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Dear Friends,

The weather wasn't terrific for our meeting on the 9th August but at least it didn't rain.

Ian filled us in on the latest relating to Billy's creek and later Ian Leversha the Public Land Manager from C.F. & L, Yarram brought us further up to date.

Two significant things have happened, firstly the Land Conservation Council has seen fit, in it's proposed recommendations for the Latrobe Valley Special Investigation, to recommend that the SECV land (6ha) at the end of Tebb Tce should be managed by C.F. & L, it is not final as yet, but looks promising.

Secondly:- at present the Minister for C.F. & L. Joan Kirner is considering a proposal to initially fund totally the Billy's creek land purchase, with the proviso that the community undertakes some responsibility for future development funding. This also looks promising, however we will have to wait and see!

After all that, the walk didn't start until fairly late, about 2.30pm when we headed off up the main firebreak. Ian had in mind that we might cut and pull some pines out as we went. But when we reached Jumbuk Rd at the top of the break the large numbers and large size of some pines kept us busy for the rest of the afternoon. Good to see some of the smaller pines saved for transplanting into private gardens, seems better than wasting them.

Afternoon tea was up to it's usual high standard helped along by biscuits from Peter, Johanna and cakes by Gail.

Special thanks to Ian Leversha for making his time available to us and also addressing the group.

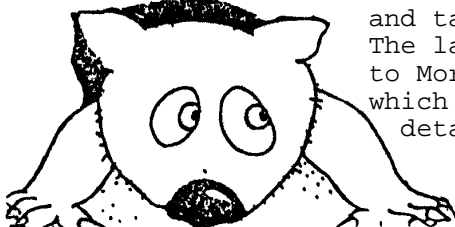
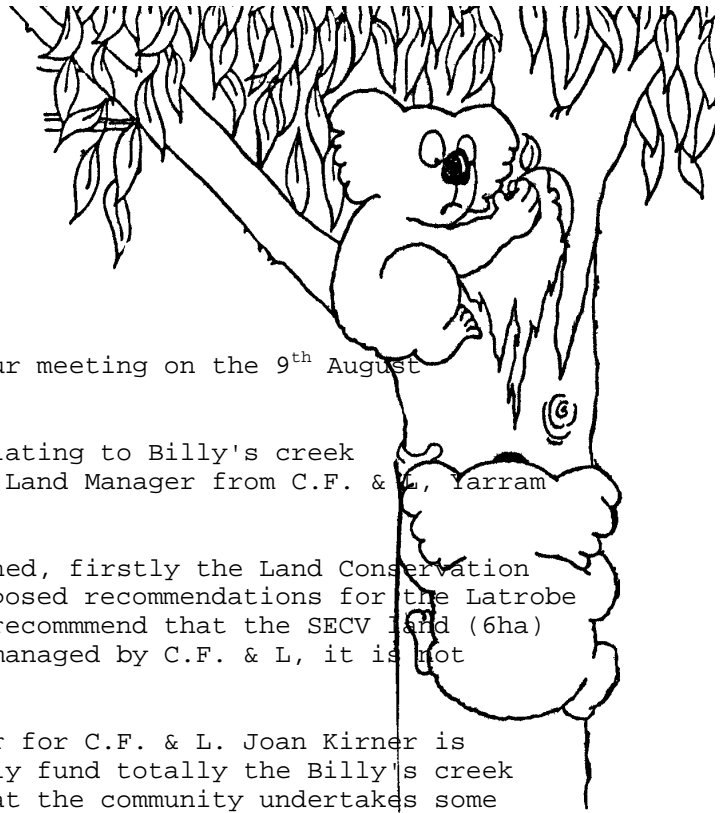
Next month we are back to Koala surveying, this should be interesting as our statistics will be starting to take shape, and also to compare with some other survey work being undertaken by a student from GIAE.

The attached Koala information relates to Koala's in Qld. specifically but is extremely interesting, every little bit of understanding helps!

French. Island visit is just around the corner now; and details are tentatively as follows:-

Car pooling seems logical so we shall all meet at the Morwell Railway Station carpark (Highway side) at 7.30am sharp and swap cars there. We have decided to make it a one day visit only on the 10th October which is a Saturday. We will catch the 10.00a:m ferry from Stoney Point, and on French Island will meet a bus which will give us a tour, and take us to the Ranger who will address the group. The last ferry leaves at 4.25pm, hopefully we will return to Morwell by 7.30pm. Costs will be approx. \$15 per adult which includes ferry and bus trips for the day. Final details will be included in Septembers newsletter.

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The September meeting will start as usual at 1.30pm in the park picnic area where Ian will give us our instructions. If you were at last years survey we split up into groups and covered as much of the park as possible. This year for those who dare to venture off the well worn tracks please wear some sort of protection against snake bites! Remember it will be the start of spring and thats when they are out and about. High gumboots or gaiters will be the order of the day.

Look forward to seeing you all next month. For more information please contact Gail Roche on 22-1478 or Margaret Loughorough on 22-3127.

Yours most sincerely,

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