



# Friends of Morwell National Park Inc.

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## NEWSLETTER AUGUST 1996

### JULY ACTIVITY

On 21..JuLy 8 people (friends and others) turned up to Billys Creek near the Junction Road bridge and planted 335 trees (see detail below). The weather held out long enough but it was very wet under foot in places.

Trees planted were:

• Eucalyptus	globulus	<i>Blue gum</i>	40
• "	ovata	<i>Swamp gum</i>	40
• . "	viminalis	<i>Manna gum</i>	40
• . "	obliqua	<i>Messmate</i>	14
• Acacia	dealbata	<i>Silver wattle</i>	50
• . "	melanoxyton	<i>Blackwood</i>	56
• . "	vemiciflua	<i>Varnish wattle</i>	40
• . "	verticillata	<i>Prickly moses</i>	40
• Rapanea	howittiana	<i>Turnip wood</i>	
•		<i>or Mutton wood</i>	15
<u>TOTAL</u>			<u>335</u>

### SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

- Amendments to constitution (as per attached copy).
- New member Dianna Roberts (welcome to the Friends of Morwell National Park).

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Presidents report -attached

Treasurers Financial Statement -attached.

Rangers Report ( sorry not attached I did not get a copy of this )

Annual Subscriptions for the year to remain unchanged as below:

- FAMILY\$15.00
- SINGLE \$10.00

Election of committee:

- President -Ken Harris
- Vice-President -Ed Steenbergen
- Treasurer -Wendy Steenbergen
- Secretary -John Pulis
- Two ordinary Members -Newsletter editor -Martin Gwynne
- Other -Anne Bailey

## **TREE PLANTING DINNER**

Dont forget 7pm Saturday 31 August 1996 at Ken and Fay Hams' residence.  
RMB 4318 Haverbrack Cres. Hazelwood South.

Meal arrangements :

- committee members to bring along a casserole.
- all others to bring along salads or sweets please.

Friends and all tree planters welcome.

## **AUGUST ACTIVITY**

Tree planting and guard removal in Billys Creek section at the end of 6raniffs Road 18-August-1996.  
What you will need to take with you, gum boots most likely if it has been wet, a knife to cut off old plastic tree guards, pliers (maybe if there are any wire ones to be removed), lunch and drinks.

## **THE EDITOR**

If you need to give me information for the newsletter the address is RMB 1418B Yinnar 3869 or phone (051) 221945. Thankyou.

CONSTITUTION (as modified 4<sup>th</sup> August 1996)

**NAME**

1. The name of the association is FRIENDS OF MORWELL NATIONAL PARK (1)  
(in these rules called "The Friends").

**INTERPRETATION**

2. (1) In these rules, unless the contrary intention appears :-  
  
"Committee" means the Committee of Management of the Friends.  
"Financial Year" means the year ending on 30th June.  
"General Meeting" means a general meeting of members convened in accordance with Rule 11.  
"Member" means either an individual member or either of the two persons named as a family member of the Friends.  
"Ordinary Member of the Committee" means a member of the Committee who is not an officer of the Friends under Rule 21.  
"The Act" means the Associations Incorporation Act 1981.  
"The Regulations" means regulations under the Act.  
"The Park" means Morwell National Park and includes land proposed as additions to that Park.
- (2) (Clause Deleted).
- (3) Words or expressions contained in these rules shall be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of the Acts Interpretation Act 1958 and the Act as in force from time to time.

**THE OBJECTS**

3. (1) To provide support for, and to foster public awareness of the park.
- (2) To assist the Park with special projects.
- (3) To bring into contact and provide a forum for people with a mutual interest in the park.
- (4) To arrange outings and activities for the education and enjoyment of members and their families.
- (5) Engage in activities which are ancillary to objectives 1 to 4.
- (6) Support the effective management of flora and fauna in Victoria.

The objects of the Friends are the "statement of purposes" for the purpose of the Act and the Regulations.

