

FRIENDS OF MORWELL NATIONAL PARK INC.

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Thanks to those who turned up to help with the second koala survey on 17 November. The extra eyes needed for the task were few but Julie, a member of the Field Naturalist's group came along, accompanied by Melbourne friend Judy Weatherhead. (They had both heard, but not

seen, a koala in Fosters Gully during their morning walk.) Two people from Callignee also turned up after reading about the koala count in the "Express". The weather was excellent but the koalas a bit sparse, (or hiding well!) as only four were seen. Rob was absent but the ranger from the Tarra-Bulga 'Park, Craig, stood in for him. Ken carried out an orchid survey with a prospective member whom we contacted at the "Local Clubs" display at Churchill shopping centre.

A barbeque and spotlight walk on the <u>Sunday 15 December</u> will conclude our year's activities, and we hope as many members and their families as possible will come along.

Venue: Fosters Gully Car Park

Time: 7.00 pm

What to bring: Your own BBQ food

A salad or sweet to share ,

It only remains to thank all members who have been involved in activities during the year - the weed pullers, stake knocker-inners, hole diggers, seedling planters, guard makers, koala spotters, organisers, and flora and fauna experts, - and of course Rob the Ranger, who is always so cooperative and helpful.

Have a safe and happy festive season!

Wendy Nickson