



FRIENDS OF WARRANDYTE STATE PARK OCTOBER 1993 NEWSLETTER

Editorial

Pandorea pandorana - Wonga Vine.

When Sydney won the right to stage the Olympic Games, it was interesting to note the immediate response from State leaders. Each one thought of the great economic benefits that their State could obtain. Not one mentioned anything about the athletes or the spiritual value of bringing together peoples of many different nations. They only appeared interested in the profits to be made from the influx of visitors, and monies derived from sponsors, and T.V. rights.

It seems to reinforce the western view of Nature, where land is lifeless and of little value until it can be sold (for profit) or developed as real estate with factories, offices or urban dwellings. It can then be resold by shuffling of official titles and deeds (for even greater profit).

Government leaders and law makers have much difficulty with native titles. They have little experience of the native mind's ancient painstakingly accumulated, and spiritually charged knowledge about Nature. Modern Westernized man does not appear to realize the importance of sacred places to all indigenous peoples. One cannot blame them for feeling anxious about their future, when they know how many countries their land has been taken over and their cultures destroyed. Compensation with money does not offer much solace.

Indigenous people often have a clear understanding of the effects of modern technology on themselves and mankind as a whole. They have seen their divine laws broken by successive groups of mankind, and the resulting disasters.

Because their laws and experience extend back over thousands of years, they have a much better appreciation of the relationships between man, the land and the many living creatures with whom they have shared their lives. They have practiced an effective form of conservation long before the white people even thought of it. There have been some changes in the white man's attitude but there is still a long way to go. The Federal Government recently was prepared to waive the Racial Discrimination Act of 1975 for the sole purpose of allowing a mining company to expand its operations in North Queensland.....

"If there is a technological advance without social advance, there is, almost automatically an increase in human misery."

Michael Harrington.

"As the eagle was killed by the arrow winged with his own feather, so the hand of the world is wounded by its own skill".

Helen Keller.

"There is no freedom on Earth or on any other star, for those who deny freedom to others".

Elbert Hubbard.

"Four Laws of Ecology:

Everything is connected to everywhere else.

Everything must go somewhere.

Nature knows best.

There is no such thing as a free lunch.

Barry Commoner, Ecologist.

KOALA FEST 93.....Sunday October 31st. 1.00pm.

You can help the Koala maintain the establishment of its hold on habitat in our Park. The more data collected, the easier it is for Park Staff (with our help) to fulfill the requirements of these delightful marsupials. Bring your binoculars, compass, suitable clothing and footwear and something to share for afternoon tea (in the Folly). Meet at Pound Bend (Mel 23 C:10) where we will divide into groups to cover various routes, with varying levels of 'walking difficulty'.

The area concerned is 3.93ha of riparian bushland with Manna and Swamp Gums and Yellow Box and 11.77ha of higher ground with Red Stringybark, Red Box, Long Leaf Box with scattered Yellow Box. We will have a 'treasure hunt' for the children who join in. A special guest speaker will join us for afternoon tea.

Enquiries Brenda 379 7375 Eleanor 480 0680. Park 844 2659.

FASCINATING FACTS FROM FLORA

Flora Anderson returns with a new series of articles of 'Fascinating Facts' - this time on her 'Feathered Friends. Says Flora,....." I was getting down to writing my piece when lo and behold this letter arrived from Alan Waldon and it struck me as perfect as an introductory article. Alan remembers walking with his teacher Miss Martine from Warrandyte Sth to Warrandyte Primary where he did his Merit Certificate. There were only 17 -20 pupils altogether so there would have been only 5 or so doing the exam. Warrandyte Sth was a one teacher school (plus a Sewing Mistress who happened to be Alan's Aunt!) Alan was delighted with the copy of 'Discover Warrandyte' which his wife gave him recently for his 80th birthday I received his permission to publish and hope you all enjoy his reminiscences and seeing the list of the birds which he came to know so very well."

"Next month I will begin my series, using the birds named in the list published in the Warrandyte Management Plan. The slide night last month was most enjoyable and I enjoyed the company of those members who attended despite the school holidays. Thank you Ron Taylor who had gone early and had the potbelly blazing, the Folly a cosy place indeed. The frogs in the dam and Frogland at night are magnificent.....we reckoned we could identify 4 species-

Limnodynastes peroni.....Striped Marsh Frog

Ranidella signifera.....Common Froglet

Litoria verreauxi.....Whistling (Verreaux's) Tree Frog

Litoria ewingi.....Southern Brown (Ewing's) Tree Frog.

