



FRIENDS OF MORWELL NATIONAL PARK INC.

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JUNE NEWSLETTER

The Park has recently acquired a cattle cage for the trailer, which will enable much bulkier loads to be carried for work around the Park. The funds came mainly from a generous amount donated from the proceeds of Yinnar South Country Fair as a result of Friends helping with catering on the day. The balance of the amount needed for the cage came from the sale of recyclable materials -a reminder here that **beer bottles, glass of any kind, and aluminium cans** can be left at the Park Depot (near the Ranger's house) -there are containers at the side of the shed; OR bring them along to a working bee and Rob will relieve you of them!. All funds raised go towards equipment or promoting the Park. Also needed are NEWSPAPERS for putting round the seedlings to keep the weeds at bay. These are effective but we go through a lot so please save them for us during the planting season only.

The Park has been fortunate to have a full-time person allocated to it through the State Government's job placement scheme, so Rob will have some very useful and much-needed help over the next 12 months. This will enable work around the Park to go ahead at a much quicker pace and we would like to scotch rumours that Rob will be sitting with his feet on his desk, giving orders! I think we all appreciate that the two sections of the Park are a very large area for one ranger to cope with.

At the working bee on the 17th May, members checked on the large plantation of young trees on the hill above the first creek crossing, as well as the creek-side plantings. There are only very minor losses and some trees had surprisingly vigorous growth (1 at least 10ft. and several not much smaller). Guards were removed from some which had grown through the wire netting, but most were left on, at this stage. Some minor spraying was carried out on Cumbungi weed, and young basket- and pussy-willow growth removed upstream from the first crossing. Willow is a real problem as it eventually blocks and silts up the stream. It was a pleasant day with only a few spots of rain in the late afternoon (we decided it was time to withdraw for a cuppa at that stage!). We sighted a nankeen kestrel on the lookout for a tasty meal, just above the end of Braniff's road. These have a large rufous (reddish-tan) patch on their back, a very handsome bird.

Now for the serious stuff. A wide variety of seedlings are now ready to be planted so we need **YOU** on **Sunday 21st June**. Many hands will get the job done quickly and leave time for a good "Y & G" (Yarn and Gossip!). PLEASE TRY TO BE THERE. We will meet early at 10.00 am at the end of Braniff's Road but you are of course welcome to come

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later, and go whenever you like, so don't feel pressured to put in more time than you want to. Even an hour or two is most helpful. If you come late, there will be signs to the work area.

So ...

TIME: 10.00 AM
DATE: Sunday 21st June
PLACE: End of Braniff's Road
WHAT TO BRING: Trowels, spades, wiresnips, pliers, mallet, -some provided but extras useful.
Your lunch (BBQ if you want) - Billy tea provided.
BUT MAINLY YOURSELVES!

If you need a lift, don't know where Braniff's road is, or have any other questions, please contact myself on 221943, or the Secretary or Ranger.

Bye for now.



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