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# Friends of Morwell National Park Inc.

Newsletter – July 2000

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## Annual General Meeting

Please place in your diaries the date for the Annual General Meeting. It is being held:

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2000 at 1.30pm**

Ken Harris' house, phone: 5122 3137

RMB 4318

Haverbrack Road

Churchill South

### Rangers Report - Ranger Rob

the big news at the moment is that the West Gippsland catchment Management Authority have cleared ALL of the willows from along Billys Creek within the Park. They have done a fantastic job of working around our plantings with minimal (if any) damage and leaving all of the naturally regenerating native trees, shrubs and ferns. All that remains to do now is burn the numerous large heaps of logs, sticks and leaves when they dry off. An excellent example of our taxes at work.

This has provided many sites for this years tree planting activities, for which we have about 2000 trees ready to go.

Large areas of blackberries on very steep slopes in the Billys Creek area have been sprayed by contractors using Good Neighbourhood funding. A great result has been achieved and we have applied for funding to do more work on even steeper land next year.

Other good news is that, as a result of the Regional Forest Agreement being signed off, it looks as if the Crown Land blocks and the State Forest at the end of Reidys Road will be included in the Park in the near future.

Hope to see you at Billys Creek for the July activity.

### Activity Day, 18<sup>th</sup> June - Nicole

We had a great time tree planting on the 18<sup>th</sup>. A few hundred trees were planted in the first big clearing on Billys Creek. There were Swamp Gums, Silver Wattle, Blackwood, Hazel and Daisy Bush. When we were at least half way through planting the trees we were all very tired. Let's hope that most of us are able to do some more tree planting next month!

Zack managed to climb the willow piles with no great difficulty and found it quite fascinating. Wendy and Lesley cut off the tree guards on the big gum trees. They must have cut off a lot because now there is a big pile left there.

Danny spent all day digging holes for Dorothy and Cathy to plant trees in, While Michael and Ken dug their own. Rob spent his time on the four-wheel run-about delivering plants, guards and stacks to those on the other side

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### Nomination Form - Friends of Morwell National Park Committee

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of the creek. He also supervised the planting of the trees so that the novices (like me) didn't plant the wrong tree in the wrong place.

We all earned our lunch break and then got back to it for another hour or two until some of us had to leave early. An enjoyable day was had by this family, at least!

Nicole

## JULY ACTIVITY - 16<sup>th</sup>

This month we will again be planting our quota of trees in the Billys Creek area. Please meet at Junction Road at 10.00am. Hopefully it will not be too wet or cold, but remember to bring along plenty of warm clothes and your lunch.

Please call Ed on 5664 8211 for more information. See you there.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Newsletter over the last 12 months.

This will be my last one, as I will not be taking it on into the next year. I hope you have enjoyed reading about the activities of the Group.

Please continue to send articles to the new Editor for future Newsletters to

**Friends of Morwell National Park  
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Thanks again

Helen Steenbergen

