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Dear Friends,

With a change from our usual 3rd Sunday activity day, unfortunately some of you were unable to get to Warrandyte on the 28th -however, six of us travelled down and had a warm welcome and a very pleasant and interesting day with the Friends there. The Warrandyte Friends have been going for about 7 years, and are very enthusiastic. They do of course have a much larger community pool to draw from, but have made great strides with propagating, special projects such as trial plots, and have even built their own clubroom and BBQ facility. We were given hands-on practice as well as copious notes to bring home on propagating cuttings, getting seeds going, pricking up into tubes or pots and so on. We came away feeling optimistic about our future propagating aims, and feel n will be an interesting project for both current members, and perhaps a way of attracting more members to our own Friends group.

There are now two fairly urgent matters to be dealt with - firstly as a result of Steve and Shelley moving away, we have two vacancies on the Committee, that of Vice President, and 1 ordinary Committee Member. The Vice President also acts as Activity Coordinator, an important task. Please submit the form at the end of this letter to the Secretary with nominations for the positions on Committee.

The second matter is are some changes in the Constitution, details of which are attached. These will need the approval of members.

We need to have a General Meeting to vote on the positions and to ratify the change in the Constitution, and as the year-end is approaching rapidly this will be on the 19th December at our Christmas breakup BBQ at the Fosters Gully Carpark area. We will need sufficient numbers of members for a quorum, so even n you will not be able to stay on for the BBQ, it would be appreciated if you could come along at 7.00pm so we can finalise these matters. Afterwards we can continue with the BBQ . and a spotlight walk conducted by Rob Howell for those interested. Hopefully a pleasant relaxed social evening will wind the year up for the Group. BYO meat and drinks, plus a sweet OR salad to share.

The Committee has also drawn up a list of proposed activities for the first months of 1994 as follows (we will circulate a full program later):

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| January 15th 1994 | Willow clearing at Billy's Creek. weal. something suitable for walking in the Creek if necessary. Meet 1.30pm Braniff's Road. |
| February 20th | Walk into Billy's Creek area of the Park to look for features which will suggest names for the present and future walking trails, hills and other landmarks. All suggestions for these welcome. The suggested names will be circulated for your comment/approval. |
| March 19th <u>Saturday</u> | Yinnar South Country Fair. The always popular Billy tea and damper, and a publicity display for the FNMP Group. Helpers are also required to staff catering stalls at the Fair, for which we receive a donation from the day's profits. |
| April 17th | Removal of tree guards which will be re-used in the winter tree planting program. Re-staking where necessary. |

Depending on rainfall conditions, tree planting will begin May/June.

The Committee takes this opportunity to wish all members a safe and happy Christmas, and hope to see you all at the BBQ.


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