Could have done with verification of course, I'm only a beginner with frogs."

"Here is Alan's letter to enjoy....."

Dear Flora,

Croydon September 1993.

The attached list of birds of the Wonga Park, Warranwood, Warrandyte areas is as I remember them nearly seventy years ago. We were allowed to collect eggs but only one of each bird listed. Some were very difficult to obtain, for instance the Frogmouth Owl which built a nest on the fork of a limb of a few twigs - the brooding bird would stay put on the nest until you reached the nest, then it would scatter the eggs and nest, so we did not try to get an egg after that experience. Grey Bell Magpies (Choughs) were also difficult as they built a 'magpie type' nest at the top of a tall tree.

There were probably other birds in the district which we were not aware of as we could hardly be called 'trained observers'...?

I remember well the call of swans at night at night in the moonlight and rising from bed on the verandah to observe their V formation as they flew either to or from the Yarra River. (Perhaps they were telling us something about the future weather? Our Father said that they did.)

I remember also the attacking birds during the breeding season - Magpies and Butcher Birds. They were always there on the way to school. I remember waving a stick above my head to ward off a Butcher Bird which had, the previous day cut my scalp open and accidentally killing him. I felt so sorry as the pair had young. The hen bird reared the brood which pleased me.

A very pleasant experience was 'playing the wag' from school and going through the bush to the Yarra River, seeing kangaroos, wallabies, birds, foxes, possums, and swans on the river. We always got into trouble afterwards of course but we thought it worthwhile....? They were very pleasant 'barefoot days' of our youth. I am sure that the area I have spoken of is my 'spirit home'.....Kind regards, Alan Walden.

BIRDS OF WONGA PARK, WARRANWOOD AND WARRANDYTE AREAS.

Skylark	Reed Warbler	Heron / White Faced (Sometimes called the Blue Crane)	Egrets / Cattle White
Swallow / Welcome	Martin / Fairy		
Willie Wagtail / Australian Nightingale, Black and White Fantail	Fantail / Grey Thornbill	Teal / Grey Chestnut	Cormorants / Little Black
Robins / Pink	Tree Creeper / White throated	Moorhen / Dusky	Ducks / Wood
Rose	Brown	Coots / Swamp Hen	Black
Scarlet	Wattlebirds / Red Eared	Australian Coot.	Mountain
Flame	Brown	Plovers / Spur Wing	Musk.
Yellow	Honeyeaters / Regent	Banded Golden	Hawks / Brown
Wrens / Blue	White Eared	Falcon / Peregrine	Sparrow
Scrub	Yellow Throated	Little	Eagle / Wedgetailed
Chestnut Rumped	Yellow Winged	Kookaburra	Owls / Boobook
White Browed	Eastern Spinebill	Kingfishers / Azure Sacred	Barn
Silver Eye / 'Ring Eye' (Eastern)	Sparrow / House	Galah / Pink	Tawny Frogmouth
Diamond Bird / Pardalote Punctatus	Crow	Cockatoo / White	Parrots / King
Goldfinch / European	Jay / White Winged Chough	Cuckoos / Pallid	Crimson Rosella
Firetail / Red Browed & Tailed	Mudlark / Magpie Lark	Bronze	Eastern Rosella
Magpie / White Backed	Swift / Spinetailed	Thrush / Australian	Doves / Turtle
Butcher Bird / Grey	Forktailed	English	Spotted.
Currawong / 'Grey Bell Magpie'	Whipbird / Eastern	Mynah / Common (Indian)	Blackbird
Bellbird / Bell Miner	Pigeons / Bronze Wing.		Starling / Common
Shrike Tit / Crested	Brush Bronze Wing.		Flycatchers / Jackie Winter
Swans / White. Often heard at night & seen on moonlight nights fly -ing to and from Yarra River.	Ibis / seen feeding in paddocks on grasshoppers & pasture grubs.		

