



# Friends of Morwell National Park Inc.

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## NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends,

Thanks for the wonderful turnout for our tree-rescue mission -19 people, and that's not including ranger Rob and his two children. This enabled us to pull any trees that looked as if they had a chance of recovery (or even half a chance) out of the silt and back into an upright position. The weather was perfect so I think everyone quite enjoyed the afternoon. As there were so many helpers, the task was finished early and was not at all onerous. As well as our usual members we had a teacher and two students from the TAFE college who were seeking information on the history of the Park, and the strategies and policies of the Friends group.

There will now be **NO ACTIVITY THIS COMING SUNDAY THE 21ST NOVEMBER.**

Instead, on **Sunday the 28th November**, there will be a trip to **Warrandyte State Park**, for their Open Day on plant propagation. We will pool cars to go down, meeting at Churchill carpark ("old" carpark between the shopping centres) at 9.00 am. (share petrol costs). If any of you wants to go but has transport difficulties, please contact Joanna on 696496 or me on 221943. We estimate 2½ -3 hrs to get there, depending on the weight of your foot!

The official time to gather is 1.00 pm at the depot at the end of Pound Bend Road, Melways reference 23 C10. We suggest that we take a packed lunch to have before this time. We will be shown the Warrandyte S.P. propagation facilities and told about the way they go about raising trees. At about 4.30 pm there will be a BBQ so if you wish, BYO everything and stay to socialise and exchange ideas with other groups. Warrandyte S.P. Ranger Ian Roche and wife Gail were previously at Morwell N.P. -Ian has been posted to Phillip Island and they will be moving there in the near future.

We regret to say that Steve Shinnars and Shelley Templeman will be leaving us -Steve has obtained work at Jabiru in the Northern Territory and is heading up almost immediately, with Shelley following close behind! Our loss is their gain however, as both Steve and Shelley have been wishing to return to "a warm climate" as Shelley puts it. I am sure that conservation and wildlife groups in the Jabiru area will benefit from their interest and enthusiasm. Steve was our Secretary for many years, taking on a large workload (his job has been shared by two people since!) so our Group has much to thank him for, and Shelley has also served on Committee and been an enthusiastic member. We all wish them well for the future.

Rob de Souza Daw asks us to tell you of a booklet he has written about the frogs of Churchill and district. He will bring the booklets along to the next get together for sale (\$3).

Hope to see you on the 28th.

  
Wendy Nickson  
Newsletter editor