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

4. (1) Any natural person aged 16 years or more is eligible to join the Friends as an individual member.
- (2) Any two natural persons aged 16 years or more, who consider themselves to be a family, are eligible to join the Friends, as a family member. The two persons named on the completed application for membership form are the persons who constitute a family for the purpose of this Rule.
- (3) A person or family who was a member prior to incorporation of the Friends, shall subject to these rules continue as a member as per the incorporated Rules.
- (4) Any family, who was accepted as a family member prior to 4th August 1996 and was considered to be a family member at that date, shall continue as a family member as now defined in Rule 4(2).
- (5) A person who is a family member may become an individual member by renewing the annual subscription as an individual member.
- (6) A person or family, seeking to become a member shall complete an application form as set out in Appendix 1 and shall lodge the completed form with the Secretary or Acting Secretary.
- (7) The Committee shall determine as soon as practical to approve or reject the application.

- (8) If the Committee approves the application, the applicant has three months from the date of approval by the Committee to become a member.
- (9) Membership of an applicant takes effect from the date that the payment of the initial subscription is received in full.

#### **ENTRANCE FEE AND ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION**

- 5. (1) No entrance fees shall be payable.
- (2) Annual subscriptions for individual members and for family members shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting for the year commencing the day after the Annual General Meeting.

#### **REGISTER OF MEMBERS**

- 6. The secretary shall keep and maintain a register of members in which shall be entered the full name, address and date of entry of the name of each member and the register shall be available for inspection by members at the address of the Public Officer.

#### **RESIGNATION AND EXPULSION OF MEMBER**

- 7. (1) A member of the Friends may resign from the Friends by first giving notice in writing to the secretary of his intention to resign and thereupon the member shall cease to be a member.
- (2) Upon the receipt of a notice given under sub-clause (1), the secretary shall make in the register of members an entry recording the date on which the member by whom the notice was given, ceased to be a member.
- (3) Any member who fails to pay in full the annual subscription, within three months of an Annual General Meeting shall be deemed to have resigned from the Friends. The member's deemed resignation takes effect from three months after the relevant Annual General Meeting.
- (4) If a person who resigns and is a family member, the other of the family shall become an individual member upon renewing the annual subscription.
- 8. (1) Subject to these rules, the Committee may by resolution:-
  - (a) expel a member from the Friends. If a person who has been expelled is a family member, the other person of the family, shall become an individual member upon renewing the annual subscription; or
  - (b) suspend a member from membership of the Friends for a specified period; if the Committee is of the opinion that the member:-
    - (i) has refused or neglected to comply with these rules; or
    - (ii) has been guilty of conduct unbecoming a member or prejudicial to the interest of the Friends.
- (2) A resolution of the Committee under sub-clause (1) :-
  - (a) does not take effect until the Committee, at a meeting held not earlier than 14 and not later than 28 days after the service on the member of a notice under sub-clause (3) confirms the resolution in accordance with this clause; and
  - (b) where the member exercises a right of appeal to the Friends under this clause does not take effect unless the Friends confirms the resolution in accordance with this clause.
- (3) Where the Committee passes a resolution under sub-clause (1), the secretary shall, as soon as practicable, cause to be served on the member a notice in writing:-
  - (a) setting out the resolution of the Committee and the grounds on which it is based;
  - (c) stating that the member may address the Committee at a meeting to be held not earlier than 14 and not later than 28 days after the service of the notice;
  - (c) stating the date, place and time of that meeting;
  - (d) informing the member that he may do one or more of the following:-
    - (i) Attend that meeting;
    - (ii) Give to the Committee before the date of that meeting a written statement seeking the revocation of the resolution;
    - (iii) Not later than 24 hours before the date of the meeting, lodge with the secretary a notice to the effect that he wishes to appeal to the Friends in general meeting against the resolution.

- (4) At a meeting of the Committee held in accordance with sub-clause (2), the Committee:-
- (a) shall give to the member an opportunity to be heard;
  - (b) shall give due consideration to any written statement submitted by the member; and
  - (c) shall by resolution determine whether to confirm or revoke the resolution.
- (5) Where the secretary receives a notice under sub-clause (3), he shall notify the Committee and the Committee shall convene a general meeting of the Friends to be held within 21 days after the date on which the secretary received the notice.
- (6) At a general meeting of the Friends convened under sub-clause (5) :-
- (a) no business other than the question of the appeal shall be transacted;
  - (b) the Committee may place before the meeting details of the grounds for the resolution and the reasons for the passing of the resolution;
  - (c) the member shall be given an opportunity to be heard; and
  - (d) the members present shall vote a secret ballot on the question whether the resolution should be confirmed or revoked.
- (7) If at the general meeting :-
- (a) two-thirds of the members vote in person or by proxy in favour of the confirmation of the resolution, the resolution is confirmed; and
  - (b) in any other case, the resolution is revoked.

#### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

9. (1) The Friends shall in each calendar year convene an annual general meeting of its members. <sup>(3)</sup>
- (2) The annual general meeting shall be held on such days in the month of August as the Committee determines.
- (3) The annual general meeting shall be specified as such in the notice convening it.
- (4) The ordinary business of the annual general meeting shall be :-
- (a) to confirm the minutes of the last preceding annual general meeting;
  - (b) to receive the President's and Treasurer's Annual reports upon the transactions of the Friends during the last preceding financial year;
  - (c) to elect officers of the Friends and the ordinary members of the Committee; and
  - (d) to determine the annual subscriptions for the immediate following year.
  - (e) to consider the statement to be submitted by the Friends in accordance with section 30(3) of the Act.
- (5) The annual general meeting may transact special business of which notice is given in accordance with these rules.
- (6) The annual general meeting shall be in addition to any other general meetings that may be held in the same year.

#### **SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING**

10. All general meetings other than the annual general meeting shall be called special general meetings.
- (1) The Committee may convene special general meetings.
  - (2) The Committee shall, on the requisition in writing of members representing not less than 5% of the total number of members, convene a special general meeting of the Friends.
  - (3) The requisition for a special general meeting shall state the objects of the meeting and shall be signed by the members making the requisition and be sent to the address of the Secretary and may consist of several documents in a like form, each signed by one or more of the members making the requisition.
  - (4) If the Committee does not cause a special general meeting to be held within one month after the date on which the requisition is sent to the address of the Secretary, the members making the requisition, or any of them, may convene a special general meeting to be held not later than 3 months after that date.

- (5) A special general meeting convened by members in pursuance to these rules shall be convened in the same manner as nearly as possible as that in which these meetings are convened by the Committee and all reasonable expenses incurred in convening the meeting shall be refunded by the Friends to the persons incurring the expenses.

#### **NOTICE OF MEETING**

11. (1) The secretary of the Friends shall, at least 7 calendar days before the date fixed for holding a general meeting cause to be sent to each member a written notice stating the place, date and time of the meeting and the nature of the business to be transacted at the meeting except as under sub-clause 4.
- (2) No business other than that set out in the notice convening the meeting shall be transacted at the meeting, except as under sub-clause 4.
- (3) A member desiring to bring any business before a meeting may give notice of that business in writing to the secretary, who shall include that business in the notice calling the next general meeting after the receipt of the notice.
- (4) Any member not withstanding anything else contrary to these rules shall have the right to raise any business at any time without notice but any member has the right of veto. If veto is applied, the said item will become an agenda item for the next general meeting.

#### **PROCEEDINGS AT MEETINGS**

12. (1) All business that is transacted at a special general meeting and all business that is transacted at the annual general meeting with the exception of that referred to in these rules as being the ordinary business of the annual general meeting shall be deemed to be special business.
- (2) No item of business shall be transacted at a general meeting unless a quorum of members entitled under these rules to vote is present during the time when the meeting is considering that item.
- (3) 8 members personally present (being members entitled under these rules to vote at a general meeting) constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of a general meeting.
- (4) If within half an hour after the appointed time for the commencement of a general meeting, a quorum is not present, the meeting if convened upon the requisition of members shall be dissolved and in any other case shall stand adjourned to a time and day to be decided by the Committee at the time of adjournment.
13. (1) The President, or in his/her absence, the Vice-President, shall preside as Chairman at each general meeting of the Friends.
- (2) If the President and the Vice-President are absent from a general meeting, the members present shall elect one of their number to preside as Chairman at the meeting.
14. (1) The Chairman of a general meeting at which a quorum is present may, with the consent of the meeting, adjourn the meeting from time to time and place to place, but no business shall be transacted at an adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting at which the adjournment took place.
- (2) Where a meeting is adjourned for 7 days or more, a like notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given as in the case of the general meeting.
- (3) Except as provided in sub-clauses (1) and (2), it is not necessary to give notice of an adjournment or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting.
15. A question arising at a general meeting of the Friends shall be determined on a show of hands and unless before or on the declaration of the show of hands a poll is demanded, a declaration by the Chairman that a resolution has, on a show of hands, been carried or carried unanimously or carried by a particular majority or lost, and an entry to that effect in the Minute Book of the Friends is evidence of the fact, without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of, or against, that resolution.
16. (1) Upon any question arising at a general meeting or Committee meeting of the Friends, an individual member has one vote only and a family member has one vote for each of the two family members who are present at the meeting.

