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Newsletter – August 2010

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Hello everyone and welcome to this month's newsletter. This month we are running early with the August newsletter getting it to you before August has even arrived. We are becoming just like the magazine publications which all publish their next month's edition in middle of each previous month. This is where the comparison ends since there is a great difference in quality and size and we have no photographs of size 0 models. We don't even airbrush our photos. Perhaps if did we may have more models in the photos! Next month if I promise to airbrush, we may get a photo of Wendy in a swimsuit!

This month the newsletter is early to inform all of the earlier (than planned) Annual General Meeting. We will have to bring the meeting forward in the calendar so that we can give most people an opportunity to be at the meeting. Details of the meeting are on the next page.

In other news, Ken has met with the people planning the Grand Strzelecki Track and it planned for the 85 kilometers of walking track to finish in the park and for it to meet up with the Billy's creek track. The track will travel from Tarra Bulga National Park and include at least three circuits between Tarra Bulga and Morwell National Park. This will allow the track to be completed in small sections. The track will follow Billy's creek into the South of the park and meet up the Coprosma track. The group has commented that the bluff at the end of the Coprosma track is good place for a lookout and a seat.

Ken will be in regular communication with this group since he has been appointed treasurer of the group. In only news, Ken has a great adventure ahead of him during the next month when he visits Madagascar. (For Kate - the capital city is Antananarivo) He will return and be able to tell us about the wonderful array of birds and animals he saw. Enjoy the trip, Ken.

In recent news, John has been ill and can only be a moral supporter of the group for the next few months. So John get well soon and we will enjoy having you back at the activities when you able to.

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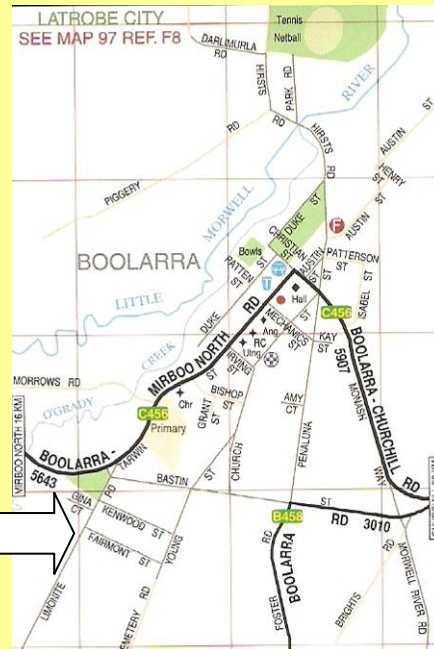
Friends of Morwell National Park Annual General Meeting

Sunday 25th July
1.30pm

Corner of Limonite Road and Fairmont Street,
Boolarra
(Cathy and Mike's house)

A committee meeting will follow the Annual
General Meeting

At the conclusion of both meetings we will have
Afternoon Tea – Bring a plate



July Activity Report

This month the regulars were back including Wendy, Ken, Reg, Mike, Cathy, Beryl, Darren and Kate. (Now a regular after her second outing) The activity started in confusion since Jenny was not there and neither was any of the gear we would normally use. It appears that Jenny's contract with Parks has finished and another has yet to be organized. So for a period of time we will be without a ranger until Rob's or/and Jenny's positions are finalized. It appears with the changeover of contacts and with other rangers on leave that there are few rangers currently rostered on in Gippsland.

With the need for more gear, Wendy and Ken went up the shed to get the folding chairs, gloves and digging tools. With these tools and the other tools that others had brought, we then packed the cars and travelled to the work site.

We were fortunate to have another local, Grant come along and help with the activity. Kate had spoken to him about the activity and some after confusion about the meeting place (Kate has a great sense of direction), he arrived later. Grant's help was invaluable.

The task for the day was to try and pull out some of the concrete posts beside the Billy's creek track, so that they can be used as stepping stones for the creek crossings on the Coprosma track. The hope

was the pull a few out, but we did a lot better than planned. The soil was soft beside the creek but a lot harder up on the hill. The posts were very heavy but we managed to remove four before lunch and made a collection of barbed wire which was wrapped around some of the posts.

Lunch was a great BBQ feast arranged by Cathy and Wendy and this was completed by a magnificent cheesecake from Beryl. Mike will go home a very happy man after having some cheesecake for lunch and getting some more for later.

We finished up at around 4pm and by then we had removed seven of the concrete posts. Now comes the challenge of getting them to the creek and using them as stepping stones. Many challenges lie ahead. Another challenge for next month will be dealing with a large tree which has fallen across the Coprosma track just before the second creek crossing. You cannot travel beyond that point in the track and this is also stopping access to the second creek crossing.

Where in the park is this?

Your task is to identify where in the park the following photo has been taken. The park has many wonderful views to see and here is an opportunity to share your prize pictures with others.

Where in the park has the following photo been taken? To take part in the discussion of possible answers you can come along to this month's activity. For those who are really keen, you can even go on a search for the spot the photograph was taken from.

So if you have a photo of a special corner or an unusual event that has occurred in the park, please send in your photos. They could be of one of the wonderful vistas or a rarely seen part of the park.

Please send them to Darren via email to dhodgson@wideband.net.au.



August Activity

10.00am Sunday 15th August
Junction Road car park

This month the activity will be to continue with the moving of the concrete fence posts. The posts moved in the last activity need to be moved along Coprosma track and put into place at the first creek crossing. These concrete posts will become stepping stones across the creek. Other stones previously placed in the creek have washed away, with the great variation in the creek's flows.

More posts remain up the hill from the information board so these could become further stepping stones. Here there are also the remains of a barbed wire fence with star pickets between the concrete posts, so another job could be the removal of parts of this fence line.

Grant and Reg will handle all of the bigger equipment that the group will need for the activity. Useful equipment others could bring include: shovels, gloves and wire cutters.

Again this month we will have a BBQ lunch. We will be very well looked after. Cathy and Wendy will handle the food for the BBQ and everybody else can bring a plate to accompany the BBQ food. You will need to bring our own drink, plate and eating utensils. A big thank you goes to Wendy and Cathy, who are looking after the workers so well.

The group will meet at the Junction Road entrance.

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

