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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 from early Newsletter files.

"March 6, 1990

Hello,

Let's hope that the turn-up for the last meeting isn't an indicator of what to expect for the coming year. If you can't make it to a meeting, at least get in touch with either me or Rob, so alternative tasks can be organised if the turn-up doesn't look the best. It's a bit futile to expect four people to make a dent on the mass of Purple-top Verbena; their talents could be put to more constructive use elsewhere.

Anyone interested in running a book on the release date of the management plan? I wrote to DCF&L a month ago to try and get some idea of when it's due, but I still haven't been graced with an answer. Looks like it's firmly ensconced in the lap of the Gods. In the mean-time, all we can do is assure Kay Setches that the grant money for the information shelter is in good hands. Hopefully, these delays won't have any bearing on our application for money for tree guards this year.

Rob has booked the DCF&L caravan for the Yinnar South Fair on Saturday, March 17. By all accounts the van is a great crowd drawer, so, with our stall set up next to it, we may get a few interested bods drifting by. If you can lend a bit of time to help staff the stall PLEASE get in touch with Yvonne. This would be a good opportunity to help out if you are unable to take part in the more demanding tasks. Most importantly, it will help the regular helpers have a break from duties.

Speaking of duties, Sunday, March 18 has us removing more rubbish from around Billy's Creek. It's still looking pretty ugly in spots, so it will be good to get this particular job behind us. We're meeting at the end of Tebb's Tce at 1:30 p.m., so please be there with a pair of sturdy gloves and footwear, as well as any tools that may be useful.

That's about all,

Bye Steve"



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May Activity Report

This month we had Matt, Ken, Tamara, Rose, Graeme, Wayne, Gordon, Joelle and Darren in for the planned activity. We had Marcus along for his first activity. It was great to have Gordon back for his second activity. We had apologies from Beryl, Mike, Cathy, Jay and John.

Over the last month we had the Victorian Nature Photography Group visit and capture images around the park. Ken, Matt and David took the group (of about 30 people) around and they enjoyed the local knowledge shared. Many books and pamphlets were sold.

Matt has spoken to Sean-Paul from Latrobe City and he thinks that we should be able to get a grant to support bush regeneration after the bushfire. We had the small patch of Banksias which was lost in the bushfire. These banksia are common throughout the area but in the National Park they were isolated to a small area near the Western Boundary. Sean-Paul thinks that we should be able to source local banksia seeds, for replanting back into this area.

Yinnar - Yinnar South Landcare Group has organized to get a presenter in to discuss the direct seeding process. The presenter is booked in for August and Landcare group wants to share the cost with us and this will allow us to look at direct seeding Blue Gum Hill. This has been attempted before, but it is worth trying again. The group agreed to share the costs of the presenter with the YYS Landcare group. The state government has a round of grants available until June 12th. Joelle will look into this to see whether it is worth applying for a grant.

Over the last month there has been many deer sighting in and around the park. The stolen work gear is being replaced by Parks, with the new replacement equipment (brush cutter, hedge trimmer and helmet) expected soon.

The group divided into three groups. Ken and Joelle travelled to the shed to sort the seeds collected earlier in the year. The sorted seed can be used on planting projects around the park and at Landcare's current revegetation site. Matt, Tamara, Gordon and Marcus travelled to Kerry Road to use the chainsaw to remove trees that were down across both Foster's Gully and Stringybark tracks.

Rose, Graeme, Wayne and Darren removed ivy from near the Junction Road carpark. Graeme collected some large bags for collecting the ivy in while the others started removing ivy which was growing up the wattles and under the stinging nettles. A lot of ivy was found since the stinging nettles have died back showing much ivy under and around it. At the end of the process we ended up with four massive bags of ivy and did not travel very far from the carpark.

After the activity I took some photos near the Eastern corner of the Park on Jumbuk Road. The bushfire burnt outside the park to this corner, but did not enter the park here.





June Activity

Sunday 16th June 10.00am

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