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October Activity

It is Koala Count time once again, so we are looking for an excellent turnout from the Friends and their friends and families. We will meet at the Kerry Road carpark at 1.30pm on Sunday, October 21. You will need to bring refreshments (although it is rumoured that billy tea and damper may make an appearance), and suitable walking attire.

Tree Planting Number 4 – 16/9/01

Weather-wise, our final tree planting day of the year proved much more hospitable than last time, with a superb bright and sunny day. Accordingly, the turnout was also excellent, with a total of 15 people making the effort. Students from CRC were unable to do their bit earlier in the week, so we had the old SECV block at Tebbs Terrace to plant as well as the remainder of Billys Creek. A car shuttle had us on our way up the hill and into it.

The sun was hot and the ground hard in places, but everybody got stuck in and good teamwork had the job done in good time. Orchids were still in profusion further down the track and the discovery of a pair of yabbies provided some excitement and the opportunity for some shade and a drink. In no time at all we were back at Junction Road planting out the last few areas along Billys Creek, with some more excitement at the sighting of a small snake. Before we knew it, 410 trees were in the ground, the tree planting completed for this year, and lunch beckoned.

We all parked ourselves in the middle of the track on our Parks Victoria supplied chairs and enjoyed a long leisurely lunch and conversation while deciding what to do next. Consensus was reached, and those with the time and inclination decided on a stroll up Clematis Track and back down Lodge Track. The pace was relaxed, the views worth the climb, and the flora and fauna the icing on the cake, with Rob and Ken providing commentary on items of interest along the way. All in all, an ideal way to finish the day.

Parks Victoria Excursions

With this being the International Year of the Volunteer, Parks Victoria is running a number of one-day excursions for Friends and volunteers. We are already too late for the first of these, but two more are planned as follows:

Langwarrin Flora and Fauna Reserve/ Seawinds Nursery – Saturday 27/10/01

Enjoy a “walk, talk & gawk” around the Reserve with botanist Leon Costermans and a visit to Seawinds Nursery with the local Friends Group. Departs Melbourne at 8.45am, RSVP 19/10/01.

Castlemaine Historic Area/ Mt Alexander Diggings – Saturday 10/11/01

The Friends of Mt Alexander Diggings will provide a tour of the area and information on the variety of projects they undertake. Departs Melbourne at 8.45am, RSVP 1/11/01.

Transport by bus will be provided, as will morning tea and a BBQ lunch. Bookings are essential. For more information and bookings, contact Kate Hayes on 13 1963.

