



# FRIENDS OF MORWELL NATIONAL PARK INC.

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## JUNE NEWSLETTER

Hello Friends,

I would like to apologise for stating that it was good we were getting a bit of rain, as I am sure I have "put the moz" on it and we are all ready for some sunshine now!

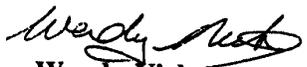
Wet conditions prevented the keen group who turned up for the May working bee from working on the Information Shelter, but it will be quite a while before all the other infrastructure is completed so no great urgency at all. The group, after a short discussion re the latest Management Plan for the Park, made their way through rather muddy conditions to have a look at the beginnings of the vehicle track. The road is being constructed from the end of Braniff's Road down to the creek, this being part of Stage 1 of Management Plan. Initially it will be a gravel surface, which will be upgraded at a later date to a sealed surface. It is all something of a quagmire at the moment.

The group wandered round the areas of trees planted last year, and found good growth in our plantings. An afternoon tea rounded off the afternoon. Many thanks to the people who turned up on such a wet and drizzly day.

For the working bee on the **20th June** we shall be, yes, PLANTING TREES again. We know you have all been longing to get your hands around spades and get into that beautiful alluvial soil by the creek, or that less-than-beautiful clayey stuff on the hillsides (note that we prefer "user-friendly soil"), and to plant and stake. It IS quite a satisfying activity as over the last couple of years it has been good to see the change from a farming environment to rapidly growing young native trees, and the ensuing ecological development as insects and animals which dwell in natural bushland move into the area. Yallourn Secondary College has been involved in growing seedlings from seed collected from our first generation of trees, which is quite a satisfying concept. They have had a great success rate and have lots of hemp trees for us!

Rob tells me there are a couple of hundred trees to plant so many hands make light work, hope to see those who are able to make on the 20th. - 1.30 end of Braniff's Road.

Bye for now.

  
Wendy Nickson  
Newsletter Editor

*Sorry this is a bit late - I had a hectic few days last week.*