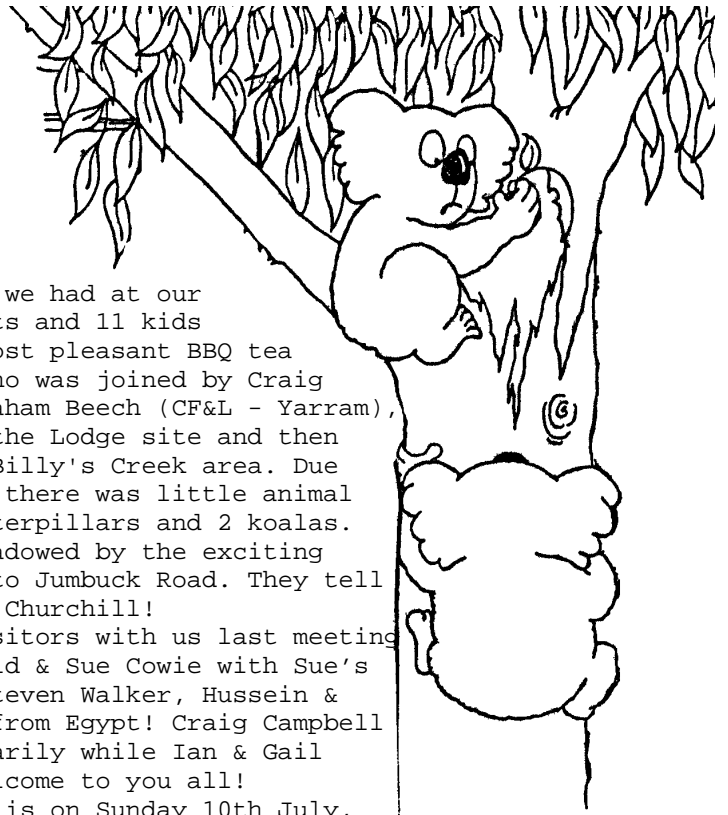


27th June, 1988.

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



Dear Friends,

What an exciting time we had at our last meeting day! Twenty-four adults and 11 kids joined us in Billy's Creek for a most pleasant BBQ tea and chat around a campfire. Ian, who was joined by Craig Campbell (Bulga-Tarra N.P.) and Graham Beech (CF&L - Yarram), took us on a Spotlight walk up to the Lodge site and then up to the end of main part of the Billy's Creek area. Due to the very still, cloudless night, there was little animal activity, except for some large caterpillars and 2 koalas. Our disappointment here was overshadowed by the exciting trek out of the Park up the track to Jumbuck Road. They tell me that they could hear Johanna at Churchill!

We were glad to have many visitors with us last meeting including: Alan & Jane Tipper, David & Sue Cowie with Sue's mum Evelyn, Graham & Ann Beech, Steven Walker, Hussein & Ann-Rasheeda relatives of Johanna from Egypt! Craig Campbell who is supervising the Park temporarily while Ian & Gail are on holidays also joined us. Welcome to you all!

Our next Friends Project Day is on Sunday 10th July, meeting at 1.30pm at Foster's Gully picnic area. PLEASE NOTE. THE CHANGE OF TIME FROM OUR ORIGINAL PROGRAMME. It would be most appreciated if people could bring mattocks and/or axes to help with some of the work we wish to do. This project day will be preceded by a Committee meeting commencing at 12.30 at Foster's Gully. Any Friends member is welcome to attend this meeting.

Finally, a brief summary of the Special General Meeting we held at Billy's Creek prior to going on our Spotlight Walk:

1. Appeal's Committee Report - Gloria Auchterlonie has agreed to be President of the Appeal's Committee, if so elected, Approaches are currently being made to other Public Figures to be part of the Committee. The booklet outlining the Billy's Creek plan has been produced and is now available for the Committee. Geoff Galvin has been nominated to represent the Friends on this committee. We are still looking for a proxy for Geoff. Are you willing to help? Please contact Yvonne Aplin (22-2597) or myself (74-2107) if you are interested.
2. It was agreed to transfer \$200 from the Friends to the Billy's Creek Appeal as Petty Cash to help with the background work of the Appeal.
3. August Meeting of the Friends group - Visit to Warrandyte S.P. If you are interested in attending this Park on August 14th, please complete and return the enclosed slip to the Secretary on or before our July meeting day (July 10). If you wish to stay overnight, some billeting is available - please indicate on the slip.
4. Thanks was expressed to Frank Carter, in his absence, for the time and work he has put into the Friends group since its inaugural meetine over 2 years ago. As our Vice-president/Activities Officer he has truly been a leader and inspiration to us all. We wish him and his family well in their new work with CF&L.

Yvonne & I visited Frank just before he headed north, presenting him with a "Man from Billy's Creek" T-shirt.

We also expressed our best wishes to Ian & Gail Roche as they take up a secondment at Warrandyte S.P. for the next 6 months.

See you all on the 10th,

*Peter Bryant*

Peter. Bryant - Secretary



VNPA Membership Drive.

Friends Groups are sponsored by the Victorian National Parks Association, but you do not have to be a VNPA member to be involved with a Friends Group. The Association is having a membership drive and has asked that this be drawn to the attention of all Friends so that they have the opportunity to join the Association if they so desire. Individual membership is \$22.00, Family Membership - \$27.00 per year. Members receive the journal "Parkwatch", the VNPA newsletter, and can participate in a wide range of VNPA activities. If you are already a member, it is suggested you invite friends and acquaintances to consider membership.

The VNPA is a well established and effective organization, whose main concern is national and other. conservation parks. It continues to play a leading role in the development of our parks system.

NOTE: VNPA application forms are available from Peter Bryant. If you are interested in joining up please see me at the next meeting. Copies of "Parkwatch" and the VNPA newsletter are available for your perusal.

SLIDES of Billy's Creek are needed to help with promotional leaflets & displays for the Appeal for Billy's Creek. If you have any that we may lend for a short time please indicate on the form below, or ring me on 74-2107, or Yvonne on 22-2597.

Please complete and return the following to Peter Bryant  
1/33 Strathcole Drive  
Traralgon 3844  
before our July meeting (July 10), or give it to me at the July meeting:

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FRIENDS OF MORWELL NATIONAL PARK

I have slides of Billy's Creek that I am willing to lend to the Billy's Creek Appeal Committee. (Please indicate something of the slides' contents in the space below, and the number of slides available)

I/We wish to attend the visit to Warrandyte State Park on August 14.  
Names of those attending:

I/We are able to help with transport, and have space for \_\_\_\_\_ passengers  
 I/We need transport to/from/both ways to Warrandyte SP  
 I/We would like billeting on the night of Saturday 13th August.

I/We are interested in VNPA membership. Please send/give us an application form.

I/We wish to know more about the VNPA. Please send/give us details.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (B)