



FRIENDS OF BELAIR

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President's Comments

We are nearing the end of our fifth year as a group and the park will soon celebrate its 99th year of existence. The party to be held on the 19th of December is going to be bigger and busier than the previous four. At the October meeting a committee of two was formed to organise the above celebrations. This does not mean that these two members will do all the running around and other work needed to make this year's party function, we all must help in small or larger ways. The committee will delegate where necessary to make the function a success.

Next year we are to run a planting day and a photographic display, the former will be near the Government Farm Picnic Oval areas and the latter in the Coach House at the Old Governor's Residence. If we are going to have plants to plant then NOW is the time to think about collecting seed and propagating them. We must ALSO START to propagate cutting material of plants too. The group HAS NO seed of small growing plants and NEITHER has the Belair Park seed store. IF OUR CENTENARY EFFORT IS TO BE A SUCCESS THEN WE MUST ALL TRY - NOW.

The meeting next March will be the Annual General Meeting. Before this, in February, nominations must be in for a new President, Secretary and Committee. I will not be standing for any position and other members of the present executive are not likely to stand either. So the time is at hand for members to discuss and select prospective executive members. Do not leave it to the last minute, the February meeting, but do some thinking and talking about it now.

Over Winter we had two planting days and so far other than rabbits and an odd vehicle being driven over part of the area planted, most of the seedlings are surviving. We have had one more day of Olive removal which resulted in a fine pile of these plants along with some African Boneseed. Members who have been involved in various areas removing African Boneseed etc. have done well over winter, with their respective areas looking like the original bushland.

Other problems with plantings by the VIP's etc have not been resolved at the time of writing this report, and time is running out too.

RAY NASH - President.

General Meetings

In November, members talks are to continue following the success of the October meeting.

The December 13th meeting will be a FUN night with a couple of talks and a Belair Park Quiz, by Quiz master Hunwick.

Annual Friends Forum

This is to be held at Cleland on November 17 and 18, (Sat and Sunday). Registration will cost \$2 and meals and night walk in Cleland on the Saturday evening will cost extra. As many members as possible are urged to attend.

Working Bees and Outings

Saturday November 24th at 2.00pm a working bee on Olive/Boneseed.

Walks for Tuesday November 13, 27 and December 11 will commence at 2.00pm and they will be the last for this year and there will not be any during January and February.

For those who are longing to see a Duck Orchid, there will be an outing to Kuitpo early in December. The date has yet to be fixed, so those interested are to contact Ray early in December.

Reminder: the Sunday outings are for VIP's not generally the FOBP.

Saturday 15th of December has been set aside as seed collection day for small plants. See President's Message. All assistance is required so we can have a good showing for next year's planting. Let's meet at 2.00pm at the Information Centre.

Meetings

The next Planning Meeting is scheduled for Sunday February 3rd to work out the Program for 1991.

The first General Meeting is on February 14th, with nominations for the AGM, (which will be held on March 14th).

Trading Table

There will be a trading table December 1st outside Chem-mart in Blackwood. Goods and/or donations to Marianne Burley or Ray Nash.

BBQ Raffle

There will be a BBQ Raffle at this years Christmas Party. For this to be a success the Committee are asking you to donate goods which can be included in the basket prize. Suggestions include teas, wines, pot-plants, short-bread, dried/glazed fruit, festive things, etc etc. In addition you will be asked to help sell some (eg 10) of the raffle tickets. All assistance will be greatly appreciated.