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Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter. Once again I have managed to miss the Koala Count, being too busy travelling around the countryside, gawking at plants, animals and the scenery. Cathy and I spent the weekend at Camp Welcola, the Traralgon High School camp just north of Licola, with the local APS group, followed by a few days in the Otway Ranges, basing ourselves at Apollo Bay. We enjoyed lovely Spring weather for most of the week, being in danger of sunburn most of the time and the kids even braved jumping into the swimming pool on a couple of days. Although it was supposed to be solar heated, it was nowhere near warm enough for me!

November Activity

Our scheduled activity for Sunday, November 21, is a weed removal and odd jobs session. Rob will be organising where the bulk of the group will search for and destroy weeds, while Ken will probably require one person's help with his annual Butterfly Orchid survey. Other odd jobs may appear on the day, depending on numbers, weather, enthusiasm, etc. We will meet at the propagation shed, beyond the Kerry Road carpark, at 10am. You will need to bring lunch, refreshments, clothing and footwear suitable for scrambling through the shrubbery pulling out weeds.

Parks Victoria Annual Friends BBQ

Hopefully, you have all received an invitation to this event, either directly by mail from Rob Howell or via email through me. If you haven't, then please consider this your invitation. The BBQ will take place on Sunday, November 28, commencing at 6pm in the park behind the Pizza Hut in Traralgon. Food and basic refreshments are provided, please bring your own chairs and drinks, and please let Rob or Peter Kershaw at Parks Victoria Traralgon know if you are planning to attend.

Koala Count - October 2004

From Wendy Steenbergen

Great turn up of new faces for the day, we had enough people to break into three groups. Rob drove up to the Jumbuk Road section and I was told they saw two Koalas. Stringybark Ridge walk had the biggest group so they had to see the most and their tally was three. I led the Foster's Gully walk and we saw one, but had a great time with new members and visitors looking at the historical sights and trying to find orchids and getting stiff necks trying to catch a glimpse of those furry balls in the trees. We finished first so had time for a chat and a drink while waiting for the other groups to return, with the usual story's of the ones that could be heard but not found.