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Friends of Morwell National Park Inc.

Newsletter – August 2023

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Welcome to this month's newsletter.

August is the month when we hold the annual AGM for the group. This year's AGM will be on Sunday 6th August and Mike and Cathy B have invited us to have the AGM in Boolarra. This year's AGM will be held at 13 Limonite Road, Boolarra. It will be so much better to have the meeting inside rather than out in the cold shed. Please bring a seat and a plate to share after the meeting.

July Activity Report

For the activity we had Matt, Ken, Tamara, Beryl, Caitlin, Anita, Gordon, Mike W and Darren. We had apologies from Joelle, Graeme, Mike B and Cathy. Mike W was back for his second activity and Gordon, Caitlin and Ken joined us just for the morning meeting.

We met in the car park and were greeted by a cold but fine morning. The meeting was quick since there was very little to update the team about. Matt reported that a new species of fungi has been identified in the Park. A quick meeting was good since moving was far better than standing still.

The day's task was track widening around Stringybark Track. The group decided not to take the chainsaw since with no vehicle access, all equipment needed to be carried by hand. Carrying brush cutters and fuel would be enough. The group divided with Matt, Tamara, Rose and Mike W going to the shed to collect brush cutters, safety equipment and fuel. Beryl, Anita and Darren walked in with their tools. Caitlin travelled with them before diverting for a leisurely walk around Foster's Gully.

The two groups met up at the beginning of Stringybark Track. The beginning of the track required only a little work but the vegetation thickened as we approached the top end of Stringybark Track where the bush fires burnt four years ago. At this point Matt and Tamara used the brush cutters to widen the track while the rest of the group removed the debris.

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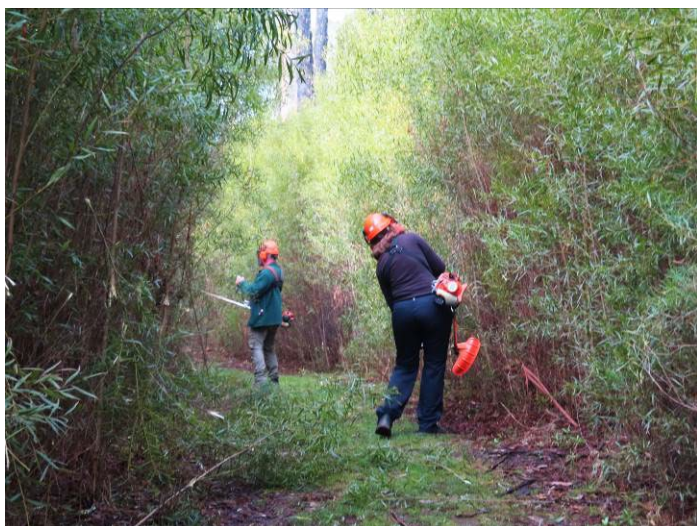
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The group worked up Stringybark Track across the top of the hill and down the return leg until we encountered a tree down across the track. Walkers can still travel under the fallen tree. This provided a spot to have our lunch break.

After lunch we cleaned up the remainder of the return leg of the track. There were a number of smaller branches removed and the brush cutters were used in multiple locations to widening the return track. It is great to see healthy regrowth after the bushfires.





At the beginning of August we will have our Annual General Meeting. It is hoped that all members can attend. Included is the membership form to complete if you are unable to come to the Annual General Meeting.

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

**Sunday 6th August
1.30pm**

13 Limonite Road Boolarra

Please bring a seat and a plate to share.

A committee meeting will follow the Annual General Meeting

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 2023/2024.

Name:..... Telephone:.....

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August Activity

Sunday 20th August 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.