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Dear Friends,

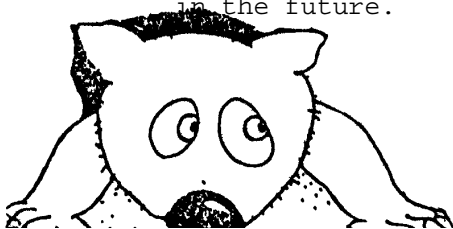
Our August meeting again saw us gathered on a beautiful winters day. We had two visitors along to meet us as a group, Geoff Durham and Ian Leversha Geoff is the V.N.P.A. Co-ordinator of Friends Groups, and Ian is Assistant Regional Manager in charge of Public Land Management for the Yarram Region.

Both spoke briefly about their areas of interest with a lively discussion about the recommendations of the L.C.C. Report of Land Management following. It has been recommended that the Morwell National Park be down graded to a Flora and Fauna Reserve, a classification that could lower the protection of our park. The third option and perhaps more favourable, if a change is deemed necessary, is the title of "State Park". It was recommended we contact Mr. Barry Murphy M.P. with our concerns, and a request that we are kept informed of any developments.

The discussion could possibly have extended to the whole afternoon, but we divided into three groups. With maps and textas in hand we dispersed to different sections of the park. All though time was short most parts of the park boundary were walked. Shore thistle appears to be the most frequently occuring weed particulary on the Eastern and Southern - Vaggs Road boundary. The Western fence proved the cleanest with only a few individual plants of Shore thistle and a patch of capweed. This area also offered the walkers a few native orchids as a reward. Only one isolated plant of ragwort was discovered, quite remarkable with so much scattered through the hills.

The next meeting is on SEPTEMBER 14th commencing at 12 noon, meeting at the workshop near the Rangers house. We will be participating in a KOALA SURVEY in cooperation with many other groups in Victoria. A speaker is coming from Melbourne to outline the expectations and the procedure for the survey, hence the early start. BINOCULARS and a copy of L.F. Costermans' "Trees of Victoria" are required. "Trees of Victoria" is a fully illustrated field guide and is an excellent pocket size book, mine cost me \$1.60 some years ago.

Thankyou for your support in the past and I look forward to it in the future.



Yours sincerley,

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