



Friends of Morwell National Park Inc.

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NEWSLETTER JULY 1996

JUNE ACTIVITY

On 16 June 1996 the weather was favourable for tree planting. Friends (and others) planted trees in the alluvial soil along Billys Creek (at the Junction Road end). The trees included less frequently planted species.

The species planted were:-

Silver Wattle	<i>Acacia dealbata</i>	60
Blackwood	<i>Acacia melanoxylon</i>	100
Blue Gum	<i>Eucalyptus globulus</i>	105
Swamp Gum	<i>Eucalyptus ovata</i>	18
Manna Gum	<i>Eucalyptus viminalis</i>	32
Snowy Daisy Bush	<i>Olearia lirata</i>	4
Hazel Pomaderris	<i>Pomaderris aspera</i>	46
Victorian Christmas Bush	<i>Prostanthera lasianthos</i>	13
Muttonwood	<i>Rapanea howittiana</i>	<u>35</u>
TOTAL		413

RANGER'S REPORT

Ranger Rob Howell reports during the 1995/1996 year the following unpaid labour contributed to the management of Morwell National Park.

FRIENDS	Propagation and potting up	7 days
	Tree planting	4 days
	Tree guard and stake collection	3 days
	Seed collection	2 days
	Koala survey	1 day
	Willow destruction	1 day
	Monash Uni. Open Day display	1 day
	Yinnar South Country Fair	1 day

PRISONERS Total of 520 days worked (in the Park) on track construction, facilities construction, bridge construction, track maintenance, weed control, mowing and rubbish removal.

LYRE-BIRD COUNT

On Sunday 11 August 1996 the Friends of Tarra-Bulga National Park will be conducting the inaugural lyre-bird count. Everyone, especially those willing and able to get out of bed early are invited to participate. Volunteers should anticipate about three hours to complete the survey. Lyre-birds will be counted by monitoring their calls and by taking directional readings along predetermined tracks within the Park.

Time:	6:00 am, 11 August 1996
Meeting:	Balook Visitors Centre
BYO:	Warm waterproof clothing and sturdy boots

Further information: Contact Ranger ph.051-966166

COMMITTEE MEETING

A Friends Committee meeting was held on 26 June 1996. The following matters were considered:-

Arrangements for a Special General Meeting and the Annual General Meeting on the 4th August 1996

Ranger's report on the Park's maintenance and improvements

Propagation Centre

Proposed amendments to the Constitution

Treasurer's report (as at 26/6/96)

Balance \$938.23

Term Deposit \$1057.99

The Committee authorised Ken Harris to use the name of the Friends of Morwell National Park in seeking sponsorship for his proposed publication on Flowers and Ferns of Morwell National Park.

TREE PLANTING DINNER

7 pm, Saturday 31 August 1996 at Ken and Fay Harris' residence,
RMB4318, Haverbrack Crescent, Hazelwood South

A map showing how to find Ken and Fay's house is included on the last page of this newsletter.

Meal arrangements:

Committee members to bring along a casserole

All others to bring along salads or sweets

Friends and all tree-planters are welcome

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

1.30 pm, Sunday 4th August 1996 at the Park Depot

Agenda: Proposed amendments to the Constitution.

Any other business (without notice).

Copies of the proposed amendments can be obtained by contacting the Secretary,
John Pulis, ph 051-221046.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Immediately after the completion of the Special General Meeting, Sunday 4th August 1996 at the Park Depot

Agenda: Minutes of 1995 Annual General Meeting

President's Annual Report

Treasurer's Financial Statement

Determination of the annual subscription for the year commencing August 5th 1996.

Election of Committee members.

All members are urged to attend both General Meetings. A nomination form for next year's Committee is enclosed with this Newsletter. Please consider holding a position on the Committee for the Friends, next year. The Committee consists of:

President

Vice-President and Activities Co-ordinator

Treasurer

Secretary (who is the Public Officer)

Two ordinary members, one of whom is designated Newsletter Editor

It would assist the Treasurer if members attending the Annual general Meeting, take the opportunity to pay the annual subscription for the year ahead as determined by the meeting.

JULY ACTIVITY

TREE PLANTING ALONG THE CREEK FLATS OF BILLYS CREEK

10am Sunday 21st July 1996

Meet opposite Junction Picnic Reserve, Junction Road.

