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# Friends of Morwell National Park Inc.

## *Newsletter – May 2024*

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Welcome to this month's newsletter.

The group met in the Kerry Road picnic area. High above in one of the trees, a koala was there to greet us.

For the meeting we had Mike, Cathy, Gordon, Beryl, Graeme, Ken, Matt, Tamara, Anita, Caitilin and Darren. We had an apology from Jackson. Jonathon a visitor from Germany also sat in for the meeting. Ken welcomed the group.

In the coming weeks there will be a meeting with Parks to discuss the new signage and what will appear on the signs to put at each of park entrances.

Progress on the birds of Morwell National Park book continues to go well with most of the image selection now completed. The images for over 100 bird species have been selected with these photos coming from nineteen different photographers. Only the images for a few bird species are still needed. A date for the book launch has been set to coincide with our planned spring bird walk in November.

Over the last month Parks staff have slashed around Stringybark Ridge Track. They have greatly widened the track including the section that was burnt out by the bushfire and strong regrowth was invading the track.



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The activity for the day was to complete track maintenance around Foster Gully. Gordon had collected the brush cutter and whipper snipper to use on parts of the track. Since these tools would be needed in the second half of the track; Gordon, Graeme and Caitilin and Darren went up the hill to work on the track in reverse. The rest of the group started clearing from the beginning of the track.

This group that started at the beginning of the track got to see the many changes since the summer storms knocked down many trees. Parks have now cleared all tracks, removing many large trees from across tracks.





For group that started at the end of the track, Gordon operated the whipper snipper to clear the centre of the track while Darren used the brush cutter to open up the sides of the track. Caitilin and Graeme removed all the cut bits from the track.

While working on the track a walker came thru being very appreciative of our work to make the track easier to traverse. After the uphill zig zags the two groups met up, then all groups returned in a staggered manner back to the picnic area for lunch. Some of the earlier walkers had started lunch early after a shorter circuit to Landon's Landing. They welcomed the others back. After lunch everybody got to go home.

### **May Activity**

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 10am

The group will meet at Kerry Road to have a fungi and lichen walk. This will be a great opportunity to discover some the smaller and interesting details (often overlooked), just off many of the walking tracks. You will need to bring your lunch along with clothing and footwear suitable for the weather conditions on the day. A camera might be useful.