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Friends of Morwell National Park Inc.

Newsletter – August 2011

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Hello everyone and welcome to this month's newsletter. Now it is getting towards the end of winter and it is decidedly wet under foot. The important upcoming event for the month is the Annual General Meeting on the 7th of August. So please consider renewing or becoming a member of the group. The membership form is given below.

Friends of Morwell National Park Annual General Meeting

Sunday 7th August
1.30pm

Parks Victoria Office - 71 Hotham Street, Traralgon

A committee meeting will follow the Annual General Meeting

At the conclusion of both meetings we will have Afternoon Tea – Bring a plate

To: Treasurer, Friends of Morwell National Park, PO Box 19, Churchill, 3842

Please find enclosed the amount of \$_____ (\$10 per person, \$15 per family/group) being for membership 2011/2012.

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July Activity Report

For this month's activity we had John, Joan, Ken, Cathy, Mike, Kate, Matt, Bronwyn and Darren in attendance. We also had two new helpers (I Mei and Jhinfeng). Both are involved with the University and keen to see the park and learn about the local environment. It was great to have some new people along to help with the day's tree planting. New helpers are always welcome. If you have free time on a Sunday, you are very welcome to come along to help out.

At this entrance to the park, Bronwyn has organized a new sign to announce you are entering the Billy's Creek part of the park. A new sign has also been added to the Kerry Road entrance.

In the car park the group discussed and decided to put in some Healthy Park Healthy People submissions for a new toilet block at Kerry Road (the group would need to add money if this submission is successful), training and new chairs. Uncertainty continues over the ranger for this park. Bronwyn's contract expires soon and no new contracts are currently on offer. We at this stage we don't know who our ranger will be next month. It would be great to have Bronwyn back at next month's activity and into the future; she has been a great addition to the group and highly supportive of the group and our work. She has also added a lot to the park and overseen many improvements.

The old toilet site at Kerry Road has been replanted, and it is important now that we replace the toilet.

After this we discussed the day's plan of attack. It was decided to plant out in Billy's creek part of the park, on the hillside above the notice board before the first creek crossing. The group divided with Mike, Bronwyn and I going off to clear a landslip which had crossed the Pipeline Track, while the rest started on the tree planting. Armed with shovels we slowly cleared the Pipeline Track so that now it is safe to traverse. At the end of clearing the track we returned to the group to find they had broken for an early lunch. They had run out of stakes for the tree guards and Bronwyn had gone off to get more. During the long lunch break I Mei and Jhinfeng had the opportunity to ask Ken many questions about the plants found in the park and the local area. Ken has a vast knowledge of the plants and animals of the area, so the prospect to quiz Ken is a great way to improve your local knowledge.



We had 450 plants to plant for the day but only planted 200 of them. We planted 50 Blackwood, 50 Vanish Wattle and 100 Silver Wattle. The 250 Blue Gums we had will be planted next month since there are no Blue Gums around the site we planted. So next month we will plant these seedlings into another site along with another remaining 250 seedlings. It will be a busy activity.



August Activity

10.00am Sunday 21st August

The group will meet at the Junction Road entrance to continue with the tree planting from last month. Note: This is a change from the calendar. The area to be planted out will be either the area adjacent to Jumbuk Road, or somewhere along Billy's Creek. The ranger will need to bring the seedlings and planting gear. Firstly meet at Junction Road and then the group will decide upon our planting location.

You will need to bring your lunch, clothing and footwear suitable for the weather conditions on the day.