BYO lunch and drinks.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 4TH AUGUST 1996

NOMINATION FORM FOR THE COMMITTEE

I,

and

both being members of the Friends, nominate

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for the position of

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(Signature of 1st named member)

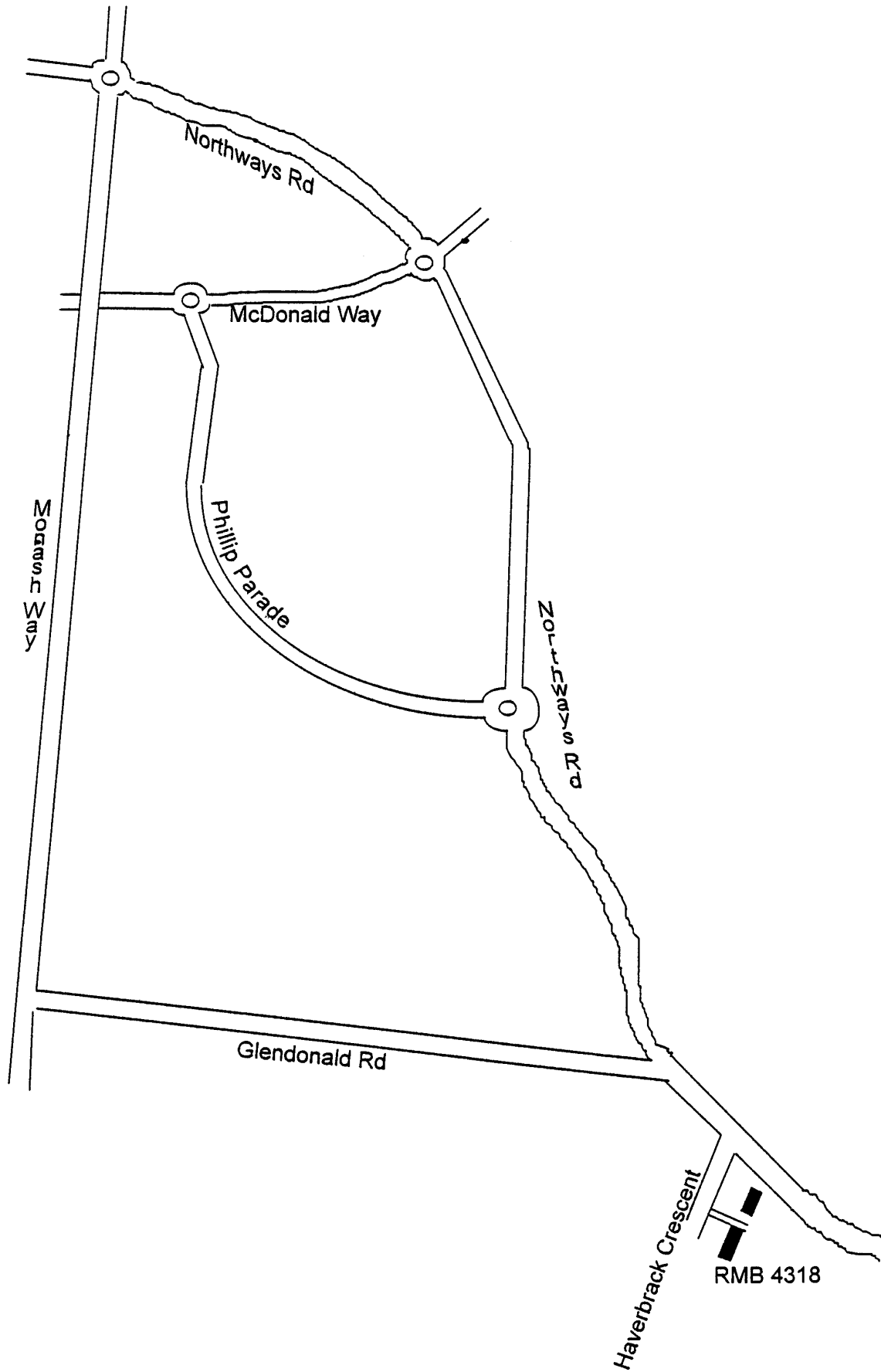
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(Signature of 2nd named member)

I consent to being nominated for the above Committee position.

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(Signature of nominee)

TREE PLANTING DINNER

Map to show location of Ken and Fay Harris' house near Churchill.



