



FRIENDS OF MORWELL NATIONAL PARK INC.

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FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends ,

Welcome back for 1992. Attached is the 1992 Activities Program . As you can see, we are going into the year's activities gently, (before the slab of tree planting days during the cooler months!). It would be good to see most members again next Sunday the 16th February for the "official" installation of the first picnic table in the "potato flats" section of Billy's Creek. Most of you will have seen this beautiful part of the Park and will agree that this is an ideal spot for a picnic table. I don't think Rob has organised champagne for this official launching, but

there is a possibility we may run to Billy tea - what else at Billy's Creek? I must apologise about the short notice of this activity but the third Sunday in February has sneaked up on us very early!

The table will be concreted in but no need to bring tools, just yourselves. There is also some old farm machinery which is of historical interest to the Park, and this will be removed on the 16th, and taken away for renovation.

Please notice also the 14th March - a SATURDAY - which is to be our March activity day, helping at Yinnar South Country Fair. The Friends group will have an information tent, and making Billy tea and damper. Also, because the FMNP receives an amount from the proceeds of the day, we are required to help out generally at catering stalls, with games, etc. Please contact Yvonne Aplin on 222597 if you are able to help, even for only an hour or so. The Fair runs all day from 9am through to 4.30 or 5.00pm. The Fair is good value and a pleasant day out for all the family, with plenty of stalls and activities.

I draw your attention too to the Friends Groups one day seminar on Sat. March 21st at the Melbourne Herbarium Hall. Topics for discussion include Weed Control, Seed Collection, Plant Mortality, Flora & Fauna Interaction, Fauna Surveys, all of which sound interesting. Contact Ken Harris on 223137 for information.

Ken assures us that the seedlings planted on the flats at Billy's Creek last year have done remarkably well, some being around the 6ft. mark! I am sure all those involved with the planting will be delighted and encouraged by this. Next Sunday might also be a good time to walk along the Creek and visit this area to see for yourselves. Consideration will be given to taking the guards off some of the young trees later in the year.

We have received notice from the Morwell Shire regarding the Clean Up Australia Day on the 1st March. We are not participating as a Group, but individuals are free to contact Margot Busch at the Morwell Shire Office for further information and registration.

Hope for a good get-together on the 16th. 'Bye for now.

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