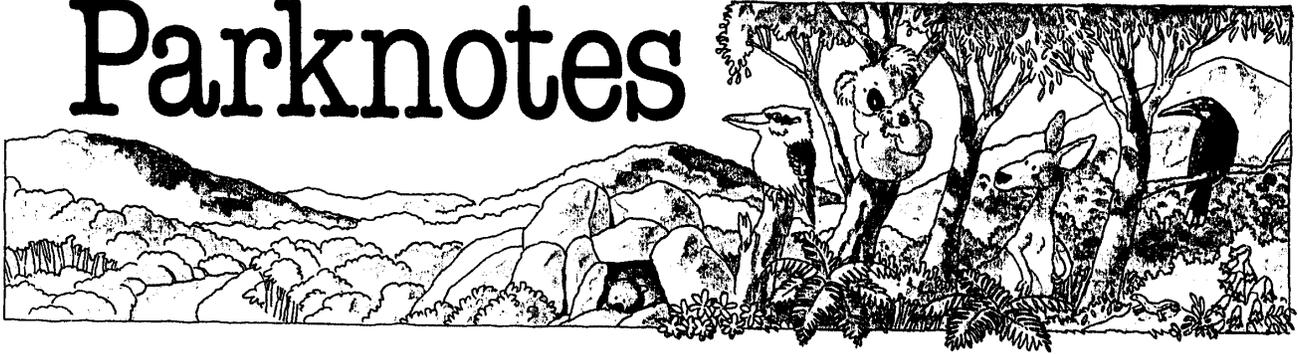


Parknotes



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16th February, 1987.

Dear Friends,

There was only a small group of us who meet for the February gathering. We were unable to do as planned but after a discussion about our '87 program Ken Harris showed us a very comprehensive set of slides of the Flora and Fauna of our National Park. A walk late in the day took a few of us into Fosters Gully to inspect the Butterfly Orchids. With capable guidance it didn't take long before we were all able to easily find specimens of this delicate plant.

All friends groups are co-ordinated by a volunteer member of the V.N.P.A. and the bi-yearly conference is to be held this March at Falls Creek. Unfortunately neither Gail nor myself are able to attend but Ken has volunteered to go to represent the Morwell group. There are some quite important issues to be discussed and policy drafted which will directly affect us. We will benefit from the sharing of ideas gained from a gathering of people from such a diverse range. It was decided at our last meeting that we assist Ken in the out of pocket expenses that he will incur such as enrolment, accommodation and petrol. The costs are very reasonable but with the groups financial situation; (nil) we are asking you the member to donate towards paying Kens costs. We have no subs as we felt there was not a need but now there is and I am sure I can rely on you to assist us. Monies can be forwarded to me, left at the Park office or at our March meeting.

The next meeting is on MARCH 15th, please note this has been put back one week to avoid a clash with the long weekend. Hopefully Ken will be able to give us a report from the conference before we go into Foster Gully and a initial reconnaissance for a full survey on the Butterfly Orchid. For many this maybe their first encounter with this wonderful member of the orchid family, it is well worth the effort. Don't forget the air-o-gard. We will meet at the picnic area at 1.30 with billy tea at the conclusion.

Looking forward to seeing you all again.

Kind Regards,

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