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Dear Friends,

Our June meeting had a pleasantly surprising attendance considering the drizzle, 33 Adults plus 10 Children. Thankyou all very much for your support. We welcome those newcomers too and place them on our mailing list.

Our thanks must also go to Jack Channon for giving up his valuable time to attend our meeting. His talk to our group was very supportive and we appreciate his interest in our groups activities.

We set off from Tony & Kathleen Longs house for our trek into the Billy's creek valley. Ian was interested in obtaining our views on the proposed development of the area. The creek crossings went very smoothly as everyone this time remembered to bring their gumboots, well almost everyone!!! Once we arrived at the weir we set about building a fire with the dry wood Ian had conveniently hidden in the scrub for us. All seemed to be going well until we realised that someone had forgotten the Billies!!! At least the fire was lovely and warm. After most of the group had a good look and discussed the area we headed back to Kathleen's where a welcomed cup of tea was waiting. Our thanks must go to Kathleen for allowing us to use her house and providing afternoon refreshments. Very nice it was too!!

In answer to the Friends special invitation for the Minister to visit this area, we have received her reply stating that she will do so as soon as a suitable time can be arranged.

Frank Carter has been very busy writing letters to various schools and groups in the district also approaching the Latrobe Regional Commission, the Spastic Society of Vic. and the Moe Friends of Disabled asking them for their support in the purchase of Billy's creek. We will inform you of any replies as they become available.

Don't forget the FRENCH ISLAND TOUR - 10TH & 11TH OCT. There will be a slip attached to the next newsletter for you to acknowledge your intentions.

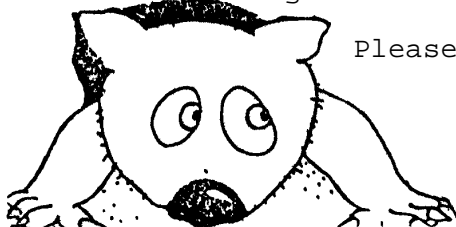
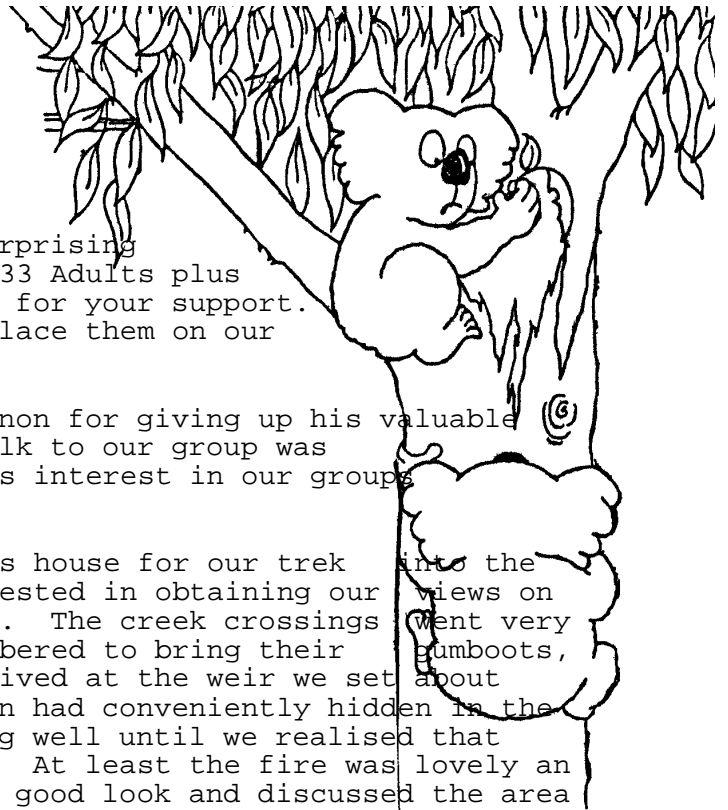
The July meeting will be on the 12th July at the usual time of 1.30pm meeting in the park picnic area. We have decided to drop the 12pm time slot as it was not practical. In future when there are important matters to discuss we will have a special meeting for those who are interested.

Please B.Y.O. tea, coffee and afternoon tea for the next meeting when we will walk into the newly purchased 23 acres of Peels land at the rear of the park in order to familiarise ourselves with that corner of the park. This area includes a stand of Silvertop (*Eucalyptus sieberi*) which does not occur within the old park boundary. Also to be looked at is the proposed further addition of approx. 5 acres donated as a result of the Peels subdivision in Brewsters Road. The area is cleared land and will probably require revegetation, a project for the group to tackle in the future. It would be interesting to hear of any ideas the group may have toward the long term use - management of our latest acquisition.

Please come along and give us your opinion.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Loughborough.
CO-ORDINATOR.



GUIDELINES

1. The Department of Conservation, Forests and Lands has agreed to the Victorian National Parks Association sponsoring the formation of Friends Groups in parks managed by the Department.
 2. Friends Groups are special interest groups affiliated with the VNPA, although all members of Friends Groups need not be members of the VNPA.
 3. The following Objects have been approved by the Department:-
 - "The Objects of a Friends Group are :-
 - 1. To provide support and to foster public awareness of the park.
 - 2. To assist with special projects in the park.
 - 3. To bring into contact people with a mutual interest in the park.
 4. Mutual co-operation between the Department and the group is essential.
 5. Before a group is formed the approval of the Director of the National Parks and Wildlife Division is necessary.
 6. The structure and method of operation of a group are matters for that group. Any proposed formal constitution should be referred to the Director of the National Parks and Wildlife Division and to the VNPA.
 7. A group must designate a person or persons who accept responsibility for the functionin9 of the group.
 8. Projects should be proposed by Friends and selected in close consultation with the Ranger in Charge or other officer nominated by the Regional Manager.
 9. Projects must be approved in advance by the Ranger in Charge, the Regional Manager and/or the Director of the National Parks and Wildlife Division as is appropriate. (See Footnote)
 10. The Regional Manager or the Ranger in Charge has the right to stop or modify any project at any time.
- FOOTNOTE: Projects must be such that they can not be regarded as work which would be done by employed persons. It should be recognised that projects will usually not have the highest priority on the parks works programme because priority work should be undertaken by employees.
11. Projects should provide satisfaction to participants without being unduly onerous.
 12. Proper regard must always be taken for the safety of participants. (Volunteers are not covered for workers' compensation benefits although the Department has an accident cover which provides limited benefits.)
 13. Friends seek no special privileges and pay normal park fees (where applicable).
 14. The VNPA will provide publicity and limited office support.