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Friends of Morwell National Park Inc.

Newsletter – April 2023

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Welcome to this month's newsletter.

March Activity Report

For the activity, we had Matt, Cathy, Mike, Gordon, Graeme, Ken, Tamara, Anita, Wendy & John, Caitilin and Darren. There were apologies from Rose and Beryl.

For this month's activity we had the opportunity to explore the Park in twilight and the dark. The park changes into the evening and many animals difficult to see during the day can be found. The evening started in the picnic area and it was a great opportunity to catch up.



While the group enjoyed an evening snack Mike set up the first mothing sheet. While awaiting twilight a koala was observed in the tree above the picnic area.

Before Matt and Ken went to set up their mothing sheet the JSA and safety information for the evening was shared and discussed. Matt and Ken then went to set up a mothing sheet near the beginning of the Fosters Gully Track.

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On dark Gordon, Graeme, Tamara, Anita, Wendy, John, Caitilin and Darren went on a spotlight walk on Fosters Gully Track. Wayne joined the group as they walked around. Tamara led the group and with high powered torches a range of animals were found. Over the walk sugar gliders, mountain brushtails (Southern Bobucks), a ringtail possum and koalas were found in the treetops. Heard in the undergrowth were multiple wallabies and lyrebirds.

On returning from the walk the walkers got to see an array of different moths that had come to the mothing sheets. When the group got to Lindon's Landing they split with Graeme and Tamara completing the circuit while the rest returned to the mothing sheets.

Matt, Ken, Mike and Cathy continued observing the moths into the evening after the others had returned home.



April Activity

Sunday 16th April 10am

The group will meet in the Kerry 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.