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# Friends of Morwell National Park Inc.

## *Newsletter – May 2010*

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Hello everyone and welcome to this month's newsletter. Now we are in the middle of autumn and the last of the hot days have left us now. It is good to see a little rain now in the water gauge and it is greening up again. The rain has been in good soaking quantities rather than flooding downpours.

### **April Activity report – Churchill Festival**

This month we had the opportunity to get out into the public rather than hiding away in one of the dark corners of the National Park. The Churchill Festival gave us the opportunity to tell the public about the Friends of Morwell National Park.

The Churchill festival is a community festival with the opportunity for the town of Churchill to celebrate and be informed. It had many free activities for families groups to enjoy. Many community groups had stalls to inform the public about their activities and the services that they provide for the community.

The friends shared a stall with the Australian Plant Society. We had many people visit the stall and had the opportunity to answer some queries. A few people have taken away information about the park. Hopefully we will have more people visit the park and enjoy its walks.

The bulk of the stall was setup by Cathy and Jenny; and Mike helped them with some of the remaining touches. The morning started very quietly with few people getting out to early. Cathy and Jenny were the only audience for the magician for a while early in the morning. During the rest of the day there was a steady crowd of people. When it came to packing up most the of crew remained so the enclosure came down a lot quicker and with less effort than it was required to put it up.

During the day the activities for June and July where discussed. The planned tree planting for these activities will not occur since no seeds have been planted. So the activities for these months will become track maintenance. In June we will walk the Clematis and Lodge tracks and do some maintenance upon these tracks. It will be a great opportunity to do some walking within the park.

Following are some pictures from the Churchill Festival of the Friends of Morwell National Park and Australian Plant Society stall and some of the activities to be enjoyed in the Festival.

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### **May Activity**

10.00am Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May

The group will meet at the Junction Road entrance to again enter Billy's Creek. The 'Battle against Tutsan' has yet to be won and we will again return to rid the creek of this weed. The search for Tutsan will continue downstream of the first bridge crossing. If you have waders bring them along, since they will be useful for wading in the creek.

You will need clothing suitable for the wet terrain and weather conditions on the day.

