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Hello everyone and welcome to this month's newsletter.

John's Jottings

This snippet on the activities of the Friends of Morwell National Park was sourced and edited from early Newsletter files. I apologise for its length, but is worth the space.

"1st August, 1988.

LOGO DESIGN COMPETITION

The friends of Morwell National Park (FOMNP) Inc. are currently holding a competition to design a suitable Logo to represent the Friends in an official capacity on letter-heads, windcheaters, badges etc. We would like to draw your attention to the details of the competition to encourage your participation in the competition, and also to pass the details onto others who you know would be interested in participating.

The specifications for the FOMNP Inc Logo are:

1. Entries should be submitted on white card/paper approx A4. (297mm x 210mm).
2. Minimum size - 57mm (2¼") suitable for a metal badge Maximum size - 200mm (8") suitable for a windcheater.
3. The design should include the *Sarcocilus australis* (Butterfly or Gunn's) orchid.
4. Any other details are at the liberty of the entrants. Further competition details are as follows:
 - Competition is open to any person to enter, except for members of FOMNP Inc. and their immediate family.
 - Competition closes with the last mail on Friday 2nd September, 1988.
 - All entries should be sent to the Secretary/Public Officer of the FOMNP Inc at the address above, together with Name, Address and Phone Number of the designer of the logo enclosed.
 - Logo designs will be judged on their suitability by the specifications given above, as well as by their artistic presentation of a logo suitable for a conservation-minded group such as the Friends. The Executive Committee of the FOMNP Inc. will initially decide the best six entries, which will then be passed to a panel of local artists to select the two winning designs.
 - First Prize is \$70, with second prize of \$30.
 - Winners will be notified personally and then in the local press on or before Friday 7th October, 1988.
 - FOMNP Inc. reserve the right to modify the winning entry if necessary to ensure suitability for graphic reproduction in various forms.
 - The judge's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

We look forward to receiving your entry in this important competition, and would encourage your support in further advertising it to other interested persons."

Signed by Peter Bryant



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April Activity Report

At this activity we had Matt, Grant, Wayne, Beryl, Tamara, Graeme, and Darren. We had apologies from Peter, Wendy and John. The group met in the Junction Road car park to decide upon the day activities. As we met a few different groups of walkers came through to enjoy the lovely Easter morning.

We discussed the flying foxes which have recently come into the park. With the Muttonwoods in rare fruit, the flying foxes have come into the area to feast on the fruit. Wayne showed us photos and footage of the Grey Headed Flying Foxes.

There are biodiversity grants currently available and Matt will follow up with Shane about the possibility of a grant for weed removal. The group decided to complete some track clearing with a few trees down across the Billy's Creek track. Matt and Tamara collected the chainsaw from the shed while the JSA paperwork was completed. While the chainsaw was being collected, Grant and Wayne removed three different trees from across Billy's Creek track.

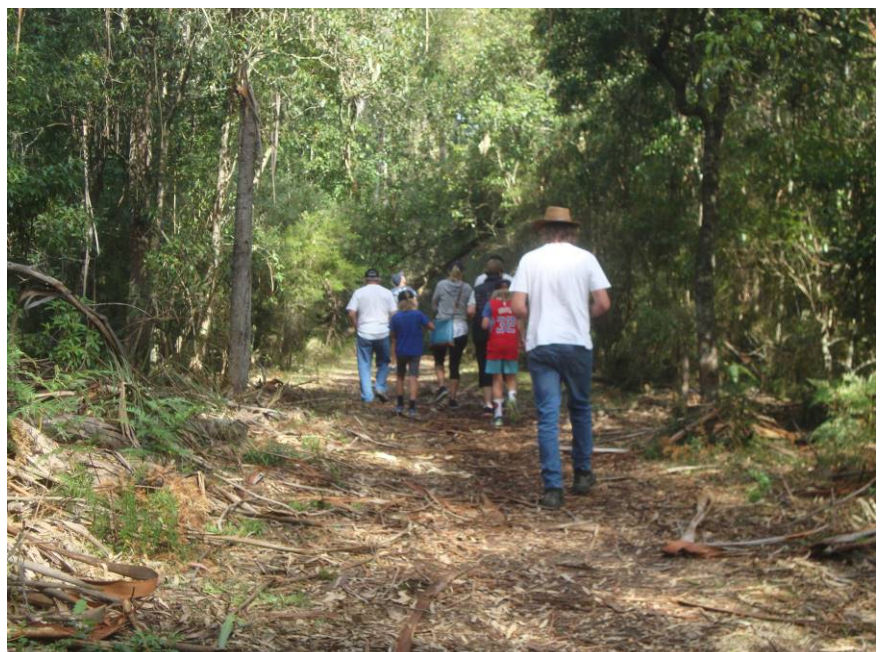
Matt, Tamara, Grant and Wayne took the vehicles and equipment down towards the Billy's Weir to remove any other track obstructions while Beryl, Graeme and Darren walked the Billy's Creek track removing smaller debris. On our walk in we sadly saw three foxes. When the groups met up, we all returned back to the car park.

The group travelled to Kerry Road to find many family groups enjoying picnics. Around the picnic area a range of Easter Egg trees were in fruit! Other eggs were found on the lawns. Graeme had brought a few old photos which had come via the LV Field Naturalists. After an investigation it was determined that these 1968 photos (taken from slides) were from the official opening of the Park. The photo taken in the Kerry Road picnic area shows a snowy day with many dignitaries.



After lunch we joined a group of walkers going around Foster's Gully. They were searching for wildlife, especially koalas, while we cleared a few small obstacles from the track. No koalas were seen on the track but directly above the picnic area was a koala in the tree tops. This surprised the many picnic goers who had not noticed it.

Our last few activities been focused upon maintenance, rather than park improvement. We need to think about some projects for the coming months that will improve the park. Some suggestions were repairing the gate at Brewster Road or the new numbered posts for the Foster's Gully walk.



May Activity

Sunday 21st May 10.00am

We will meet in the Junction Road carpark to decide upon the either the track maintenance and/or weeding we will need to undertake.

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

