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10th November. 1986.

Dear Friends,

It was a small, but very pleasant gathering of the friends group for an enjoyable Stringybark walk.

The group helped with locating points of interest to form a text to accompany a photo or sketch which will be placed along the Stringybark Ridge track. We thank everyone who came along for their assistance While walking the track, Neil Grigg, Haley and Daniel Close spotted a 5ft Goanna, which promptly ran up the nearest tree just high enough for Yvonne to grab a couple of snaps. A beautiful specimen he was too.

Over our billy tea we discussed some issues. Firstly, Ian Leversha (Assistant Regional Manager at Yarram) has informed us that the L.C.C. recommendations to downgrade the park have not been accepted as yet by the government, which means the pressure is off for now and I underline for now. It doesn't mean it won't come up again in the future, so we'll have to keep on our toes!

The Billy's creek concept plan, which was completed by Jim Waayers, was not accepted by the Yarram Regional Manager and has now been revised. Hopefully, it will be available in the near future.

We were informed by Mr. Barry Murphy, M.L.C. that the Minister Ms Joan Kirner may pay the park a visit at a later date to enable Mr Murphy to organize a little reception in the order or press coverage etc. We will certainly keep you informed of her intended arrival.

Adrian Walker and Mrs. Brewster have very kindly provided us with historical photos to be copied and enlarged for display in the new information shelter, so our thanks goes to you both for your interest.

Now, on to our last meeting for 1986, which will be in the form of a family get together for a B.B.Q. tea starting at 5.30pm on Sunday 14th December. We ask that you bring your own meat with perhaps one salad and a desert, that way we can arrange it on the tables for all to share. The friends group will provide billy tea as usual with the added bonus of some damper for the kids to cook in the barbie. Ian will take us on a spotlight walk around 8.30pm for those who feel energenic enough! It should be a great end to a very successful first year of our friends group, so don't miss out on all the fun and games.

If you require more information please contact Yvonne on 22-2597 or myself on 22-1478. See you there.

Yours sincerely,

Gail Roche. CO-ORDINATOR.

Just a quick welcome to newcomers Gwin & David Trainor.

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