- (2) All votes shall be given personally or by proxy.
- (3) In the case of an equality of voting on a question, the Chairman of the meeting is entitled to exercise a second or casting vote.
- 17. (1) If at a meeting a poll on any question is demanded by not less than three members, it shall be taken by secret ballot at that meeting and the resolution of the ballot shall be deemed to be a resolution of the meeting on that question.
- (2) A poll that is demanded on the election of a Chairman or on a question of an adjournment shall be taken forthwith and a poll that is demanded on any other question shall be taken at such time before the close of the meeting as the Chairman may direct.
- 18. A member is not entitled to vote at any general meeting unless all annual subscriptions due and payable by him/her to the Association have been paid in full.
- 19. (1) Each member shall be entitled to appoint another member as his/her proxy by notice given to the secretary before the time of the meeting in respect of which the proxy is appointed.
- (2) The notice appointing the proxy shall be in the form set out in Appendix 2.

#### **COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT**

- 20. (1) The affairs of the Friends shall be managed by a Committee of Management constituted as provided in Rule 21.
- (2) The Committee:-
  - (a) shall control and manage the business and affairs of the Friends.
  - (b) may, subject to these rules, the regulations and the Act, exercise all powers and functions as may be exercised by the Friends other than the powers and functions that are required by these rules to be exercised by general meetings of the members of the Friends;
  - (c) shall organise the publishing and distribution of a monthly newsletter to members.
  - and
  - (d) subject to these rules, the regulations and the Act, has power to perform all such acts and things that appear to the Committee to be essential for the proper management of business and affairs of the Friends.
- 21. (1) The officers of the Friends shall be:-
  - (a) a President;
  - (b) a Vice-President and Activities Co-ordinator;
  - (c) a Treasurer; and
  - (d) a Secretary (who shall be the Public Officer).
- (2) The provisions of Rule 23 so far as they are applicable and with the necessary modifications, apply to and in relation to the election of persons to any of the offices mentioned in sub-clause (1).
- (3) Each officer of the Friends shall hold office until the annual general meeting next after the date of his/her election but is eligible for re-election.
- (4) In the event of a casual vacancy on the Committee, either a general meeting or the existing Committee, may make an appointment to the vacancy.
- (5) In the event of a casual vacancy on the Committee, either a general meeting or the existing Committee, may make an acting appointment.
- (6) All casual Committee appointments shall, unless terminated earlier, expire at the next Annual General Meeting.
- (7) Any reference in this Constitution to the rights and responsibilities of a Committee position, includes reference to an acting appointment.
- 22. (1) Subject to section 23 of the Act, the Committee shall consist of:-
  - (a) the officers of the Friends; and
  - (b) 2 ordinary members - each of whom shall be elected at the annual general meeting of the Friends in each year.
- (2) Each ordinary member of the Committee shall, subject to these rules, hold office until the annual general meeting next after the date of his/her election but is eligible for re-election.

- (3) (Deleted 4th August 1996)

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND VACANCY**

23. (1) Nominations of candidates for election as officers for specific positions of the Friends or as ordinary members of the Committee:-
- (a) shall be made in writing, signed by two members of the Friends and accompanied by the written consent of the nominee (which may be endorsed on the form of nomination); and
  - (b) shall be delivered to the secretary of the Friends before the holding of the annual general meeting; and/or
  - (c) shall be made verbally at the meeting proposed and seconded by two members with verbal confirmation of acceptance by the nominee.
- (2) If the number of nominations received for any office is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, the persons nominated shall be deemed to be elected.
- (3) If the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, a secret ballot shall be held.
- (4) The secret ballot for the election of officers and ordinary members of the Committee shall be conducted at the annual general meeting in such usual and proper manner as the Committee may direct.
- (5) A nomination of a candidate for election under this clause is not valid if that candidate has been elected to another office at the same election.
- (6) No member shall hold more than one Committee position concurrently, except where an acting appointment is made in accordance with Rule 21(5).
24. For the purposes of these rules, the office of an officer of the Friends or of an ordinary member of the Committee becomes vacant if the officer or member:-
- (a) ceases to be a member of the Friends;
  - (b) becomes an insolvent under administration within the meaning of the Companies (Victoria) Code; or
  - (c) resigns his/her office by notice in writing given to the secretary.