**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE
FRIENDS OF MORWELL NATIONAL PARK
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

In lieu of existing Rule 4:-

- 4(1) Any natural person aged 16 years or more is eligible to join the Friends.
- (2) A person who was a member of the Friends prior to incorporation of the Friends prior to incorporation shall, subject to these Rules continue as a member of the Friends as per the Rules as incorporated.
- (3) A person seeking to become a member shall complete an application form as set out in Appendix 1 and shall lodge the completed form with the Secretary or Acting Secretary.
- (4) The Committee shall determine as soon as practical to approve or reject the application.
- (5) If the Committee approves the application, the applicant has three months from the date of approval by the Committee to become a member.
- (6) Membership of an applicant takes effect from the date the payment for the initial subscription is received in full.

REASONS 1 The proposed amendment simplifies the existing Application for Membership rule.

2 The proposal places a time limit for the applicant to become a member.

3 The proposal removes duplication and impractical procedures.

RESIGNATION AND EXPULSION OF A MEMBER

Add new Rule 7(3):-

Any member who fails to pay in full the annual subscription within three months of an Annual General Meeting shall be deemed to have resigned from the Friends. The member's deemed resignation takes effect from three months after the relevant Annual General Meeting.

REASON 1 This proposal aims to clarify the status of unfinancial members.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

In lieu of existing Rule 10(1):-

- (1) The Committee may convene special General meetings.

REASON 1 This proposal simplifies the existing provision and removes unnecessary statements.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

Add new Rule 20(2)(c), existing (c) becomes (d) and delete Rule 26(3):-

20(2)(c) shall organise the publishing and distribution of a monthly newsletter to members.

REASONS 1 The existing rule allocating responsibility to the Secretary is impractical.

2 The proposal provides the Committee with flexibility to organise the monthly newsletter.

In lieu of existing Rule 21(4) and Rule 22(3), insert new Rules (5), (6) and (7):-

- 21(4) In the event of a casual vacancy on the Committee, either a general meeting or the existing committee members may make an acting appointment.

21(5) In filling a casual vacant position on the Committee, either a general meeting or the existing committee members may make an acting appointment.

21 (6) All casual Committee appointments shall, unless terminated earlier expire at the next Annual General Meeting.

21 (7) Any reference in this Constitution to the rights and responsibilities of a Committee position includes reference to an acting appointment.

REASONS 1 The proposed amendment allows flexibility for the filling of vacant committee positions.

2 The proposal allows for acting appointments.

3 The proposal creates certainty about the role and authority of casual appointments.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND VACANCY

In lieu of existing Rule 23(6):-

(6) No member shall hold more than one committee position concurrently except where an acting appointment is made in accordance with Rule 21(5).

REASON 1 The proposed amendment provides flexibility for the temporary filling of vacant Committee positions.

ANNUAL REPORTS

In lieu of existing Rule 37:-

37(1) The President shall present an Annual Report at the Annual General Meeting for the immediate past year ended 30 June.

(2) The Treasurer shall present annual financial statements at the Annual General Meeting for the financial year ended 30 June.

(3) The President's Annual Report and the Treasurer's financial statements shall be included in a newsletter distributed to members either before or after the Annual General Meeting.

REASONS 1 The proposed amendments provide for the flexibility for the publication of the Annual Report,

2 The proposal ensures all members receive information on the financial status of the Friends at least once a year.

APPENDIX 1

In lieu of existing Appendix 1. (The Application for Membership form is prescribed as an attachment to the Constitution). See separate page.

REASONS 1 The proposed amendment improves the presentation.

2 The proposal adds a provision relating to unfinancial status.

**PRESENTED AT FRIENDS OF MORWELL NATIONAL PARK
COMMITTEE MEETING 26/6/96**

MOVED ROB de SOUZA-DAW



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Application for membership of FRIENDS OF MORWELL NATIONAL PARK Inc.

I,

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(Name of applicant)

of

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(Postal address)

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(Post Code)

apply to become a member of FRIENDS OF MORWELL NATIONAL PARK Inc.

In the event of my application for membership being approved, I agree to be bound by the rules of the Friends.

I understand subscriptions are determined yearly at each Annual General Meeting and should I not pay my subscriptions in full within three months of an Annual General Meeting I will be deemed as having resigned from the Friends.

I am 16 years of age or more.

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(Signature of applicant)

Date:/...../.....