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Dear Friends,

A group of members braved the elements and visited the Mt Worth S.P. Friends on the 18th October. In fact although cloudy the rain stayed off and it was quite pleasant for walking. The Mt Worth Friends group has been going since 1970 and has a membership of around 25. They are heavily involved in improving the tracks around the Park and have been instrumental in making a 1 km. section suitable for the handicapped, the first section being also negotiable for wheelchairs. There are some 30 km of tracks criss-crossing the Park, which has a large number of visitors through the year. Problems seem to be shortage of funding and the Ranger's time stretched to the limit, so the trackwork carried out by the Friends group has contributed strongly to access by the general public. We can thorough recommend a visit to this beautiful park with its giant ferns, numerous creeks and forested ridges with magnificent stands of Mountain Ash. Our group walked along Moonlight Creek Track for approximately 2.5 km. and returned the same way (this due to the fact that, despite a map and some ex-scouts and guides in the group, we were not at all sure just where we were!) However, our progress was very slow as it was very wet and slippery, and we would advise waiting until it is a much drier time of year. We may have discovered a new sport -mud-skiing. My "slaloms" were particularly graceful I thought, although the accompanying shriek may have spoiled the overall effect a little!

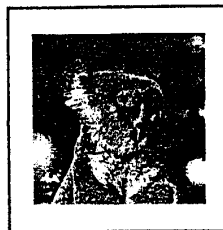
AUSSIE PASSPORT

PROFESSION Gum Leaf Chewer
PLACE OF BIRTH 3rd tree on left past the gate
DATE OF BIRTH 15-8-52
COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE } The Land of Sun & Wonder
HEIGHT 2 branches short of a gum tree
WEIGHT Overweight
COLOUR OF EYES Mostly Bleary
SPECIAL } Permanently
PECULIARITIES } hung up
CHILDREN DATE OF BIRTH SEX
Big Gum Leaf 6-7-86 Male
Little Gum Leaf 9-10-79 Female
USUAL SIGNATURE

Bearer



Wife



The next item on the agenda is the second Koala Survey on Sunday 15th November. This also usually incorporated an orchid survey, and those interested should contact Ken. Meet in the Fosters Gully carpark at 1.30 pm. The weather has improved considerably so hopefully it will keep up. A good turnout would be marvellous. Again, children and other family members would be very welcome as these little critters are very difficult to spot. Only 3 koalas were seen in the park on the first survey and it will be interesting to see if this survey produces more sightings.

In case anyone doesn't know what they are looking for, the above "Aussie Passport" description might enlighten/amuse you. [It was a postcard I spotted in Queensland.]

Cheerio for now,

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