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NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER 1997

OCTOBER ACTIVITY REPORT

October 19 saw only four people turn up to the activity (plus ranger), not a big turn out by any means at all. I hope there will be more people turn up for the next one. It was planned to be waterway enhancement, but I think that there was not a lot to do along Billys Creek so a tour of the park in the rangers truck was had, with some straightening of tree guards. I think the tour of the park was to actually be to find and gather up the tree guards, which I removed early October. But I think I may have hidden them too well as none were found, I will have to go up there again and see if the guards are still there and place them in a more prominent position.

From all accounts I think that everyone behaved themselves and have given me nothing to write about, as I was bushwalking up Mount Margaret near Licola. But I did hear that there was one early bird amongst the crew annnnd I'm sworn to secrecy so I can't disclose their name.

NOVEMBER ACTIVITY

The official November activity is on the 16th of November starting at **1:30** PM and will be at the Propagation shed.

The activity will seed sowing and requires some getting of hands dirty. Great fun, it won't be very taxing physically but many hands make easier work.

Unfortunately I won't be able to turn up because I will have to be at work.

If all goes well, and the seed sowing is completed early, a walk through the park could be in order as there are a lot of orchids flowering now.

The extra November activity will be on the 15th of November at 10:00am sharp, at the end of Reidys Road (which you will find at the end of Jeeralang West Road, which comes off Junction Road).

Once you get to the end of Reidys Road there will be a walk over the hills to the trial fence plots. The plan will be to start erecting the fence around the area near a large tree to fence off an area which will hopefully allow the seed to be able to germinate and grow without being eaten off.

I won't be able to attend this activity as I will be at work again, but this won't stop me from coming out and finishing off the fences if someone gets the posts in and if enough wire is there for me to keep going. As I hope to be able to get up there soon and do some more if the plot is marked out and started.

If you are intending to attend the session then you will need to dress accordingly for the weather and take along a pair of gloves (leather) and your lunch and drink.

DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

A slight change to the planned activities on our calendar.

13 December.

5:30pm Propagation shed to wash pots ready for potting out seedlings, not many are required for this job but help won't be knocked back as there may be some seedlings which need to be planted out.

7:30pm Fosters Gully car park for our end of year BBQ at the picnic area.

9:00pm Fosters Gully car park for the spotlight walk.

21 December

3:00pm Propagation shed, potting of seedlings. This may depend upon the seedlings if they are ready or not to be potted up. We may set another date later on in the year or early next year so if you are interested keep in touch with one of the committee members for any extra dates.

GENERAL

Flowers in the park.

There are a lot of orchids flowering in the park at the moment. Last week I went for a walk from the Brewsters Road end of the park to Fosters Gully. This route also took in the area, which was burnt last year at Peels Block. Some of the ones, which were identified, were as follows:

Common name.	Scientific name.	Page No.	Comments
Butterfly orchid	<i>Sarcochilus australis</i>	8	Nearly out in Fosters Gully.
Common bird-orchid	<i>Chiloglottis valida</i>	7	On the track near Peels Block.
Milkmaids	<i>Burchardia umbellata</i>	5	
Musky caladenia	<i>Caladenia gracilis</i>	7	
Purple coral-pea	<i>Hardenbergia violacea</i>	21	On the burnt Area at Peels Block.
Small grass-tree	<i>Xanthorrhoea minor</i>		
Tall sun-orchid	<i>Thelymitra media</i>	8	
Wax-lip orchid	<i>Glossodia major</i>	8	
White Caladenia	<i>Caladenia catenta</i>	7	I'm not sure if it is so I took some photos to check. They were at Peels Block in the burnt area.

MEMBERSHIP FEES NOW DUE FOR THE 97/98 YEAR.

If you haven't already done so membership fees are now due, please take the time to fill out the form below and send it to the address as shown. I think that even all of the committee members have paid up So there's no excuse now.

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TO: TREASURER, FMNP, PO BOX 19, CHURCHILL, 3842. Please find enclosed an amount of \$_____ (\$10 single \$15 family) being for membership 1997/98.

Name:

Telephone:.....Address:
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Signed: Date:...../...../.....

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ALUMINIUM CANS

Don't forget that we collect aluminium cans for recycling and some extra income for the group. So bring them along with you next activity and pass them onto the ranger.

NEWSLETTER

If you have any corrections, stories (they may be true or not) or anything you want added in the newsletter here is how to do it.

Send written or computer disc to Martin Gwynne, 1 Townsend Street, Churchill, 3842.

Phone in 03 51223364 to leave a message or if you are lucky you may even catch me at home (if I give very vague answers this may mean I was asleep after nightshift).