



# FRIENDS OF MORWELL NATIONAL PARK INC.

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Hello,

Hopefully we've got a park left after the recent rains. Billy's Creek became Billy's Torrent after the big storm. According to Rob, water was up over the bridge at the start of the Stringybark Ridge walk. Ah, the delicate and subtle nature of spring-tine in the Valley.

Back to business : our last meeting was held in the Billy's Creek area, with a small contingent chopping back and weeding out a particularly nasty patch of Purple-topped Verbena. Hopefully, with a bit of patience and a lot of sweat, we'll eventually be rid of the ugly thing in the area.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, a Children's Expo was held at Kernot Hall. Judy and Johanna deserve thanks for helping out DCF&L staff at the show .A simulated riverbank scene was set up, with model animals and noises aplenty. Apparently the day was very busy, with a lot of interested people taking in the exhibit. Thanks again for your help, folks.

Our next meeting will be on November 19, at Fosters Gully car park at 1:30 p.m. We will be carrying out a koala survey and Butterfly Orchid survey. Please try to come along, so we can get a better koala tally than last time (5!). Another reason to have a good showing is that M.L.C. for Gippsland Province, Peter Hall, will hopefully be dropping in to be shown over the new Billy' s Creek extension.

If you watch the local news on Channel 8, you may have noticed Yvonne's mug on the screen a few weeks back. She had the opportunity to talk about issues such as land clearance and the easing up of restrictions on the registration for the care of native animals. Hopefully, with contact like this, the opportunity may be taken in the future to give the Friends a plug through a popular medium.

Friends haven't been idle between meetings: some serious family building has been taking place. Congratulations to Peter Bryant and Sandy on their recent engagement. Congratulations also to Stan Glowacki and his wife on their recent baby. Just 16 more years, and we'll have another Friend signed up.

Look forward to seeing you on November 19,

STEVE