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# Friends of Morwell National Park Inc.

## *Newsletter – November 2019*

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Hello everyone and welcome to this month's newsletter.

### October Activity Report

#### Activity one – Orchid Walk

At this month's activity we had Ken, Matt, Tamara, Graeme, Rose, Hayley, Jay and Joelle. We had apologies from Darren, Beryl, Mike and Cathy. We were also joined by Nathan and Alex who'd travelled from Melbourne and beyond to join the group. Ken had to leave immediately after our meeting and following his departure, the group set off. It had been an interesting year for orchids in the area, with most species showing up late but showing up in very large numbers when they did finally appear. We found at least 9 species with one in the area burnt by the fire last March, the Wallflower Orchid, being something we don't see too often in Morwell NP. The little Bronze Caladenia continued the trend mentioned earlier and seemed to be present in large numbers most of the way around Stringybark Ridge Track.



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## **Activity two – Koala Count**

For the Koala Count we had most of those above (Hayley and Jay had to leave) and were joined by Jim and his boys. The group split into 3 as it usually does and headed off around the three tracks we survey. It was a good year, with 12 Koalas being spotted, including a female with a little joey on her back. Everyone that came along got to have a good look at wild Koalas, the most excited being the kids. Shortly after the Stringybark group returned, a family showed up to take a look through the NP and we were able to show them a Koala in the car park. They set off enthusiastically, hoping to find a few more of their own.



**November Activity**

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 10.00am

The group will meet in the Kerry Road car park to complete the Butterfly Orchid Survey and some track maintenance. The group will split into smaller work groups to complete these tasks. You will need to bring your lunch along with clothing and footwear suitable for the weather conditions on the day.