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Friends of Morwell National Park Inc.

Newsletter – August 2018

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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.

"12 July, 1989.

Dear Friends,

Our last meeting, was attended by 17 members. Those present were given the opportunity to meet our new Ranger Robert Howell. We would once again welcome Rob and family to the area and trust their stay is a happy one.

We were to have planted trees up the Jumbuk Rd. edge of the Morwell National Park. However, due to bad!!! weather we only collected the previously used tree guards from the Lyndon's Clearing Track. This amounted to a Utility load and a few quite damp members. Thank you to those involved.

The letters received from the public and published in the Express were discussed. It was felt that more benefit would be obtained by all involved if they were to join our group or at least contact D.C.F.& L. with constructive ideas. The members also suggested that we contact the Morwell Shire in relation to the updating and better maintenance of the Billy's Creek Reserve, in order to lessen the load on the current picnic area of the Park, until such time as the current access problems are resolved. It was suggested that some of the local service groups be contacted in relation to the chances of an electric barbeque and shelter being made available. The Shire was also to be asked to supply and plant more native scrubs and trees. The members showed some interest in helping to plant these scrubs and trees.

Discussion was also under taken in relation to our submission to D.C.F.& L. re: Billy's Creek Area development, as a result a summarized submission will be forwarded together with a suggestion that Debra Bourke attend our meetings and discuss the matter further with our members. This would also allow Debra to give us some feedback on her progress.

Our next meeting is to be held on the 16th of July. At this meeting we propose to conduct a working bee in Billy's Creek.

Please meet at Tebb Terrace at 1.30 pm, as per the agenda.

Yours Faithfully, Trish Grigg"



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At the beginning of August we will have our Annual General Meeting. This hoped that all members can attend. Included is the membership form to complete if you are unable to come to the Annual General Meeting. Thanks goes to Margaret and John who will kindly host the meeting for us.

**Friends of Morwell National Park
Annual General Meeting**

**Sunday 5th August
1.30pm**

10 Walker Parade, Churchill

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 2018/2019.

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July Activity Report

At this activity we had Matt, Wayne, Beryl, Ken, Tamara, John, Graeme and Darren. We had apologies from Mike, Cathy, Margaret and Wendy S. Matt went through the JSA and the Volunteer Activity Form he had completed before the activity. Sadly this was not completed by Ranger Shane. The Annual Volunteer Activity Plan has been completed by Ranger Jo and Matt. Between activities they have been working together to get this plan formulated.

Yesterday a new forest park was opened. The new park located in the Strzelecki Ranges will be called Brataualung (pronounced "Bra-too-alung"). It is the name from one of the original Gunaikurnai clans who are the traditional owners of Gippsland. The country of the Gunaikurnai people includes the coastal and inland areas to the southern slopes of the Victorian Alps.

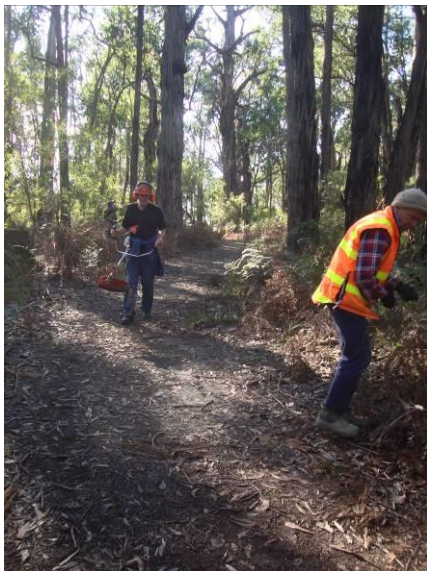
Matt reported that a community benefit card is now available from IGA for our friends group. Anybody now can name the Friends of Morwell National Park as their community group for a percentage of sales to go towards the group. For money to be directed towards the group the sales in the month need to be at least \$2,000.

Ken described that he has sold multiple copies of the Plants of Morwell National Park and Lichens guide to the Friends of Tarra-Bulga National Park for sale in the visitor center. Ken reported that his new book - Moths of Morwell National Park is at the printers and they are printing 1,000 copies. The groups involved in the funding of the book will receive copies and the planned purchase price will be \$5.00.

For the days' work we were to complete track clearing on the Muttonwood and Stringybark tracks. The planned work to remove a fallen tree across the Grand Strzelecki Track was postponed since walkers can get around the fallen tree and the effort to remove it would have made a large mess. We will delay this task until next month when it may be drier and more feasible.

The group moved to our cars and drove around to the Kerry Road car park. While equipment was collected from the shed, the group moved to the beginning of Stringybark Track. The group then split with Matt, Wayne and Ken going to Muttonwood Track to clear a branch that had fallen across the track. The branch was hung up but was brought down to cut and remove it from the track. The remainder of the group walked around the Stringybark track removing fallen branches and getting rid of foliage that was growing into the track.

The group met up later at the bench at the end of Stringybark Track for lunch. After lunch, Matt and Darren left and the rest of the group cleared the return leg of the Stringybark Track.



August Activity

Sunday 19th June 10.00am

The group will meet in the Junction Road car park to complete track maintenance. You will need to bring your lunch along with clothing and footwear suitable for the weather conditions on the day.