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## APRIL NEWSLETTER

Well much has happened since our last newsletter. To start on the 21<sup>st</sup> of February the second seed collection day for the year was held at Billy's creek. Large quantities of Blackwood seed were collected along with Blue Gum and Manna Gum.

During seed collection activities we came across several Pampas Grass plants. These are a pest plant with potential to become a major problem so if you see one pull it out or report it to the ranger.

We also found a plant which Ken suspects maybe the Rough Coprosma which will be a new native plant for the park if confirmed

On the 13<sup>th</sup> of March the Yinnar South Country Fair was held and The Friends of Morwell National Park held a stall there with a Park display and Billy tea and damper for the kids. (See last page for more info.)

And finally on the 21<sup>st</sup> of March creek works were held at Billy's Creek. We started at ten in the morning and finished about two. We worked our way down Billy's Creek clearing out any unwanted weeds, especially Willows. We came upon some interesting things such as a medium sized male crayfish which Deinne stumbled across. We were able to get some snap shots before letting him go on his way again.

## RANGER REPORT

The stile at the Braniffs Rd entrance has been removed and replaced with a less dangerous pedestrian entrance, this should make it easier for older visitors to enter the Park. The sign describing the revegetation project, the Friends contributions and Parks Vic's funding has been installed at Junction Road entrance and another two have arrived to have the information printed on them.

The spraying of Blackberries and Tutsan in the Billy's Creek area as part of the Good Neighbour Program has been completed.

The materials for this year's tree planting have been ordered and delivered so once Wendy pays for them spending of this year's grant money will be well under way. The seedlings in our propagation shed look good and many are ready for planting. I have also been informed that our 2000 seedlings at the GEST nursery are ready to go.

Looking forward to seeing you at the next activity to do some track work which will be an interesting change for us, so if you have nothing to do come on down, we would be happy to see you.

Rob Howell

### NEXT ACTIVITIES

On April the 18<sup>th</sup> we will be doing track maintenance starting at Reidy's Road at 10.00 AM.

Also on the 16<sup>th</sup> of May track maintenance will be done, but this time starting at Braniffs Rd at the same time. Please bring gloves and appropriate hand tools for both activities, hope to see you as "many hands make light work."

Editor Lee Theissling