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JULY NEWSLETTER 1997

JUNE ACTIVITY REPORT

On the 15 June 1997 our second tree planting session was held for the 1997 season. 520 trees were planted out in less than three hours, with only nine people working. The trees planted are as follows:

E. Ovata	Swamp gum	80
E. Obliqua	Messmate gum	30
E. Viminalis	Manna gum	120
E. Globulus	Blue gum	60
A. Dealbata	Silver wattle	80
A. Melanoxylon	Blackwood	70
Olearia Argophylla	Musk daisy bush	80
	Total	520

The ground was a lot softer and wetter which made for good planting conditions and there was not a need for watering the plants as was the case last time.

Extra June Activity -- Fence building for our trial revegetation plot at the top of the hill above the weir on Billy Creek.

This was carried out in perfect weather and we got all of the posts in the ground and a fair bit of the wire in place and strained. Nine of us worked away, from 10 am to about 4 pm which just about saw us out physically as it is a bit of a walk getting there as well as the trudging up and down the hill shuttling the various equipment back and forth. Ranger Rob Howell made good use of the four wheel motor bike and after two trips we had all of the gear needed to construct the fence at the closest point accessible by the motor bike. He mentioned something about being overworked on his second day back from holidays.

Anne decided she would have a bit of a roll in the grass with twenty metres of wire mesh which provided us with a bit of light entertainment as she was rapidly making her way towards the bottom of the hill.

During our lunch break the parks two resident Wedge tailed eagles came over to inspect what was being done on their territory, this was good to see that they are still in the area.

With seven of us who had not done any fencing before at all, I must thank the help which Brian Holcombe provided us in all things regarding fencing. Being a farmer with lots of experience I am sure we could not have gotten as far as we did without his help.

On our long walk back to our cars (for some of us this time we went back the right way as we were a little late in starting and got left behind without much of an idea of where to go) two koalas were spotted and a feed or two of mushrooms were picked along the way.

COMMITTEE MEETING

A meeting was held on the 2nd of July (I think this date is right John) to farewell Ken Harris off and to sort out a few other matters as follows.

Treasurer's Report

6-5-97	Balance	\$3275.68	
	Deposits	\$20	Donation
		\$200	Yinnar South Fair Committee donation
		\$5.79	Interest
		\$489.83	Repayment from book account
	sub total	<u>\$715.62</u>	
	Expenses	\$57.18	petty cash (newsletter / stamps)
		\$0.30	Gov. tax
		\$185	Pegs for fence construction
		\$1924	Fencing materials from S&D Farm supplies
		\$138	Tree max. (tree guards)
	Sub total	<u>\$2304.48</u>	
30-6-97	Balance	<u>\$1686.82</u>	
Book Account			
6-5-97	Balance	\$292.95	
	Deposits	\$757	Book sales
		\$0.36	Interest
	sub total	<u>\$757.36</u>	
	Expenses	\$5.87	Gov. tax
		\$5	Yinnar Primary School Donation for book sales
		\$489.83	Repayment to main account
	sub total	<u>\$500.70</u>	
30-6-97	Balance	\$549.61	

Rangers Report.

Had an excellent months holiday!

Have purchased another two Hamilton tree planters using money from the Yinnar South Fair.

With the closure of Morwell River Prison, their labor wont be available any more. Gippsland Employment Training will be doing some of the work which was planned for the prisoners to do such as

planting 2000 trees grown by the prison nursery. The trees will be planted on Billy Creek flats using trees raised from our seed.

The Park Burn off has been postponed till next year as it is now too wet.

Parks Victoria is now fully covering the national parks and now not associated with D.C.N.R.

This also means that instead of 3 people in the office there is now 6 or 7 and hopefully more time spent in the Parks.

Two new member applications were received and accepted, they are Ainslie Skidmore of Morwell and Volker Stanger of Boolarra. We welcome them to the Friends of Morwell National Park Group Inc. and hope they enjoy being involved with the friends group.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AUGUST 3 1:30 PM

It is that time of year again and we will be having the meeting at Rob Howells house as the Park Shed is full of tree guards and gear we wont be able to fit in there as was advertised in the activities calendar.

The agenda will be to elect a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor and one other to make up the committee, also there will be a Treasurer's, Ranger's, President's and Secretary's reports to be made as well as any other business.

Rob Howell's address is 19 Alfred Drive Yinnar.

From memory I think Alfred Drive runs parallel with the main street in Yinnar on the Boolarra end of town on the left hand side as you go towards Boolarra.

If you have any doubts give Rob a ring at work on 03 51722192.

TREE PLANTING DINNER 23 AUGUST 7:00 PM

This will be held at Wendy Steenbergen's house which is located at 118 Manning Drive Churchill.

Thankyou Wendy for providing the venue for this.

What to take with you ?

Committee members will supply a casserole each and others to take a salad or sweet along with them.

All are welcome to attend who have helped out with the tree planting program for this year.

JULY ACTIVITIES.

Saturday 12 July 10 am at the sheep shed past Ed Steenbergen's house at the end of Reidys Rd.
(through the left hand gate at the end of the road).

This will be the second session of our project to erect a fence to trial different methods of re-vegetating the hard to get to places on the sides of the hills above the weir on Billy Creek. We are planning (and are well on the way) to making six plots each ten metres by two metres.

You will need to take along your lunch and drinks as well as appropriate clothing for the day.

Sunday 20 July 10 am Tree planting at Junction Road just near Billy Creek picnic area but on the other side of the road.

This should be another easy tree planting session and should only take us up to about One o'clock.

You will need to have your lunch with you, a coat and gum boots are advisable if it is likely to rain.

As well as those it would be an advantage to take along a mallet to knock in the stakes and a pair of gardening gloves.

See you all there !

DON'T FORGET YOUR BOTTLES AND CANS

Yes we raise money for the group by recycling aluminium cans and glass bottles.

Take them along with you to our next activity and pass them onto Rob who will look after them and cash them in when there is a load.

THE NEWSLETTER

If you have any comments to make or contributions to the newsletter please send them to
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