and all the campers, all working together.*

Then stop talking, get out there and save the forests! Yes. You!