David Van Bockel'sThursday Afternoon Activities

October November Programme

<u>Date</u>	<u>Destination/Project.</u>
October 21	<u>Jumping Creek.</u> Walk focussing on finding & identifying small annual plants found along the tracks. Inspection & maintenance work in revegetation area.
28	<u>Fourth Hill.</u> Walk searching for fern spp. and 'significant' orchids. Selective hand weeding project in 'our' area of Wildcat Gully.
November 4	<u>Bradleys Lane</u> Inspect and learn about some of the Park's rarest of plants (isolated occurrence found by Joan MacMahon- the only record of Forest Wire Grass) New project area - make a start on Ivy removal.
11	<u>Koorngong</u> Afternoon walk with Cathy showing progress of Periwinkle Hill plantings. General wildflower I. D. walk, looking for rare lillies sighted last year. Follow up to underlay/mulch.
18	To be announced. Enq David 844 2659.

The Thursday group would like to thank Neal Qualtrough and Ruth Rankin for leading us on an absolutely fascinating tour of the end of the Osborne Peninsula. We saw an area of State Park which is only accessible through Private land. We have been talking about the trek ever since. Very special thanks to Ruth also for the splendid afternoon tea....certainly was a treat, even though Dave does give us a bickie these days! Ruth has promised at another time to set us on our way from her riverbank to the Koorngong.

A team of fencers is currently being trained by Ranger Steve Anderson. Whilst Bill Roxburgh is the 'whip cracker' and 'billy boy' all the rest are women as the building team have more than enough to do. Marg Dimech is 'Leading Hand' and we could do with another person who would give a long term commitment to the job.



Enquiries Marg D. 844 3812.

The Two Worlds of Flora.....24th September 1993

A few hardy souls gathered in the folly on the Friday evening. Ron had arrived ahead of us and the stove was giving out wonderful heat. As there was a small number it meant that we could all sit closer to the fire and we were very cosy.

To begin with Flora read us several extracts from books and also quoted from "The Science Show". Flora also brought us up - to - date on the position of the proposed development at Aireys Inlet. She said that the council had called a meeting with the protest group and had asked them why they were objecting to the development. They just could not see anything wrong with building four hundred houses in an area of such beauty and rarity. She also said that environmentalists are actually fighting to save their own kind. The planet will always exist.....it has faced many challenges in the past and has survived. The existence of mankind though, is not so assured.

Flora then showed us some interesting slides of the area at Aireys Inlet where she has a property and also slides of the Warrandyte/Wonga Park area. Following this we had supper and our usual 'natter' around the fire.

Thank you Flora for giving up your time to give us such a stimulating, thought provoking and interesting evening.

In September, Friends of One Tree Hill met with David Cameron at the tanks area. David is a local botanist involved in locating and recording significant plant species. He outlined the technical methods used to correlate information from designated sites. Under overcast skies (it really was awful weather), David then led the group into bushland identifying ground covers of the area. He continually explained the plant relationships within the area and, as predicted, there were some botanical treasures.

August and September activities have involved local landowners as well as people from afar, who have understood the values of the Reserve for some time. Many of the objectives of the Interim Management Plan have been achieved. Erosion works continue on culverts into the Happy Valley Creek area and at the quarry site. Plants are growing at the FOWSP nursery for a future planting activity at the gravel pits area.

There are many opportunities for your involvement into practical nature conservation of the One Tree Hill Reserve. We plan to make modifications to the Friends of Warrandyte State Park nursery for FOOTH's very own propagation activities. Diane needs your help on Thursdays, 10 am to 12.30 at Warrandyte, and some building activities will need to be done in the near future to embrace this program.

On Sunday, November 21st at 10 am. the first work day will involve removal of Pittosporum from the Reserve, under the guidance of Ray Jasper. Please find time to help with eradication of these trees to convert the bushland to pristine condition on the wet slopes area. This activity will coincide with removal of woody weed trees from the roadsides surrounding the Reserve. Meet at the North side of the Reserve - REFER TO MELWAYS REF 265 D 6.

When you visit the One Tree Hill Reserve area now, you will notice other people walking within the bushland. These people seem to travel from outside our locality, so please communicate and promote Friends Of One Tree Hill to involve them in understanding the values of the area. Organised activities will be on the third Sunday of the Month. December will be excluded. You are all invited to join the Networking Sunday at the Nursery at Warrandyte.

