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Hi Friends,

Inviting Spring weather enticed out a good number of members to the Sale Wetlands Outing.

At the end of the Group's A.G.M. a picnic lunch and BBQ was being enjoyed on a pleasant warm day. Later it was off for a relaxed walk with a few members and the Ranger. Mr Charles Mc.Cubbin, a knowledgeable naturalist and obliging host kept the group's attention and in a delightful way explained about the various plants and birdlife of the Wetlands and the extended boardwalk.

Mr Mc.Cubbin pointed out a bees nest and the bird hide. A walk through the "Sale Common" followed. This land was public grazing land in the past but has now been annexed to the Wetlands.

In cars it was off to Lake Coleman, a Lake which had severe contamination problems in the past but is now at a recovery stage. Bird life has returned to the Lake side.

Hopping into cars again for the ride to Lake Wellington, a regional vegetation area with Characteristics. Many Forest Red Gums and Yellow Box could be seen in the area and were a beautiful sight.

The discovery of an owlet-nightjar in a hollow trunk was an eventful episode and enjoyed by all including the surprised owlet itself. This nocturnal bird is a cousin of the Frowny Frog-jar.

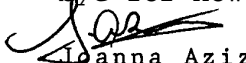
All in all an interesting day which will linger in the memory of our members who returned home with a feeling of a day well spent.

Closer to the date of the Christmas breakup and BBQ on Dec.10, a reminder will be send. TAKE NOTE!!!!!! Our special guest that evening will be Lindy Lamsden, THE BAT EXPERT who will lead us that night. Should be a very interesting time.

NOVEMBER 20 - THE FRIENDS ACTIVITY DAY

We meet at Fosters Gully at 1.30 pm. The germination of the seeds we have planted show a very good result. {the three main tree species} So please do come along on Sunday 20 Nov. for a working bee at the propagation shed. More info on the progress and numbers of seedlings in next newsletter.

bye for now


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