



FRIENDS OF MORWELL NATIONAL PARK INC.

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March 25,

Hello,

The Yinnar South Country Fair was once again very successful this year. Thanks to a very interesting display by the folks of DC&E, quite a few people checked out our stand. Hopefully this will be reflected in great attendances at the tree plantings this year.

Ken attended this year's biennial Friends conference. Apart from the disappointing non-appearance of Steve Crabb, the conference was very successful. Closer ties between Friends and VNPA were negotiated. Another important discussion point was the resolution to hold one day Friends group seminars in Melbourne. These will be held in the years between the conferences, and will deal with issues of concern to all groups. Hopefully this idea will get off the ground.

Unfortunately, the community service prisoners didn't finish the tree guards, so we'll be having a tree guard assembly day on April 1 (Easter Monday) at 10 a.m. Quite a few friends have been putting in a lot of effort to prepare guards in their own time, so a bit of extra help would be very welcome. Bring along some wire cutters and pliers, and some sturdy gloves. A barbecue lunch wouldn't go astray, either. The sooner we get the guards out of the way, the quicker we can tackle the planting, so please help out by making an appearance. Their's no more effort than bending a piece of wire.

On the subject of planting, our first tree planting day will be held at 10 a.m. on Sunday, April 21. We will be meeting at the end of Tebb's Terrace, and proceeding into the park. If you can't make it on time, Rob will have signs set up to point the way. As with last year, it will be an informal arrangement, with helpers coming and going as they like. Please bring along spades, gloves, hammers, picks, anything that may be of use .

I've given up on imploring our members to help with the tree planting. In a year in which phrases like "sustainable development" and "resource security" have become Orwellian catch-cries, our work has gone beyond giving a warm inner glow; it

has become crucial. Autumn/winter in the Valley doesn't have that many distractions, so the odd weekend spent planting should be a pleasant diversion, rather than a sacrifice.

Think it over,

Bye

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Shinnars', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Steve Shinnars.