

Community Update 19 - June 2017

Future Newsletter Issues

Each quarter the Junortoun Community Action Group, put together a newsletter about the community for the community. To date we have produced this newsletter in printed and electronic version. Due to the ongoing costs of producing the newsletter in printed format and delivering it to each mailbox in the Junortoun area, we have made a decision that from September our newsletter will ONLY be issued in electronic format.

If you would like to ensure you receive a copy of our Community Newsletter, please register with the following link.

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From the Chairman

This will be the final printed issue of the Junortoun Community News.

While we enjoy providing you with regular updates, we believe the funds raised by the group could be better allocated to other projects within our community.

Regular Newsletters will continue to be produced, but issued via email only. Therefore if you are not yet on our mailing but would like to continue receiving our quarterly updates, please subscribe via copying the following link

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Bob Jamieson, Chairman

Nesting Box Update

The first monitoring showed that box 20 and 21 had nesting materials (Eucalypt small branches and leaves) inside and from the way the nesting materials have been arranged in the box it is likely that Sugar gliders are the occupants. There were no animals in the boxes at the time of the monitoring but that is not surprising as they have several nests and move around from nest to nest. Over time we expect to be able to photograph the occupants of the nest boxes and share them with Junortoun newsletter residents.

Nest boxes were erected along the O'Keefe Rail Trail between Cashens Road and Somerset Park Road on the 24th April. The nest boxes are the result of a fantastic partnership with the teachers and students of the Martyn

Program at Catholic College Junortoun who constructed 22 nest boxes. The nest box project has been funded by the City of Greater Bendigo's Community Grants Program – Environmental category.

Each box has been numbered so that the students that constructed the box can follow the occupants of particular boxes over time. Another 30 boxes are currently being constructed by the students and should be erected soon. These nest boxes will target Eastern Rosellas and a little known bird – the Owlet Nightjar. More nest boxes for Tuans and Sugar gliders will also be included in these additional boxes.

Upcoming Events

July 2017

National Tree Planting Day

Saturday 2nd September 2017 (TBC)

Junortoun Community Market

Regular Meetings –Thursdays

1st Thursday Monthly; JCAG - Executive Team

2nd Thursday Monthly; JCAG - Sense of Community sub-committee

7pm, Junortoun Fire Station

Popes Rd, Junortoun

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The first monitoring of the boxes by the students occurred in late May with the pole camera that was purchased as part of the project. Each box was inspected with the camera and the location was recorded with a GPS and a photo of the location of each box was also taken. The students will use this information to map the locations of the boxes and they will also record the use of the boxes by the target species which in this case are Tuans (Brush-tailed Phascogales) and Sugar gliders.

Please look out for the boxes and if you see any animals or any damage to the boxes we would ask that you get in touch with us via our website or the Facebook page. We will keep you informed of our next monitoring results. In the meantime I have attached photos of Tuans and Sugar gliders in nests.



Has anyone heard of a bird called - Owlet Nightjar

The Australian Owlet nightjars are the smallest of the nocturnal birds (night birds), with adults between 21 and 25cms – about the same length as a noisy miner. Its large brown eyes are non-reflective when exposed to a torch or spotlight (other nocturnal birds give a red reflection). The Owlet-nightjar has two different plumage colourations: russet-brown (rufous), and the more common grey. In both forms the birds are paler below, and are faintly barred with black.

Owlet-nightjars feed at night and are insectivorous feeding on a variety of insects. Birds will readily take flying prey, or will pounce on prey either on the ground or in trees. Hunting takes place within a territory and normally in pairs. The Owlet-nightjars watch for food while in flight, or by sitting and searching from a suitable perch.

Australian Owlet-nightjars raise one brood per season. Both sexes construct the nest, which is a bed of green

leaves, placed in a suitable tree hollow or rock crevice. Both birds also incubate the eggs and care for the chicks. Hopefully in the future there will be photos of the birds in the new nest boxes when they are erected along the O'Keefe Rail Trail.

Photographer: © Ian Montgomery



How Junortoun was named.

Information obtained from Mr Frank Dole.

The local district was originally called Homebush, but as there were about four Homebush districts in Australia and too much local mail ended up in Homebush NSW, the authorities said there had to be a name change, so local identity Sam Lazaras who had mining and race horse interests called a public meeting to decide what the district should be named. It was decided it had to be something short and original so Sam said what about calling it Junor after his wife's maiden name.

This suggestion was submitted to the authorities, but was rejected because it sounded too close to June in NSW. Then it was decided to tack town on the end and Homebush became Junortown in 1908, accepted by the authorities.

How and when the W was replaced with U is unknown.

Introducing the new Junortoun Forward Command Vehicle (FCV).



This community update has been prepared by the **Junortoun Community Action Group**. The Action Group evolved from the group convened to develop a community plan in 2012 and consists of a dozen community members working towards the actions identified in the plan. In particular the Action Group promotes:

- Developing a sense of community for Junortoun
- Advocating for transport, sport and recreation services and facilities.