

# FRIENDS OF MORWELL NATIONAL PARK

## MAY 1994 NEWSLETTER

### Constitution Changes

At the special General Meeting held on the 17th April, the changes to the Constitution as attached to the March newsletter were put before the meeting individually, and were all passed.

The motion to change Clause 21(3) and (4) restricting the term of office bearers to two years (see February newsletter) was not passed. It was felt desirable that there is a good rotation of office bearers to retain the vitality of the Group but that this should not be included in our Constitution. Thank you for the good turn up of people that enabled these matters to be dealt with.

A few members went on to the Billy's Creek area after this meeting and took treeguards from some well grown trees by the Creek. The heavy rains and floods of last winter had deposited a deep layer of silt around the trees and the grass was very high, so it was a hard struggle to extract the wire guards.

### May Activity

The third Sunday is early this month - our activity is on **Sunday 15th May** meeting at **10.00 a.m.** at the end of Braniff's Road. This should give us a good start to our winter tree-planting season. If you can't make it for 10.00am and come later on in the day, there will be signs indicating the tree planting area. Bring along any handy tools, e.g. mallets, wire cutters, pliers, spade, trowel -that you think would be useful. Rob has quite a supply but there always seems to be a shortage of something!

### News from the Ranger

Rob reports funding has been received to repair tracks etc. after last year's floods, and this is being put to good use in that area.

The Park has also received 100 of a new type of tree guard to trial. If successful these will prove very cost-effective at 50c. per plant, compared with \$3-\$4 for the guards used now. The guard is supported by a bamboo stick and is quite short, but as the only predation is now from rabbits, this should be sufficient to use in future. An eradication program for willow and pittosporum is being continued.

There are a number of registered members who haven't been sighted for a while, so hope to see you and the regulars at the tree-planting.

Bye for now,

  
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