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"A Walk in the Park"

Our February activity day was most enjoyable -publicity in the *Latrobe Valley Express* resulted in six adults and two children coming along with the group as visitors to walk through the Billy's Creek section of the Park. The weather was delightful and a pleasant walk was had by all. We were also very pleased to welcome Mr Stewart MacFarlane who came as a guest of Tom Lawless. Mr MacFarlane is 87 years old and has lived in the area for most of his life, so as you can imagine he had some interesting stories to tell. His comments and anecdotes were recorded on tape, and will be produced later in written form. It was a mutually advantageous visit as Mr MacFarlane was delighted to be able once again to visit an area he had known so well in his younger years.

Yinnar South Country Fair

Another reminder that our March activity in the Yinnar South Country Fair and is on SATURDAY THE 19TH. Please contact Yvonne Aplin on 222567 if you are planning to help with the Billy Tea and damper. or on the catering stalls to help the Fair Committee so we can receive a donation from the proceeds of the Fair. Ranger Rob purchased a good quality cordless drill with the money we received from the Fair last year, so it is worth our while not only to have our stand promoting the Park, but to help on the catering stalls. The Yinnar South Fair can always be recommended as a worthwhile family outing.

Seed Propagation

As most of you will be aware, we have been fortunate enough in past years in having seed collected from the Park propagated at Won Wron prison farm at no cost to us. Unfortunately this service has now ceased, so we must consider ways in which we can propagate our own seed. The Committee has therefore submitted a grant funding application for an amount to cover the cost of materials for a propagation shed, to be located next to the Depot near the Ranger's house. Member Anton Wray has expertise in this are and produced a detailed plan which includes an enclosed area for getting the seeds started, a semi shaded area, and an open area for final hardening off. Should this application be successful, we shall have a good quality facility with an automatic sprinkler system, and a new and exciting project to challenge us. Should the

grant not eventuate, we will have to take steps to propagate the seed with simpler facilities, which could be even more of a challenge! The propagation program needs to be off the ground by early spring this year, so watch out for progress on this project.

News from the Ranger

No doubt you will have noticed the excellent write up on the Park by Ken Wilson which appeared in the Latrobe Valley Express a few weeks ago. One of the results of this were well attended spotlight walks which are a regular feature run by Rob during the school holidays. It was also an excellent boost to promoting the Park generally.

Those of you who have tried to access the Park from Braniffs Road will have seen that an entry gate has been installed, replacing the electric fence. This is padlocked for the time being, but a stile will be built shortly to enable foot access.

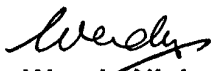
Proposed Changes to our Constitution

Enclosed is a new version of the proposed changes to the Constitution, for your consideration. A General Meeting will be held to discuss this before the APRIL activity day. We will meet in the Depot and then go on to the planned activity.

1994 Activity Calendar

Also attached is the calendar of activities for this year, which we suggest should be kept in a prominent place (the side of the fridge is always good) so that you don't overlook our meeting days.

And from President Ken, a report on some recent findings in the Park.



Wendy Nickson
Newsletter Editor

The following amendments to the constitution of the Friends of Morwell National Park are proposed by Rob De: Souza Daw and will be voted on at a special general meeting at the start of the April outing.

Clause 2 (1) **Reword** the definition of "**Park**" to read:

"The Park means Morwell National Park and includes land proposed as additions to that Park".]

Reason: The present wording defines The Park by the management responsibilities given to the Ranger and not by the boundaries of Morwell National Park. The present wording is ambiguous as the responsibilities of the Ranger may change to include work outside the Park, but not the interest of the Friends. This de facto expression of the objects of the Friends was never intended.

Clause 2 (2) **Delete** - Existing wording

"In these rules a reference to the secretary of the Friends is a reference:

(a) where a person holds office under these Rules as secretary of the Friends - to that person;

and (b) in any other case, to the public officer of the Friends."

Reason: This sub-clause is superfluous as Clause 21(1)(d) and Clause 26(2) state that the Secretary acts as the Public Officer .

Clause 5 **Reword** Clause 5(2) to read:

"2 Annual subscriptions shall be determined at an Annual General Meeting for the year commencing the day after the Annual General Meeting."

Reasons:

- Removes ambiguity,
- Specifies the period of time which relates to the annual subscription,
- The proposed Clause ensures members are financial at the Annual General Meeting.

Clause 9 (4) **Add** a new sub-clause **(d)** and renumber the current sub-clause **(d)** to become **(e)**.

Sub-Clauses (d) and (e) to read:

"(d) To determine the annual subscription for the immediate following year.

(e) To consider the statement to be submitted by The Friends in accordance with Section 30(3) of the Act."

Reasons: This statement supplements Clause 5 and formally gives notice that annual subscriptions for the following year will be determined. The new Clause formalises the existing practice at the Friends AGM.

Clause 11 **Delete** reference to **pre-paid post** in giving notice.

Amended Clause to read:

"The Secretary of The Friends shall, at least 7 calendar days before the date fixed for holding a general meeting cause to be sent to each member a written notice stating the place, date and time of the meeting and the nature of the business to be transacted at the meeting except as under sub-clause 4. "

Reason: This removes the requirement that the notice of any general meeting can only be given by pre-paid post.

Rob has prepared this proposal at the request of the committee to tidy Up some anomalies in the constitution and the committee has considered them in depth and endorses them in their present form.