Need more information? Want to help? Contact Ranger, Ray Jasper at Warrandyte State Park Depot on 844 2659 or Diane Silveri, Co-ordinator, C/- P.O. Smiths Gully, 3760, phone 710 1331.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS. I would like to point out the difficulties caused by VERY slow reaction to the notices when SOME memberships are due. This organisation is run by wonderful, very busy volunteers and inclusions of reminder notices is an extra step in the process of getting the Newsletters into the post. Some people seem to actually wait until being dropped from the mailing list before paying - thus adding work for us and for Ron Golding, our Membership Secretary, as well. We would like to put our energies into befriending the Park rather than tedious clerical duties.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, be prompt. If you wish to drop out, help us with a quick call. OR if, in these tough times you have financial difficulties, a call will allow us to come to a special arrangement.....we are, after all, a Friends organisation.

Saving the Dipper.....Wed. 24th November 8pm.

A Talk at the Healesville Sanctuary Theatre.

by David Merrie.

The Dipper is a water bird of Scotland that nests in a waterside habitat. The bird normally lives on the water, and on land it is very ungainly. This means that the birds are very vulnerable on their land based nesting sites, and as a result the population is threatened. David is the principal worker in providing an innovative and successful solution to the problem.

David is visiting Australia for a few weeks and we are privileged to have him talk to us. He describes himself as an amateur naturalist, and he is particularly interested in the birds of Scotland. He was the founder member and first president of the North Sea Bird Observers Group. This was formed to give the workers North Sea oil and gas rigs a leisure time interest while they were on the platforms, and to provide information about the local bird life. He is vice president of the Scottish Ornithological Club, and is a member of numerous other bird and wildlife organisations.

I am sure it will be a most interesting evening and all are welcome. Please enter the Sanctuary by the FRONT GATES. Any queries please phone Pat or Graham Madeley on 727 2359.

HOTHOUSE GOSSIP.

Those people who come to the Nursery after a gap in time will be excited with the changes in the place. The new Polyhouse is very near completion (dare I predict it in operation within the month) and is an amazing structure. Don and Ian slip down and do lots mid week so every Thursday we notice big changes. We will have the big 'opening' on the 21st Oct.

The nursery is a busy place in general and good stocks of Acacia spp and other mid storey plants are coming along nicely. Planning for Autumn is about to start so we need to finalise the stocks for planting late this year. If you have been promised plants please contact us for details of collection etc. Any group with special needs for 1994 will be required to commence organising these with Pat. If you need to consult with Ranger David Van Bockel she will arrange a meeting. A 'cup of tea' planning meeting is coming up for nursery organisers, Marg will know when.

The news of Kym Docwra's employment by Wyena Nursery.....950 Kangaroo Ground Road. was a great excitement for us all. Kym's career as a full time volunteer has been an extremely productive one for all parties but of course the pay was dreadful....for Kym! She has been the most loyal and reliable of members, who now has a vast number of skills and resources to offer her employer. Congratulations to them both. If you would like to pop in to Wyena to see what she is up to, you will no doubt be unable to leave without purchasing some of the indigenous plants which Kym will advise you on!

Speaking of local Nurseries. Bimbadeen.....Webb St, 22 - 23 October. Is having a special sale of lots of indigenous plants. This year she is selling wildflower tubes. Jenny Drummond, a member and oft time visitor to the F.O.W.S.P. Nursery is offering 'specials' and telling her that you are a Fowspian will no doubt give you a great deal. Enquiries Jenny 720 1066.

Back to young people out of work.... we welcome them to come along and build up skills and knowledge. Not only those are accrued but it is amazing to see the confidence which develops as people become 'experts' in some field or other. Just come. or enquire Marg 8441060.

Shirley Mandemaker has turned 'The Book' she made for display at the Festival into a very attractive painting to hang in the Folly. Intrigued.....have a look next visit. (KOALA COUNT?)

Some modifications are being planned for the Nursery as we have agreed to include Friends of One Tree Hill plant production into our already very extensive operation. Diane Silveri and her group will provide all the extra labour, will follow our usual procedures, and Ranger Ray Jasper will consult with Pat and David. We will extend the hardening off area, and the Silveri's have donated a 'jigsaw puzzle' shed for storage. If you haven't met these people the opportunity will arise at the Networking at the Nursery activities on November 28th.

Other visitors to look forward to renewing bonds with will be the Friends of Morwell Nat. Park. They will really enjoy seeing the changes to our operation as it is about five years since their last visit. They are about to set up a Nursery and will be full of questions.

