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Newsletter – December 2019

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Hello everyone and welcome to this month's newsletter.

November Activity Report

At this month's activity we had Beryl, Mike, Graeme, Matt, Tamara, Joan, Harry, Chris and Darren. We had apologies from Rose, Ken and Cathy.

The group assembled in the car park to plan the day ahead. We found that the BBQ still not working. It has been over two years since the BBQ stopped working and it is still not repaired. It is disappointing how little effort Parks have put into repairing the broken BBQ. It would also have been very frustrating for the public who have tried to use the unoperational BBQ. There is no signage to indicate that the BBQ is not working. For our planned December BBQ we will need to bring our own BBQ to get around the other not working.

The people from Parks have passed on a message that we have a new ranger for our park. Hopefully we will meet our new ranger Gabby soon. Shane is no longer our contact ranger and will continue on with other projects. Parks are also planning to replace the gates at the park entrances at Brewsters Road and Summerfield Track. It would be good to have secure gates which will make it harder for the numerous motorbike riders who have regularly been riding around the park. During the day's activity we regularly listened to the hum of distance bikes riding around the park.

For the activity the group split into two groups. Matt, Tamara and Chris went off to complete the Butterfly Orchid Survey. At five different plots along Fosters Gully, they surveyed the number and size of the orchids found within each plot.

Graeme, Beryl, Joan, Harry and Darren walked around Foster's Gully clearing the track. A number of trees and branches had fallen across the track making it difficult for walkers to safely walk the track. What we thought would be an easy walk, tossing a few sticks off the track did not happen. With the wet and windy month we had just had, a number of trees had fallen and a number of branches had broken under the weight of heavy foliage. Early in the walk we found a few Butterfly Orchids in flower. Later we found a patch of "pink ferns".

There are a few trees down on the fire break near the shed. These large trees will need a large chainsaw and lots of time to clear. One of these trees is across track and space has been cleared so that walkers can walk under the fallen tree. This group returned back to the picnic area for lunch.

The two groups did not meet up again and will need to wait until next month to report on their progress.



December Activities

Sunday 15th December

Activity 1 – 10.00am Junction Road Car Park: Seed Collection

We will use the morning to collect suitable seed for further planting activities.

For this activity you will need to bring clothing and footwear suitable for the weather conditions on the day.

Activity 2 – The Christmas BBQ will start at about 1.00pm in the Kerry Road Picnic Area.

You are welcome to come to either one or both activities.



Friends of Morwell National Park Christmas BBQ

Come along and enjoy in a BBQ lunch to
celebrate another year of activities in
Morwell National Park

When: Sunday 15th December

Time: 1.00pm

Where: Kerry Road picnic area

What to bring: BYO plate, cutlery,
cup/glass, drink and bring either a
salad or sweet.