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Hello,

The usual faces turned up to the last meeting to help cut wire for tree guards. Whilst a lot was achieved, a few more helpers wouldn't have gone astray. We've got a lot of work ahead of us; the last thing we need is complacency drifting into the group. We will be having another preparation day some time in Easter. If you can help out at all, please get in touch.

Ken and Rob hosted a group of members from South Gippsland Conservation Society late last year. Whilst strolling around Stringybark Ridge, they discovered, for the first time, an Elbow Orchid. After taking great pains to carefully note the exact location of the specimen, they promptly stumbled across another. Then another, and another, and so on. Ken thinks that the orchid may have the unusual habit of appearing in large numbers in a new location, rather than by gradual colonisation. If this is the case, we can only hope that the plant decides to make the park home.

I'm hoping that my appeals for help aren't falling on deaf ears, so here goes. Yvonne desperately needs helpers for our display at the coming Yinnar South Country Fair on Saturday, March 16th. The task will be no more physically demanding than smiling and making a cup of tea. Not only does the Fair generally result in the recruitment of new members, but it is generally financially rewarding for us. As the theme of this year's Fair is Conservation and the Environment, we have even more incentive to show ourselves to the people of the region. Too fit in with the theme, DC&E are going to have a microscope and video monitor set up to allow folks to observe aquatic micro fauna in great detail. This should prove a great drawcard, and is a good means of showing that conservation and technology aren't necessarily incompatible.

If you can help out at the fair in any way possible, please contact Yvonne on 222 597. I needn't add that your offers will be greatly appreciated.

Bye,

Steve Shinnars.