### **PROCEEDINGS OF COMMITTEE**

25. (1) The Committee shall meet at least 3 times in each year at such place and such times as the Committee may determine.
- (2) Special meetings of the Committee may be convened by the President or by any 2 members of the Committee.
- (3) Notice shall be given to members of the Committee of any special meeting specifying the general nature of the business.
- (4) Any 4 members of the Committee constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of a meeting of the Committee.
- (5) No business shall be transacted unless a quorum is present and if within half an hour of the time appointed for the meeting a quorum is not present the meeting shall stand adjourned to a time and place to be determined by those present.
- (6) At meetings of the Committee:-
- (a) the President or in his/her absence the Vice-President shall preside; or
  - (b) if the President and the Vice-President are absent, such one of the remaining members of the Committee as may be chosen by the members present shall preside.
- (7) Questions arising at a meeting of the Committee or of any sub-committee appointed by the Committee shall be determined on a show of hands.
- (8) Each member present at a meeting of the Committee or of any sub-committee appointed by the Committee (including the person presiding at the meeting) is entitled to one vote and in the event of an equality of votes on any question, the person presiding may exercise a second or casting vote.
- (9) Each member of the Committee shall receive notice of a meeting.



- (10) Subject to sub-clause (4) the Committee may act notwithstanding any vacancy on the Committee.
- (11) The Committee may invite observers or advisers to any meeting, but these people have no voting rights.
- (12) Any member of the Friends may attend a Committee meeting as an observer.

#### **SECRETARY**

- 26. (1) The Secretary of the Friends shall keep minutes of the resolutions and proceedings of each general meeting and each committee meeting in books provided for that purpose together with a record of the names of persons present at committee meetings.
- (2) The secretary shall act as Public Officer.
- (3) (Deleted 4th August 1996)

#### **TREASURER**

- 27. (1) The Treasurer of the Friends:-
  - (a) shall collect and receive all moneys due to the Friends and make all payments authorized by the Friends; and
  - (b) shall keep correct accounts and books showing the financial affairs of the Friends with full details of all receipts and expenditure connected with the activities of the Friends.
  - (c) All moneys received by the Treasurer shall be banked and all payments made from the bank account.
- (2) The accounts and books referred to in sub-clause (1) shall be available for inspection by members.

#### **REMOVAL OF MEMBER OF COMMITTEE**

- 28. (1) The Friends in general meeting may by resolution remove any member of the Committee before the expiration of his/her term of office and elect another member in his/her stead to hold office until the expiration of the term of the first-mentioned member.
- (2) Where the member to whom a proposed resolution referred to in sub-clause (1) makes representations in writing to the secretary or President of the Friends (not exceeding a reasonable length) and requests that they be notified to the members of the Friends they shall cause the representations to be read at the meeting.

#### **CHEQUES**

- 29. All cheques, drafts, bills of exchange, promissory notes and other negotiable instruments shall be signed by the Treasurer (or in his/her absence a person appointed as acting Treasurer) and one of the Officers of the Committee.

#### **SEAL**

- 30. (1) The Common Seal of the Friends shall be kept in the custody of the secretary.
- (2) The Common Seal shall not be affixed to any instrument except by the authority of the Committee and the affixing of the Common Seal shall be attested by the signatures of the secretary and one other officer of the Committee.

#### **ALTERATION OF RULES AND STATEMENT OF PURPOSES**

- 31. These rules including the statement of purposes of THE FRIENDS shall not be altered, rescinded or added except:-
  - (1) in accordance with the Act
  - (2) by means of a special resolution

As soon as practicable after the Special resolution is carried, the secretary shall distribute to all members a notice specifying the particular Rule or Rules which have been altered, rescinded or added.

**NOTICES**

- 32. (1) A notice may be served by or on behalf of the Friends upon any member either personally or by sending it by post to the member at his/her address shown in the Register of Members.
- (2) Where a document is properly addressed pre-paid and posted to a person as a letter, the document shall, unless the contrary is proved, be deemed to have been given to the person at the time at which the letter would have been delivered in the ordinary course of post.

