



Friends of Morwell National Park Inc.

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The willow clearing effort in January went well with a large section along Billy's creek being treated.

The February activity on Sunday 20th February is a walk around the Billy's Creek section of the Park, with a view to naming features and planned tracks for use in the future Park development -so bring along your sturdy shoes and imagination! Meet 1.30 at Braniff's Road entrance.

The March activity is our stand at the Yinnar South Country Fair on **SATURDAY 19TH March**. The usual Billy tea and damper making is very popular with the children so we need people to supervise that. We plan to have a more prominent Friends Group display this year, and hand-out sheets of our activities and aims. As well, we need people to help with the catering stalls and games run by the Fair Committee, in order to qualify for the donation we receive from the proceeds of the Fair. Please contact Yvonne on 222597 if you can help at all. (Please don't not register your name, then just turn up anyway, as we do need to plan so a proper list, is essential.)

Attached is a proposal from Brian Aplin re his suggestion for an addition to the Constitution, and reasons why, for your consideration. This will go before the April General Meeting to discuss this matter. You are reminded that any written comments re the changes as attached to the December 1993 newsletter should be with the Secretary by the end of February.

We have been contacted by the Baw Baw District brownies and guides for a copy of our itinerary, with a view to the girls joining us in connection with World Environment activities, so hope our contact with these young people eventuates and they come along to the tree plantings, koala count etc. (I suggested that mallet wielders and keen koala eyes would be especially appreciated!)

Hope to see you all on the 20th.


Wendy Nickson
Newsletter Editor

31 January 1994

Dear Members.

Please

consider the following proposed change to the current Constitution of the Friends of Morwell National Park.

Clause 21. sub-clause (3):

Reads:

Each officer of the Friends shall hold office until the annual general meeting next after the date of his/her election but is eligible for re-election.

Suggested Reading:

Each officer of the Friends shall hold office until the annual general meeting next after the date of his/her election but is eligible for re-election to the same position for a second term only. and be required to have a two year break from that position after the second term.

Clause 21, ,(4):

Reads:

In case of casual vacancy in any officer referred to in sub-clause (1), a general meeting may elect one of its members to the vacant office and the member so appointed may continue in office up to and including the conclusion of the annual general meeting next following the date of his/her appointment.

Suggested Reading:

In the event of a casual vacancy in any office referred to in sub-clause (1). a general meeting may elect one of its members. subject to sub-clause (3). to the vacant office and the member so appointed, may continue in office up to and including the conclusion of the annual general meeting next following the date of his/her appointment.

Explanation:

The aim of this change is to prevent the one person from being locked into the one position of office for a long duration of time. This only really applies to certain officer positions. such as Treasurer. Secretary (Public Officer). and Vice-President (Activities Coordinator). However. to be fair this clause must be applied to all positions.

This clause may also help to revive the positions of office on the committee. as new members may feel less intimidated by what could be seen as a loaded Committee of office at present. It would also allow for a rotation of people through the position of office, thus sharing the work load more evenly.

Note:

If this clause goes to the vote. please give it careful consideration. as no person will ever be forced to leave the Committee, however, they will be given the opportunity to rotate through the positions of office and thus share the work load more evenly. The wording is written such that it is the Officer's position that is to be changed only, thus allowing the retiring Officer to be nominated for another office position.

If anyone would like anything in this proposal clarified. Please ring me on the above phone number.

Regards.


Brian G. Aplin

