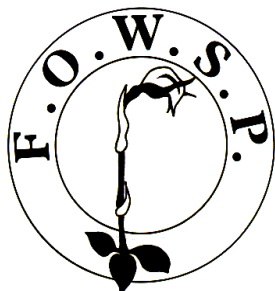


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Editor's corner

IT'S GREAT to see the next generation of FOWSPians coming along as seen in photos right and on the email extra page. Also great to have new contributors to the newsletter, via Lyn Meredith on page 2. She takes us on Magical Mystery Tour or Spotlight walk at Jumping Creek Reserve.

Alwynne Buntine introduces us to one of our less common butterflies on page 2.

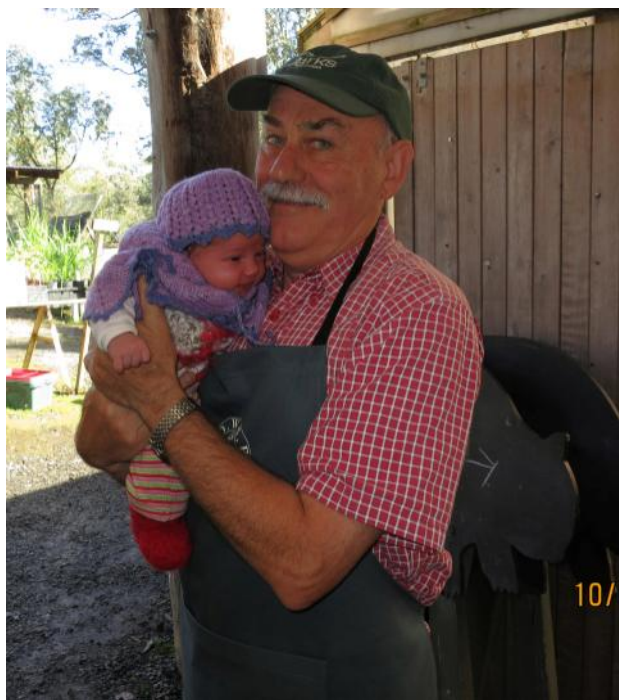
What are WAGs starting 2nd June? Find out on page 4.

Go to page 7 to learn something about Warrandyte's wattles as well as which ones are available through the nursery.

On page 8 Manningham City Council requests input on



Luna found many, like Jan (above) and Brian (below left), waiting to hold her when mum, Annette, brought her to the nursery. (See I SPY) Kobi (left) was also visiting for the first time with Grandma



its draft Bush Management Strategy. On the same page is an update on the issue of the review of the Native Vegetation Management Framework by the State government.

On page 9, Dick Thomson gives us some pointers learned from a partially successful action to counteract the sackings of DSE staff that would have caused the closure of the highly successful Threatened Orchid Propagation Laboratory at Horsham.

Stay alert to what's happening around us, and enjoy this newsletter. *Linda*

Deadline for July/August edition newsletter is Friday 22nd June, 2012
 contributions can be emailed to Linda Rogan lindarogan@netspace.net.au
 or posted to PO Box 220, Warrandyte 3113



Photos 1 & 3 by P & M Coupar accessed from internet Photo 2 Male adult, natural posture by Bob Bownds of Frankston

The Orange Palm Dart

Alwynne Buntine

LIKE MANY PEOPLE this season , I have seen a great number of butterflies in my garden. Most are familiar returns, but several I've never seen before.

One in particular caught my eye as I watched it enter and then come out backwards from the trumpet of a spider lily I have growing in my garden. (Hymenocallis-the sacred lily of the Incas). I stood and watched it realizing I'd never seen that type of butterfly before.

Carefully making mental note of its colouration, size etc., and wishing that I'd had my camera with me. I watched until it left, then hurried inside to get my

Complete Field Guide to Australian Butterflies (Michael Braby) to try and identify it. Several striking features were: the large eyes, body and antennae, compared to the wings.