**WINDING UP OR CANCELLATION**

- 33. (1) In the event of the winding up or cancellation of the incorporation of Association, the assets including cash and documents shall be disposed of by donating the assets and documents to the Government Department administering the Park.
- (2) Any cash so donated shall be given with a request that it be used for the management of the Park. (5)

**CUSTODY OF RECORDS**

- 34. (1) Except as otherwise provided in these Rules, the secretary shall keep in his/her custody or under his/her control all books, documents and securities of the Friends.
- (2) Copies of all correspondence shall be lodged with the secretary prior to the next Committee meeting or general meeting.

**FUNDS**

- 35. The funds of the Friends shall be derived from annual subscriptions, grants, donations and such other sources as the Committee determines.

**AUDIT OF THE BOOKS OF ACCOUNT**

- 36. (1) The Committee shall be responsible for arranging an appropriate person, who is not a member of the Friends or an employee of the Government Department administering the Park, to conduct an annual audit of the financial affairs for the immediate past financial year.
- (2) The financial statement required for the purposes of Section 30(3) of the Act shall be audited and the person conducting the audit shall be requested to provide an auditor's statement to accompany the financial statement to be presented at the Annual General Meeting.

**ANNUAL REPORT**

- 37. (1) The President shall present an Annual Report at the Annual General Meeting for the immediate past financial year.
- (2) The President's Annual Report and the Treasurer's financial statement to be presented (or which has been presented) at the Annual General Meeting shall be included in a newsletter distributed to members either before or after the Annual General Meeting.



# Friends of Morwell National Park Inc.

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Application for Membership of FRIENDS OF MORWELL NATIONAL PARK Inc.

I, .....  
(Full name of applicant)

and .....  
(Full name of second applicant, if applying for family membership)

of .....  
(Postal Address) (Post Code)

apply to become an **individual member/family member**(delete as applicable)  
of FRIENDS OF MORWELL NATIONAL PARK Inc.

In the event of this application for membership being approved, I/We agree to be bound by  
the rules of the Friends.

I/We understand that subscriptions are determined yearly at each Annual General Meeting  
and should I/we not pay the subscription in full within three months of an Annual General  
Meeting, I/we will be deemed as having resigned from the Friends.

I am/We are 16 years of age or more.

.....  
(Signature of applicant)

.....  
(Signature of second applicant, if applying for family membership)

Date...../...../.....



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## APPOINTMENT OF PROXY

**To:** The Secretary, Friends of Morwell National Park Inc.

I .....  
being a member of the FRIENDS OF MORWELL NATIONAL PARK Inc.

appoint .....  
who is also a member of the Friends, as my proxy to vote on my behalf at the meeting of the Friends (Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting or Committee Meeting as the case may be) to be held on

the ..... day of ..... 19..... and at any adjournment of that meeting.

\* EITHER  
My proxy is authorised to vote in favour of the following motions (insert details).

and against the following motions (insert details).

\* OR  
Cast my vote at my proxy's discretion.

\* (Delete as appropriate)

.....  
(Signature of member granting the proxy)

Date...../...../.....



# THE WILDLIFE ART SOCIETY OF AUSTRALASIA INC.



## 23rd ANNUAL EXHIBITION

At the  
Victorian Artist's Society  
Galleries 430 Albert Street  
East Melbourne

Sunday 18th August  
to Sunday 25th August  
1996

Preview from 11.00 am Sat. 17th Aug.

Gallery hours:  
Daily 11.00 am to 4.30 pm  
Thursday and Friday  
11.00 am to 8.00 pm

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STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS - PAYMENTS TO 30.6.96.

OPENING BALANCE.

\$ 988.04 ✓

RECEIPTS.

MEMBERSHIP FEES 215-00 ✓  
INTEREST 25-80 ✓  
YINNAM 8TH FAIR. 100-00 ✓  
340-80

340-80  
1328.84

PAYMENTS.

INCORPORATION FEE 32-00 ✓  
PROPAGATION SHEET 90-55 ✓  
POSTAGE 45-00 ✓  
GIFTS 32-50 ✓  
GOVT TAX 3-70 ✓  
NEWSLETTER 175-15 ✓  
378-90

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BALANCE 30.6.96.

949.94 ✓

TERM DEPOSIT. STANDS AT \$1157.99  
AND IS INVESTED UNTIL 11.8.96.

