

Friends of Morwell National Park Inc.

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From the Editors desk the August Newsletter '95

Hallo Friends,

The third treeplanting for this season saw us tackling the steep slopes above Billy's Creek. Working in difficult terrain was made a little easier by the pleasant mild winter day. Disappointing however was no sighting of the Wedge-Tailed Eagles, the regular visitors to that area of the park. Re-cycled mesh guards were used and by lunch break the bulk of a total 277 seedlings had been planted. It gave the Friends newest member Geoff a sense of achievement and be part of it. Thanks to all involved that Sunday. The following species went into the soil on the slopes;

Eucalyptus globulus bic	ostala (Blue Gum)	100
Eucalyptus obliqua	(Mesmate)	33
Acacia verniciflua	(Varnish Wattle)	100
Acacia verticillata	(Prickly Moses)	44

Note the V.I.P.Day, the A.G.M. (Annual General Meeting) on

<u>SUNDAY AUGUST 6 at 1.30pm at the office of the Ranger</u>!!!!! Please members do try to be present, <u>We Need You There</u>. Below a renewal of membership attached. The yearly report by the President and the election of office bearers are among the items on the agenda. A plate with goodies for afternoon tea is welcome!!!!

On Sunday August 20 will be the last treeplanting for 1995 Come and enjoy digging and transferring seedlings from pots.It's a healthy exercise. Signs will direct you to the site which is a fair walk to the area of planting near the Weir and the Rangers advise should not be dismissed lightly; WEAR GUMBOOTS TO CROSS THE CREEK AT SEVERAL PLACES. There is a possibility that the truck can't make it to the site as it is very wet in that region. We MEET at the end of Braniffs Rd at 10am.



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And now onto the evening of <u>Saturday August 26</u>. An invitation to all(members and non members) who contributed time and effort to the treeplanting sessions this winter. It is a yearly event of an informal evening and thank you by the committee. The casserole dinner will be at the home of Johanna Aziz in Boolarra. B.Y.O. drinks and follow directions below. Welcome from 6.30pm onwards. For more info phone 696496

Well, I managed some space to add a story how the Friends ofM.N.P. went international. The North Yorkshire Bat News printed an article about "Batting Down Under". A detailed description was given about the Bats survey and talk by Lindy Lumsden in Dec.'94 at the Morwell National Park. The.article went on to say that field work took place in Billy's Creek and Fosters Gully and I quote: "so that's were they get the larger!" That successful evening was mentioned in a letter to England by Wendy Nickson Hence the published article.

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