Orders for 'Flora of Melbourne' are still being taken. They will be at a very good price if you are interested. Order list is at the nursery.

Olearia lirata.

Melbourne Parks and Waterways Program have sent out a letter from Minister Mark Birrell to inform us of the success of the grants we applied for. We will receive \$3000 for further Nursery Renovation, and \$1000 for boardwalking in Frogland. Extra 'builders' are always welcome. Pat C. is planning a big working-bee in Frogland (serenaded by our Limnodynasties tasmaniensis, newly arrived) in the near future.

Anyone with connections to another Friends of Environmental Group may like to organise some of their members to join us for the day. We will have many people giving demos, workshops, tours, field experiences etc. followed by a big B.B.Q., picnic, Gala evening of the Fowspian type! Enquiries Marg Burke 844 1060. Nov. 28th 2.00pm onward. (Our A.G.M. - 1.00pm)

Greenie Grannies are the 'go' at present. Gay Harris and Joy Hildebrand are both swapping baby tales. Both are Grandmothers to wee girls....Lana and Hayley.

A baby of quite a different kind is changing life at the Roches dramatically. His name is Kevin and he is a six month old Koala. Gail is taking over after Kevin's mother had to be put down. She was a tagged animal, thence was one of the original population released at Pound Bend, and at the end of her natural life expectancy. She was suffering from a viral disease, not chlamydia, and had been a very aged mother. Kevin had begun the weaning process, and has bonded with humans, enjoys life in his new 'pouch' with fresh gum tips at hand, a 'forest' of branches nearby (the Roches didn't need their loungeroom!) and a whole family to cater to his needs. He has four hourly feeds of formula from a special bottle and has been declared 'settled in'. We hear tales of Kev climbing all over 'Mick' and Gail as they sleep, and how much he likes climbing up people with the help of his needle sharp claws. The Mystery Reporter has promised an interview at a later date and we promise regular updates on Kev. All work in establishing a fund of knowledge about Warrandytes Koalas is very important to the Kevins and his kind so we hope lots of you turn up for our annual count on October 31st.



Hope you all have your "Slow down for Warrandyte" stickers on. Nursery activities were suspended to enable a fabulously efficient work session to pop one in each copy of THE DIARY. If you live further afield and still want a sticker we will have some available at the Koala Count (they have Kev's picture in the corner)

Fern Spot

4. Three unusual ferns

by: Keith Vagg

Hymenophyllum cupressiforme Common Filmy-fern

Microsorium pustulatum Kangaroo Fern

Ophioglossum lusitanicum Adders tongue

These three ferns are unusual in that they have a different appearance to that of most ferns. Two of them may be seen growing as epiphytes; the other, Adders Tongue, grows in the ground. The Common Filmy Fern is fairly common in Warrandyte, but the other two are rare.

Ferns often undergo a change of name, as the study of them continues. *M. pustulatum* is no exception to this and has also been named *M. diversifolium*, which was once the name of a different fern (*M. scandens*) before it had a name change. The common name: Kangaroo Fern, however, has not changed.

Common Filmy-fern *Hymenophyllum cupressiforme* - This is a tiny fern which may be found growing thickly on moist rock faces or other damp situations. The fronds are translucent and only a single cell thick. In hot weather this fern will often appear to wither and die, however the fronds will quickly spring to life again with moisture. It may grow as an epiphyte or a lithophyte, or on moist, sloping clay faces.

Kangaroo Fern *Microsorium pustulatum* - The leaves of this fern are dark green and glabrous and may take more than one form - even on the same plant. It usually grows as an epiphyte on trees and other ferns.

Adders tongue *Ophioglossum lusitanicum* - This fern has a single frond which is divided into two segments: sterile and fertile, and both very different in appearance. The sterile frond is small and elliptical, about 3cm long, while the fertile portion grows to about 15cm and looks like a filament with an elongated head. When developing from spore, the prothallus has a symbiotic relationship with a fungus, and thus are difficult to cultivate.



