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FEBURARY NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER ACTIVITY REPORT

13 December about eight of us potted out the silver wattles and some of the Blackwood trees. I took home some more seeds of the blackwood as there was not a very good strike rate of the seeds, and I planted out another seed tray of them (they have all grown very well and I think they are planted out now).

Later on that day we had our end of year BBQ at the Foster gully car park, there was a very good turn out of people there ready for this with lots of noisy children running around enjoying themselves. There was a small amount of rain trying to put us off the spot light walk, but we managed to scare it away.

Finally it was dark and time to go for our spot light walk. There were three spotlights at the ready and about twenty or so people ready to go so we split up into two groups. The rowdy young boys went with David, Danny and myself (strange that we did not get any other takers for our little group), so we had one little boy with each big boy (and to my surprise they were as quiet as mice when we were out spotlighting).

Both groups saw three or four Brush tailed possums, Ring tailed possums and Koalas. So it was a successful session with one group (the big one without the noisy boys) electing to take the Fosters gully track. The other group went up Stringy bark ridge track and short cut back along one of the firebreak tracks.

21 December, I think plants were potted out, how many and by who I don't know as I was not there (some of us have to work). I will have to attend a session and pump everyone for information.

January 4 and/or 11 Potting of seedlings more were potted out on these days, but again I was not there, but at work, and I haven't caught up with anyone yet to give a run down of what was done.

18 January Seed collection. Yes this was done and I have some information as to what was done. Five attended this session and seed was collected under the direction of our president Ed Steenbergen. Five or six varieties of seed were collected with some of the gum seeds

collected were conveniently blown down onto the ground by the wind the night before which I understand made for very easy collection.

FEBRUARY ACTIVITY

Sunday February 15 Tree guard removal, Braniff's Road 10:00 am.

Well this does not sound like a very exciting activity, but it will be a good chance to have a wander around this end of the Park and inspect the work which has been done over the last ten or so years of tree planting, bridge building and track making.

I expect that there will be some tree guards to be removed and stacked up so some leather gloves, pliers and a good knife may be required to help out with this.

Don't forget to wear sturdy shoes, as there may be the odd snake around still if you are lucky enough to come across one.

After all of this exhausting work lunch would be the order of the day and having it at the weir would be a very nice spot to relax with a sandwich or two followed by a paddle in Billy's creek.

(By the way I will be at work again so I will have to rely on somebody to relay what went on for me to put into next months newsletter)

MARCH ACTIVITY

Yinnar South Country Fair.

Martin Walker Reserve 9:30 am.

14 March Saturday

Some help is needed to set up and run the "show". If you can help out during the day please give some indication of when you could help out and pass it on to one of the committee members so we have an idea of who can help out and when so a roster can be worked out to share the duties.

What will be required to be done?

Setting up the tent.

Setting up the billy tea and damper cooking fires.

Making the damper dough.

Supervising the damper, billy tea, selling of books and spruiking up new members.

Many hands make easy work so if you can help please do so, as it is usually a very good day for a look around.

Any information for this newsletter can be forwarded to myself at, 1 Townsend St. Churchill 3842.

Or phone me on 51223364.

Or leave information at Churchill Chiropractic located in the new shopping centre in Churchill; David and Laberta Forys can then pass it on.

Cheers and see you all next activity.

Martin Gwynne. The newsletter man.