

Secretary,
FRIENDS OF MORWELL NATIONAL PARK,
P.O. Box 19,
Churchill 3842.

Dear Friends,

The changes are happening! As I am typing this newsletter I am sure that you will begin to see and feel the excitement shared by the committee as we met for the first time, as well as the immensity of the task before us. Please be patient with us as we get all of our tasks up and running smoothly.

With thanks to Frank Carter, we were delighted to have the priveleged use of the SES Headquarters for our first Friends meeting for 1988. It was a most comfortable setting for what could have been a most uncomfortable discussion. However, that was not to be the case!

Ian read the Proposed Constitution, which was unanimously accepted with little alteration by the dozen or so members who were present. Then we went on to formally set up our Committee. After some light-hearted banter over afternoon tea, the following people were nominated and endorsed in their positions:

PRESIDENT: Yvonne Aplin
V.P./ACTIVITIES CO-ORDINATOR: Frank Carter
TREASURER: Judy Lambert
SECRETARY: Peter Bryant
ORDINARY MEMBERS: Neil Grigg & Margaret Loughborough

Our thanks to these people for accepting these positions, and to Ken Harris, Rob de Souza-Daw, Yvonne Aplin and Frank Carter who did so much work during December - February to present a workable Constitution and to get us to the stage of adopting it and setting up a formal committee.

The gathering present went further to discuss the issue of Fees. After some discussion in the light of the newly adopted Constitution and some previous discussions, it was unanimously agreed that the fees be set at:

SINGLE: \$10
FAMILY: \$15

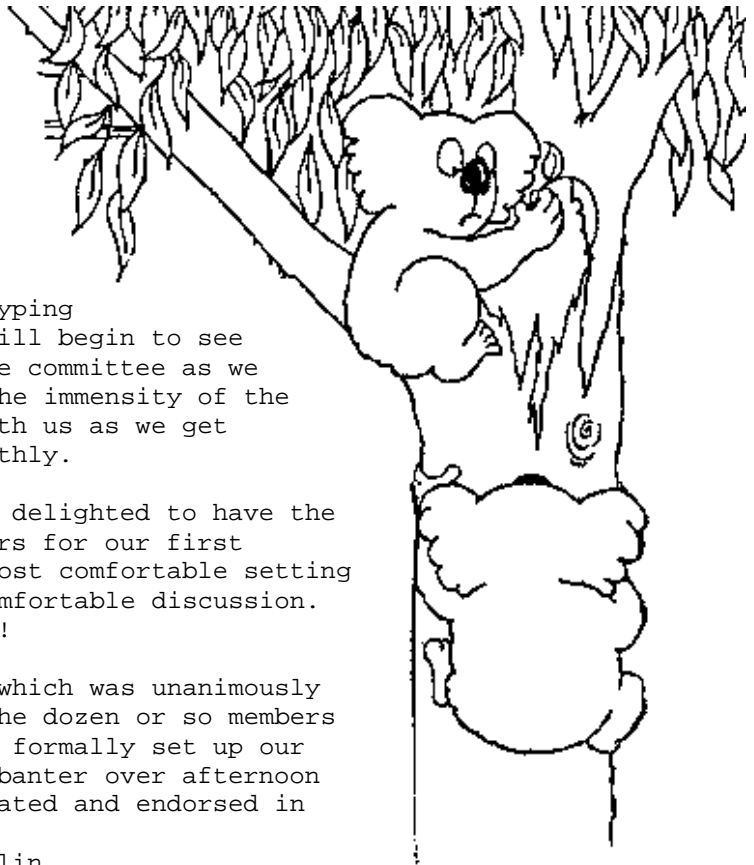
These fees would cover the period until the end of the 1988/1989 financial year (viz. June 30, 1989), and entitle a single person to one vote at any formal meeting of the Friends, and entitle a family to two votes at any formal meeting of the Friends.

Thank-you to all those members who came and contributed so much to that important meeting.

On February 18th, the first meeting of the Committee was held at Peter Bryant's house. Quite a lengthy meeting was held to further clarify and set up the workings of the Friends group for 1988. Several items were raised which we would like your opinion on, and so you will find added to this letter a proposed agenda for a Special General Meeting of the Friends to follow our March Project Day.

Other issues which were discussed and clarified were:

1. Incorporation of the Friends group will be completed once the Constitution has been re-typed following the February meeting.
2. Formal acceptance of the temporary Task Force to raise an Appeal Committee for the Billy's Creek addition, with the addition of Judy Lambert (Treasurer) and Peter Bryant (Secretary). The Task Force now includes: Neil Grigg, Frank Carter, Margaret Loughborough, Dick Donchi, Gail Roche, Yvonne Aplin, Neil Beggs,



3. Committee meetings will be held before the start of the Project Days at the Roche's residence. These meetings are open to all Friends, although the Constitution does not allow those, except Committee members, to vote.
4. The 1988 Project Days programme was formally accepted. Thanks to Frank (with the help of Ian) for the work in setting up the programme, which is enclosed at the end of this letter. Please note some of the changes as a result of wanting to start setting up the Billy's Creek area for public use.
5. Our Bank Account has been transferred from Morwell to a Cheque Account at the Churchill branch of the State Bank. Signatories are Judy Lambert (as Treasurer) and one of Yvonne Aplin, Peter Bryant or Frank Carter.
6. Finally, details of the Membership are as follows:
All those currently on our Membership Lists are now formally members of the Friends group on tendering of their Membership Fees {see earlier}. Any new members will have to lodge an Application Form with the Committee for ratification. In order to hasten the formalising of the Membership List it was decided that Members (in order to become Financial Members with full voting rights) complete the enclosed form to Judy, with their fees, BEFORE THE END OF MARCH. Only financial members will be receiving the April newsletter. Please be prompt in returning the slip below with your Membership Fees, so as not to be left out of the running of the Friends group.

Finally, please note that any correspondence may be sent to the (new) address above, or addressed to Peter Bryant. (My address and phone no. are 1/33 Strathcole Drive, Traralgon 3844, phone 74-2107) I would welcome hearing from you at any time, either by letter or phone call.

Well, congratulations if you managed to get this far and still understand everything!! Any of the Committee members would be happy to help you in clarifying any point in our new operations and set-up, although it would be appreciated if most of these could be directed to either Yvonne or myself, as Secretary/Public Officer.

See you all at our March meeting, which is on March 13th (the long weekend) at 1.30pm at the ~~Foster's Gully picnic area.~~

roundabout *at the end of Tebb Terrace.*

Peter Bryant

AGENDA FOR SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING 13. MAR 88.

1. YINJAR SOUTH FAIR
 2. REPORT ON INCORPORATION
 3. REPORT ON FUND RAISING TASK FORCE
(incl. volunteers to go on Fund Raising Committee)
 4. Logo for FOMNP
 5. Frequency for Special General Meetings
 6. Fees and Membership
 7. Other Business
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KEN HARRIS' REPORT:

Orchid Survey - Further checking on 26th January revealed that no Orchids on our plots had set any seed. However, a random search on the way back did locate one plant with one full-grown, but still green, seed pod. Showing this pod to Ian on 7th February, a further 4 pods were located close to the first and I intend to create one more plot to examine the plants with pods to keep check on them from year to year.

By the way, Tiger Snakes are currently quite common close to the Foster's Gully Track. Watch out, Ian!

A preliminary plant survey of the Billy's Creek area has located a species of Hypericum which has provisionally identified by the State Herbarium as an exotic (European) species, H. australe, not previously recorded anywhere in Australia.

Ken.

(P.S. We welcome articles from any person, dealing with the area of the Morwell National Park. Editor)