Hymenophyllum

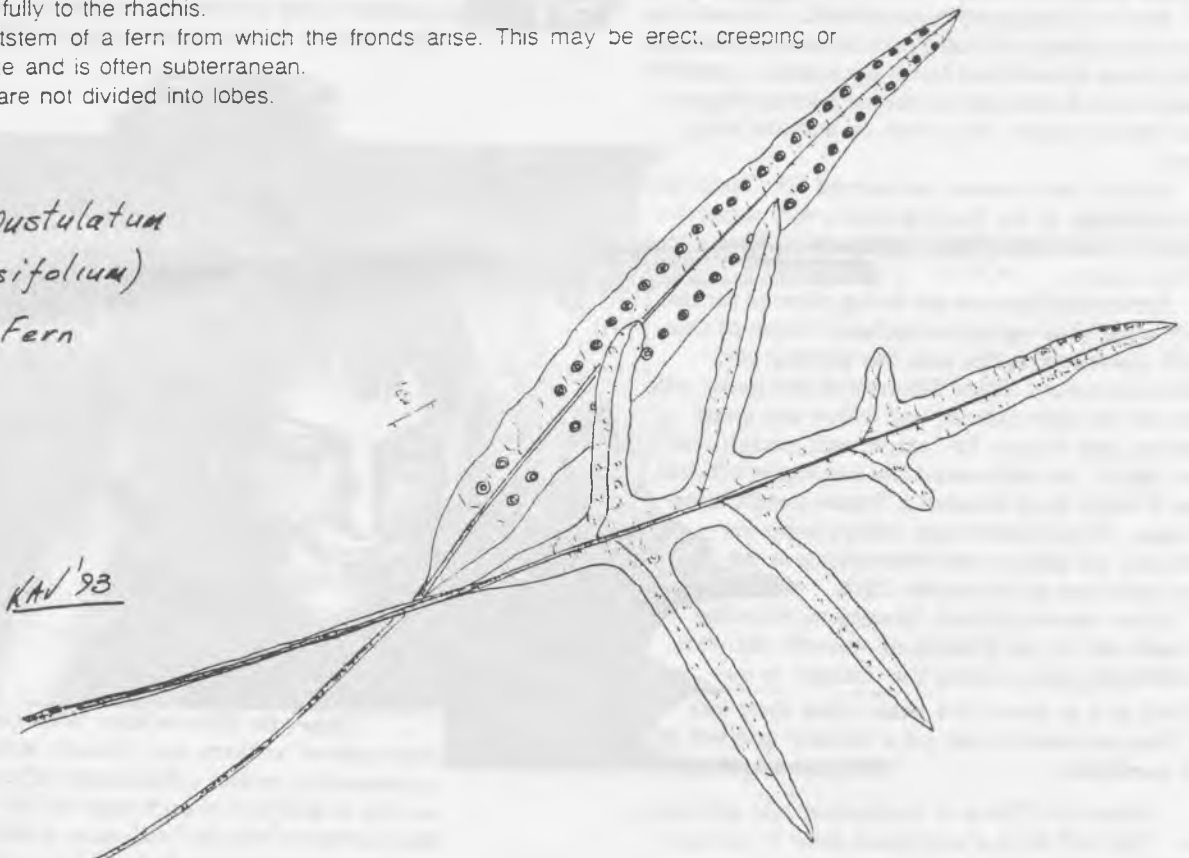
cupressiforme

Common Filmy Fern

Some Fern Terms

epiphyte	a plant which grows on trees or other plants, but is not parasitic on the plant.
glabrous	smooth and hairless.
lithophyte	a plant which grows on rocks.
pinnate	fronds are divided into lobes on either side of the rachis. Each lobe forms a discrete leaflet.
pinnatifid	fronds are divided into lobes on either side of the rachis. The divisions do not extend fully to the rachis.
rhizome	the rootstem of a fern from which the fronds arise. This may be erect, creeping or prostrate and is often subterranean.
simple	fronds are not divided into lobes.

Microsorium pustulatum
(*M. diversifolium*)
Kangaroo Fern



The Coupe.....by Elizabeth Sevier.

The word "Coupe" has many meanings but readers of this newsletter will not expect to read here about a small car or a delicious summer dessert but in fact about a defined area of indigenous plants. Timber cutters speak of logging coupes but the coupe at the Depot has the opposite function. Downhill beyond the Nursery and the ranger's office on the old orchard land, nursery volunteers are growing a forest.....This is not strictly true, of course. The forest is growing itself, but we are helping.

