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JANUARY NEWSLETTER

BBQ AND SPOTLIGHT WALK

On the 12th of December there was a Tea held at Fosters gully car park that started at 7:00 PM and went until late finishing with a spotlight walk. 7 people came and there was a Boobook Owl plus two Ring tailed Possums sighted. Rob saw what he thought might have been a PowerfulOwl. We could not have the BBQ though as it was a total fire ban, so we had a picnic tea.

DECEMBER THE 19th

On the 19th 7 members came to the propagation shed to sieve some seedlings and to discuss the new years activities. The seeds we sieved where Blue Gum, Silver Wattle, Manna Gum, Swamp Gum and Vanish Wattle. Also we filled up 25 trays of potting mix.

NEXT ACTIVITY

On the 3rd of January and/or 10th we will be seed potting at the propagation shed. We will discuss palns further on the 3rd so come along.

And now for a new section, the Ranger's report.

RANGER'S REPORT

Weed works funded by a Good neighbour Grant are well under way. Weeds being targeted are Thistles and Ragwort. Blackberries will be sprayed later in the summer .

More tree guards have been purchased with remaining Grant money to finalise the 97/98 Grant. The good news is that we have an allocation in the Park Budget this year for revegetation which we can use to supplement Grant money for tree planting in 99.

Morwell National Park Management Plan (final) was printed in November 98 and will be soon released to the public with a formal launch by the Minister. Copies are available from the Traralgon Office. (See me if you want a copy.)

Thank you to all for a great year and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

<u>PS</u>: The new years Calendar is enclosed.

Merry Xmas to -all the Friends of Morwell National Park

Editor Lee Theissling.