



Friends of Morwell National Park Inc.

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JANUARY NEWSLETTER 1996

DECEMBER ACTIVITY

Several Friends participated in the potting of seedlings at the Propagation Centre in the afternoon, 16 December 1995. The following seedlings were potted: -

Blue Gum	<i>Eucalyptus globulus bicostata</i>	400	
Silver Wattle	<i>Acacia dealbata</i>	160	
Blackwood	<i>Acacia melanoxylon</i>	160	720

Plus approximately one hundred potted prior to the December activity .

Silver Wattle	<i>Acacia dealbata</i>	50	
Blackwood	<i>Acacia melanoxylon</i>	50	100
Total seedlings potted			820

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These seedlings will be planted by the Friends in the Billys Creek section in autumn and winter 1996.

More seedlings were potted at an additional session at 4.40pm 19 December 1995. The potted seedlings will remain in the Propagation Centre until tree planting.

The Christmas barbecue followed the potting of seedlings. Friends gathered in the Fosters Gully picnic area and reflected on the year gone by.

Later in the evening Ranger Rob Howell led a spotlight walk along the Fosters Gully Track. The temperature was fresh and the air was still. The spotlighters sighted three ring-tail possums (including a mother with a young), an abandoned ring-tail possum drey, a greater glider high in a mountain grey gum, a koala snoozing in a eucalyptus and a Maccoy's skink under a log. A pair of silver eyes was sighted cuddling each other while roosting on a low branch. A large hairy caterpillar was enjoying a stroll on fallen bark and several moths appeared to enjoy the company of the spotlighters. Many spiders were active and some were seen constructing their webs. From somewhere in the dark, male koalas bellowed, a boobook owl called and the love songs of fogs could be heard in the distance.

Later that evening, the Friends left the Park and no doubt the Park's permanent residents continued with their nocturnal activities.

COMMITTEE MEETING

7pm Tuesday 30 January 1996

Ken Harris' home, Haverbrack Road

Hazelwood South

Agenda 1996 Activities Program

Promotion of the Friends of MNP

Unfinancial members

Constitution

Any member wishing to have an item discussed please contact one of the Committee members.

JANUARY ACTIVITY

1.30pm

Sunday 21 January 1996

Braniffs Road, Billys Creek

Seed collection for sowing in 1996 and planting in 1997.