The fenced area where we work in company with Willie Wagtails, Jacky Winters and Thornbills whilst the Pallid Cuckoo calls began as school arbor plantings. The children first began planting there a few years ago in ground and holes specially prepared by the Park Staff. To protect the children's plantings from rabbits, fences of chicken wire were put around each grade's little plants and a label noting the school and the grade affixed to the fence. So the nursery volunteers went back to the never ending work of the nursery, sowing, pricking out and labelling the indigenous trees, bushes, and wildflowers of Warrandyte.

One day, a band of helpers stepped on to an area which had been cleared of weeds by the burning by staff of a bonfire of rubbish, and direct seeded onto the ground. Led by our notable Nursery Guru, Pat Coupar, a mixture of indigenous eucalypts, acacias, general understorey plants and grasses was sprinkled in all directions within an empty fenced area. In one corner we placed a layer of carpet underlay and sowed seeds on this.

Then followed an exciting time of waiting for germination. Nursery workers could be found each Thursday crawling around on hands and knees with noses close to the ground, trying to decide whether tiny shoots coming through the surface came from our seeds or were weeds. They were both. We started the next stage of the growing process by leaving both to fight it out together but as time went by, we found it necessary to weed around the growing 'indigidytes' to encourage the good and to discourage the environmental weeds. The good plants grew. The whole activity was a huge success.

But the children's plants? Oh dear! All kinds of wild radishes, oxalis, thistles, dock and other invaders had shot up so that in some cases, we had to clear the weeds away to see the struggling eucalypts in their midst.

It seemed a depressing tale but help was on the way.~ Our gallant park staff sprayed the weeds in the centre, made the separate areas into one large coupe and began to spread carpet underlay and mulch around the perimeter of the area.

Now with the support, advice and general help of Park Ranger David Van Bockel and backup from Pat and Cathy Willis in the nursery, I have taken on responsibility for the COUPE. It is a big and extensive undertaking but thanks to the other Thursday nursery carers like Neal Tessier, work experience students, the Bushrangers, and many others, the area is gradually but inexorably being protected. There were two wonderful Thursdays in the last school holidays, when so many young and adult hands came into the coupe to help.

What we do to protect and encourage the plants is this: First we check the areas already worked on. We pull up the little weeds and check that the indigenous grasses have not had sawdust mulch blown over them. Next we cut appropriate sizes of carpet underlay to cover the areas around the fence. This involves cutting holes for the young plants to keep growing through. The underlay smothers the weeds. A layer of woodshavings mulch is carted, barrowed and tipped on to the carpet and around the plants.

When the mulch has settled, a closely planted barrier of Poas and Hop Goodenias is planted around the edge of the coupe. This is David's defence technique against the weeds which, he says, must blow in from outside the coupe. They will not be admitted!

So on we go week by week.....

I must thank David for his continuing support, backup and advice. As soon as we use up carpet underlay and mulch a truckload arrives so we are never left standing around waiting for a delivery. Spraying of weeds needs to be done from time to time under expert care of the Park Staff. Neal Tessier is a tower of strength with his practical ideas and experience. Pat knows such a lot about our Warrandyte plants and she and Cathy Willis keep us well supplied with just the right plants as we need them. Other helpers come down. The school holidays club was great...what a wonderful way to spend a holiday Thursday morning! Come back and see how your work has benefited the Coupe.

An invitation is here extended to any reader who has time on Thursday to spend with us in our Coupe.

We are planning a special display at the West End Shopping Centre in conjunction with the Newsagent for the three days (hopefully) from Thursday November 18 to Saturday 20th. We hope to make lots of book sales for Christmas presents as well as keep a high profile as a caring community group. What we need now are volunteers to 'man' the display/stall, Pat & Mike will do lots of signing/special appearances etc. Please register for a half day (less if that's all you can manage.) Phone Cathy Willis 844 1841 or Committee. Lets see our book in every Warrandyte home.

Mystery Reporter.

During the recent turmoil in the Russian and Australian Parliaments, your mystery reporter was handed a document which more or less 'fell off the back of a truck' (actually through the window of a brown 75 Centura sedan, registration IIE 886.)

It was a resume headed with the name of Kym Joanne Docwra. From this document and statements made by Kym, the following enactment of an interview has been constructed.