FIGURES CHECKED  
BE CORRECT WITH  
SUPPLIED



W. Shamblye  
Treasurer

## Friends of Morwell National Park

### President's Report 1995-6

The year just completed, did not begin well. The department went ahead with moving the ranger out of the Park and the ranger's house was removed and all traces of it were erased. Rob Howell has continued to give excellent service to the Park, but he now has additional responsibilities besides the Park and is required to work most of the time out of the Traralgon Office. We have seen a considerable reduction in the Government's commitment to the management of Morwell National Park.

The other negative aspect to the start of the year, was the completion of the losses from the Friends foreseen last year. Joanne Aziz has now moved out of the district, though she provided us with one last end of tree-planting supper evening at her home before she left. We also gave her a send-off at Judy and Paul Lambert's home.

Paul and Judy have not completely severed ties with the Friends, but we are seeing much less of them as they are spending more time in their new home. Added to the loss of the Aplins and Nicksons last year, we have lost too many of our most active members.

We have however gained several new members this year, who are all very welcome and we have had enough members at all our working days to complete our targets during the year.

Once all these movements at the start of the year were completed, the year has progressed fairly uneventfully.

The 1995 plantings were successfully completed and were duly celebrated with our usual casserole evening, which was held at the Aziz home for the last time as I have already mentioned.

We have already completed three plantings this winter, again planting trees we have propagated ourselves. The plants were mostly in good condition, but we did have a problem with a fungus killing some of the seedlings. We have to thank Rob Howell and John Pulis, for spotting the problem and Anton Wray for quick action to limit the losses. We shall need to take greater care to avoid a repeat of this problem in the future. Progress with planting has been excellent, so that we only have plants left for one more planting session.

The koala survey on 17th September sighted only 4 koalas, one of the lowest totals so far.

In October we visited the Friends of Tarra-Bulga National Park and shared a barbecue and walk along a half-prepared new walking track.

In November we had a second attack on the willows in Billys Creek. Our efforts last year were fairly successful, but the larger crack willows still had some live branches and we had not adequately covered the pussy willows along the stretch that we worked last year.

The annual butterfly orchid survey revealed a particularly poor flowering season, but it was good to see more seed pods on the orchid plants than in any previous survey.

Plant propagation was carried out over a number of occasions, either sowing seed or potting up seedlings. Thanks to those who came along to insure that all the plants were ready for this year's planting season.

February provided an interesting addition to our propagation methods. Rob Howell had noticed a large number of Muttonwood (*Rapanea howittiana*) growing under a stand of silver wattles on the Potato Flats along Billys Creek. We decided to try potting up 50 plants for planting further down the creek as we have been very unsuccessful in growing them from seed. Expecting a poor survival rate, we potted 96 seedlings. All 96 survived! As a result we have this season been planting them out along the creek flats and have also donated a few plants for planting in Mathison Park in Churchill.

March saw the Friends helping with the Yinnar Country Fair as usual, and also removing tree guards from established trees in Billys Creek for re-use in this year's plantings.

Our ranger Rob Howell has opened up a new walk beyond the end of the Stringybark Walk, with bridges over two creeks. In April, we went for a walk through the Park and explored the new track.

As foreshadowed last year, the money collected some years ago to open up Billys Creek to public access has been spent installing three foot bridges across Billys Creek. Rob Howell aided by prisoners from Morwell Prison Farm are to be congratulated on an excellent job. With improvements to the pipeline track as well, it is now possible to walk dry shod in to the weir on Billys Creek at all times.

The Management Plan is apparently close to being released in draught form for public comment (I seem to have said something similar several times before).

Over the last ten years, I have been attempting to photograph all the flowering plants and ferns in the Park, and I am now attempting in the name of the Friends of Morwell National Park to raise the money to publish these photographs as 'The Flowers and Ferns of Morwell National Park'. The target is to raise \$21000, and to this end I have sought sponsorship from major businesses in the area. I have had little response so far, but yesterday I was informed by Amcor that they would provide between \$1000 and \$2000 in sponsorship so we have at least made a start.

I will conclude as usual by thanking our ranger Rob Howell for his continued excellent contribution to the management of the Park. Although no longer resident in the Park and having other responsibilities beyond looking after Morwell National Park, Rob has continued to work closely with the Friends and has enhanced the Park by adding a new track as well as creating the bridges over Billys Creek.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken Harris', with a long, sweeping underline.

Ken Harris, President  
1st August 1996