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Friends of Morwell National Park Inc.

Newsletter – August 2012

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Hello everyone and welcome to this month's newsletter. We have a report from the Fungi Survey completed at Mt Worth State Park during May. Cathy has provided us with many great photographs and an article about what happened.

The next event for the Friends' group is the Annual General Meeting. Over the year we have had many new people join the group to help with activities, it would be great to have some of them along at the meeting. Thanks to Margaret and John for hosting the meeting for us.

Friends of Morwell National Park Annual General Meeting

Sunday 12th August
1.30pm

10 Walker Parade, Churchill

A committee meeting will follow the Annual General Meeting

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

It is also time to either renew or sign up as a member. Membership is very cheap and you can either: renew at the General Meeting, send in the following form or pay at the next activity.

To: Treasurer, Friends of Morwell National Park, PO Box 19, Churchill, 3842

Please find enclosed the amount of \$ _____ (\$10 per person, \$15 per family/group) being for membership 2011/2012.

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May Activity Report - Meandering in the fungi

Sunday 20th May

For our May activity (yes, I know, I am a bit late!), a few of us deserted our park and took up the offer of joining the Field Nat's at Mt Worth. Ken, Mike and I as well a couple from APS LV joined a dozen or more fungi enthusiasts, including some professionals, from both the local and Melbourne areas.

We had a very good day out. There were people there who were very willing to teach the novice how to identify various types of fungi as well as those like me who were happy just taking photos. The weather was kind to us as it remained clear but cold. The fungi were even kinder as there were plenty of them to find. So many that it took some people nearly an hour to vacate the carpark!

The fungi ranged from very tiny round pin heads to large wooden like brackets. We saw coral fungi in a tree fern as well as on the ground and Mike found a purple jelly before anyone else did. There were also a couple of fungi found that the group weren't able to identify.

The challenge taking photos this time wasn't because of wind but lack of light, especially once we reached the rain forest type density of trees. The flash on my camera is hopeless when using the macro, so I had to figure out how to use it more efficiently to get some decent shots. This meant using it more like a SLR camera. A challenge for me at the best of times!

I am pleased to report that I managed to take a few OK shots, as did Mike, examples of which are below. I am not going to attempt to name them as I would rather leave that to Ken at our next outing.


Cathy











July Activity Report
Sunday 15th July

This activity report will be very short since I was unable to attend. The group met at the Kerry Road car park to complete some track maintenance on both of the Muttonwood Creek Track and the Stringybark Ridge Walk.

August Activity
Sunday 19th August 10.00am

We will meet at the Junction Road car park to undertake some track maintenance and weed removal in the Billy's Creek part of the park. You will need to bring your lunch and clothing suitable for the weather conditions on the day.