On the morning of 7th October 1993 we received the good news. Kym, whose first contact with the Warrandyte State Park was as a work experience student from the Parkwood High School five years ago, *has found a job!*

Now nineteen years of age Kym has been a voluntary helper at the park four years and a keen member of F.O.W.S.P. for two. Born at Box Hill Hospital and a resident of North Ringwood all her life, she attended Ringwood North Primary and completed year 12 at Parkwood High School.

Kym enjoys good health and an outdoor lifestyle. She has completed various courses with the D.C.& N.R. - Pesticides, Wattles to Weeds, Indigenous Vegetation, Bush Regeneration, Weed Identification & Removal, Herbicides. She has also completed other courses..... Resource Management, Welding, Science Studies, Supervision & Management, Office & Secretarial Studies, Occupational Health & Safety, AND Introduction to Office Procedures! Not only these BUT, through 'Skillshare' she has completed the following subjects.....Oxy-acetylene welding, Tractor Operation, Electric Arc Welding, Welding, M.I.G. Welding, Chainsaw Operation, Basic Farm Mechanics, and Level 1 First Aid.....AND a range of subjects involving economics, the environment, planning, flora & fauna identification, mathematics, propagation & seed collection etc.

Kim's voluntary work with the W. S. P. has included basic vehicle maintenance, cleaning, tree planting, sign installation, picnic table construction, building rabbit proof fencing, controlled burning and a multitude of other activities. She has currently been working voluntarily with the City of Doncaster and Templestowe....in particular the Conservation Officer, Landscape Architect and the Parks and Gardens Staff one to two days a week. ALL THIS AND ALMOST EVERY ASPECT OF F.O.W.S.P. ACTIVITY including preparation of the Calendar Sheet which enfolds your Newsletter each month.

Now! To the nitty gritty.

Kym's hobbies include - football (follows Hawthorn), recreational tennis, ten pin bowling (best score about 168), pool, swimming, dancing (Jazz and Bush Dancing), cooking (likes

cakes and stuff.....brings us one occasionally, yum) and travelling, and of course involvement with flora and fauna and other outdoor activities(ask her about the Yarra bank at 2am!) She is also in six different 'Friends' groups.

Vital Statistics.

Height 5'6", Weight 46 Kilograms, has all her own teeth- just released from braces, eye colour- hazel, hair - long and brown, Age 19, birthday 26th January.

Favourites.

Food - chicken, cheese and chicken.
Drink - Cup of Tea and a 'hot chocolate'
Music - 'Meatloaf', 'Sonia Da-Da', 'Mr Big,' and 'Colour Me Bad'
T.V. Shows - 'Neighbours' and 'Home and Away'.
Best Film seen - Can't decide the best, just seen 'The Firm.'
Boyfriend - Bradley R---. (C. F. A.?)
Best Holiday - "Round Australia in 1986 with Mum and Dad."
Clothes - Jeans, T shirts and boots.
Jewellery - Rings, necklaces and bracelets.
Ambition - "to get a job at Warrandyte State Park."
Pets - "three cats kept inside all the time.....Bimbo, Topsy and Garfie."
Australian fauna - "diamond - python."
Australian Flora - " plants.....? Too many of them.

Kym's interesting career has involved handling and winning a case in the Box Hill Magistrates Court. She has had no speeding fines, parking tickets etc.

Question - Anything you'd like to add to this interview?

Answer - "Um, to all of F.O.W.S.P. Keep up the good work, you're doing a great job." And thanks for everything

Glossary

D.C.& N.R. - Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.
W.S.P. - Warrandyte State Park
F.O.W.S.P. - F.O.W.S.P.
C.F.A. - Country Fire Authority.

Further Clues to the Identity of the Mystery Reporter.

1. Has belonged to these organisations at some time or other ("in a manner of speaking") A.C.R.O.F.F.I.M.S.A.E.U.A.N.Z.A.P.E.A.C. B.A.C.F.C.D.A.W.M.A.E.C.U.F.M.T.A.F.O.W.S.P.F.T.U.V.(J.)E.Y.L.I.F.F.A.L.A.D.L.S.S.S.M.S.C.M.U.I.O.O.F.P.H.C.S.P.W.P.R.A.C.V.R.A.E.M.E.R.A.A.S.C.S.B.V.S.G.A.P.S.S.C.S.S.U.T.T.A.V.V.F.M.C.U.H.S.V.N.P.A.V.R.V.T.U.

2. A free icy pole will be given to any person who can identify the 34 abbreviations.

