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Friends of Morwell National Park Inc.

Newsletter – February 2000

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The Brochure Is Done

At Long last the motivational brochure of the Morwell National Park is being printed as I type. In full colour, with location map, walk descriptions and Flora and fauna seasons it has come up pretty well. Remembering that this is a pilot, and as with any first attempts, there will always be places of improvement and alteration.

We will have 1000 printed, so to all, if you know somewhere that these brochures would be picked up by people interested in the park, please let me know, and we can get you some to distribute.

Thanks Ed Steenbergen.

February 2000 Activity

We continue this year with a **CHANGED** activity with the need for more propagating. This is essential to replace the many seedlings that didn't make the transition from raising to the pots. Work will include the consolidation of surviving seedlings and pricking out replacements. Also the watering system needs to be adjusted to eliminate wet and dry spots. Many hands will make for very light work. It is also an opportunity to bring a friend and show off our propagating skills.

We will be meeting on Sunday 20th February at 10.00am at Kerry Road. Please bring along your hat and sunscreen as it will soon warm up, and some lunch and drink.

Please contact Ed on 5664 82:11 if you would like more information.

Seed Collecting Report -January

As the hardy members turned out in pouring rain, we set off in the ranger truck in search of seeds. Our trusty 'fill in', Henry proved his worth in following Kens directions with out mishap. The season was poor in seed production for all species required.

Silver Wattle seed was no where to be found, Ken's theory was that it rained during the pollination process therefore sticking the pollen and was unable to spread on the wind. Blue Gum and Mountain Grey Gum were again sparse only finding small numbers on isolated branches within reach of the extended loppers from the edge of the Lodge Track. Dot was kept busy with the branches Ken came back with. The Varnish Wattle had seeded, so many hands were used to walk down the hills and collect a wet bag full.

Apart from the job at hand it was great to be in the park under these conditions, with many of the wrens and smaller bird very active and a grey kangaroo in the higher sections. The seed was taken to the depot to be layed out for drying.

Ed Steenbergen



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INVITATION

The Latrobe Valley Field Naturalists Club invites the Friends to attend the Club's Bat Roost Box Promotion and Bat Trapping activities. The activities will be held over two consecutive nights.

Topic - Bats

Guest speaker - Bat biologist, Lindy Lumsden

7.30pm, Friday 25 February 2000

Latrobe Community Health Service

42 Fowler Street

MOE 3825

The above occasion is the Club's regular monthly meeting.

and

Saturday 26 February 2000

Program - 5.30pm Welcome by President, LVFNC

Bat trap set-up

7.00pm RETURN TO PICNIC GROUND FOR BYO

BARBECUE MEAL AND DRINKS

8.15pm Presentation of Bat Roost Box kit to the

West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority

Response by West Gippsland CMA

Two Bat Roost Box experiences

9.00pm Bat detection equipment demonstration

9..30pm Bat trapping

Place -Kerry Road carpark and picnic ground, MorwellNational Park

Refer enclosed Morwell National Park map. - not enclosed!

As the Park's picnic facilities are limited, if practical please bring along portable tables and chairs. This activity includes a BYO meat and drinks. Please bring along a torches.

Friends may wish to bring along and wear a name tag.

There is no need to acknowledge acceptance to either the Bat talk (25/2/00) or the Bat Roost Box promotion and trapping night (26/2/00). In relation to Saturday evening, come along at a time that suits yourselves.

The Club invites the Friends to attend both nights. If you would like further information, please contact Phil Rayment ph bus.51226452 or ph home 51221050.

Rob de Souza-Daw
on behalf of the

(Dr.) Phil Rayment
President

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