



FRIENDS OF MORWELL NATIONAL PARK INC.

P.O. BOX 19
CHURCHILL 3842

SECRETARY ph 696 306
RANGER ph 22 1478

December 2, 1989

Hello,

After the miserable koala count in September, the results of last meeting can only be seen as a rip-roaring success. The tally was 4 for the Jumbuk Road end of the park, 1 for the Fosters Gully walk and 8 for Stringybark Ridge. Two males were also heard serenading in the distance. Most important of all, no Chlamydia infection was evident in any of the koalas seen. The success of the Stringybark Ridge count was due solely to the group of kids and adults from St. Vincents Primary School, in Morwell, who helped out with the count. We owe them a big thanks, both for their assistance, and their illustration of the need to have as many eyes as possible on the flora and fauna surveys we hold. Thanks again folks.

The Butterfly Orchid survey was, unfortunately, less successful. In the sites examined the numbers of orchids, spikes and flowers were all down. A grim picture in anyone's book.

In what was a pretty busy day, a few friends, as well as Rob and Ian Leversha from DCF&L, showed Peter Hall around the Billy's Creek extension of the park. He was quite impressed with the area and acknowledged the necessity of adequate public access. This followed a recent visit by Morwell Shire President, Liz Olquist, who was also quite impressed with the area.

Hopefully, you will be able to slot our final meeting into the frenzy of end of year activities. We meet at 1:30 at Fosters Gully car park on December 17 for a seed collection day. This will be followed by barbeque tea, so bring everything you need, as well as either a salad or a sweet for the group. To round all this off, we will be having a spotlight walk after the barbie. With stuff like this who needs Christmas?

Don't forget to bring your old aluminium and glass.

Bye,

STEVE