

FRIENDS OF WYPERFELD NATIONAL PARK

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The Friends of Wyperfeld meet regularly in the Park on Queen's Birthday weekend each year. This is the only **regular** meeting we have because of the distance we have to travel from Melbourne, viz 450 km. However other meetings are arranged as the need arises.

In recent years the main task has been planting seedlings of *Callitris* pine. These trees are propagated by CFL from seed collected in the Park and we are attempting to restore the ring of once beautiful pines around Lake Brimin; unfortunately destroyed by past fires and not naturally regenerating. It is a tedious process because each tree has to be guarded from attack by rabbits and kangaroos. Another ongoing and daunting task is the removal of the weed Horehound.

The weekend isn't all hard work because we usually have a bushwalk as well or go on a tour to a remote area not normally visited.

An interesting job for the future is monitoring a section of mallee for Malleefowl mounds. Joe Benshemesh has made a major research project into the Malleefowl and he would like Friends to send back information on these mounds at different times of the year.

On our project weekends, we camp as a group in the camping ground at Wyperfeld, each person bringing their own requirements for the weekend. It is possible to stay at a comfortable motel in Rainbow if people do not want to camp. This is about half an hour away by car. We have a combined BYO barbecue and social meeting in Wonga Hut on one of the evenings of the weekend. I send a newsletter to everyone on the mailing list about one month before each project weekend to give details of activities. It costs \$2.00 to get a newsletter, so contact me if you are interested on 859 3738.

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