On consulting my book (pages 98 & 99), I discovered that the stranger in my garden appeared to be an Orange Palm Dart. According to the reference it is possible to see them in and around Melbourne. On further investigation, I found that it is an accidental resident having been introduced from the tropical and subtropical rainforests of NSW and Queensland.

It lives quite happily in urban areas, forests and woodlands.

References from *Complete Field Guide to Australian butterflies* by Michael F. Braby

Jumping Creek Catchment Landcare Group - Spotlight Walk in WSP.

Lyn Meredith

ON THE SATURDAY evening 21st of April the Jumping Creek Catchment Landcare Group hosted a spotlight night at the Jumping Creek Reserve. The Landcare group has received grant money to undertake projects on private land to improve and conserve Tuan habitat. The spotlight night was an opportunity to search the wilds of Warrandyte State Park for nocturnal wildlife and to hopefully catch a glimpse of a Tuan.

I arrived at 5pm and did a quick whip around to determine the path we would take and to identify any hazards we may encounter. The pathways were suitably wild with many thickets of Burgan reclaiming the way; fabulously windswept branches were both hanging and had fallen across some paths and a few stagnating puddles lay in the ruts of the fire tracks. I decided when returning from the Yarra River that we would not take the escarpment take route back. Little did I know what mutiny lay ahead!

Meanwhile back at the barbeque, Artur, Tracey, Guy and Deborah had arrived and worked vigorously to have the sausages sizzled ready for the 20 visitors. The kids, grandparents, parents, internationally visiting family

friends of members and people we had never met before, created a marvelously friendly and relaxed posse of spotlighters. After a feed of well rotated, crispy snags accompanied by perfectly caramelised onions we settled into a candlelit cuppa whilst our walk leader John Harris provided an insightful



overview of what we might encounter on our evening walk. We listened to many recorded animal calls and all giggled at the koala grunts and maniacal cackle of the Peron's Tree -frog.

Inspired by John's presentation we set off, quickly spotting a Brushtail Possum surprisingly near to the picnic ground. As we left the sound of music filled the Yarra Valley and the Warrandyte State Park. At every crest we thought that we might encounter a party. It was an unbelievably calm and balmy evening and the trance music, "no doof", as 12 year old Andre exclaimed was "really pretty cool!"

Janika and I led the way and it appeared that the Wallaby grasses lining the path to the Stingybark woodland had gems of dew sparkling in the torchlight. Given that it was so mild, I realised this "dew" must be some other reflection of nature. "They are spider's eyes" I gasped as 4 year old Janika and I homed in on the one of hundreds of diamond reflections

We saw six Ringtail Possums and the shadow of a phantom Tuan on the Red Stingybark knoll. We heard a Boobook Owl; lost John to the wilds chasing the Tuan shadow; waited for John; chilled to the surreal tones of music and made good use of a photo opportunity.

It was time to turn back – the risk assessment I had prepared deemed it too unsafe to travel the escarpment route. Not everyone was so keen to return on the same path – "surely it couldn't be that dangerous?" I heard murmured within our group. Being partial to an autonomous collective, we put it to the vote where a unanimous decision to venture onward drew us nearer to the Yarra River path and its sheer cliffs. On we walked politely holding back branches for each other, making sure all were aware of the sticks and rocks that stuck out, and took it in turns to listen to John describe the Luminescent Fungi that we passed on a narrow path in the shadows of the Burgan.

Our journey brought us to another pair of Ringtail Possums keenly spotted by Andre's eager spotlight. As we approached the river I turned Andre's torch path-ward; made sure those without torches were slotted between those with; ordered every one to stay in single file and to go slowly and steadily. It was a gentle descent to the picnic ground, the peaceful river to our right flowed calmly, the music adding to a strangely surreal ambience and the intrepid group of spotters quietly, gently, mindfully bringing our walk to a circuit completion.

Once back many exclaimed how silly I'd been thinking it to be a scary escarpment- I am glad I changed the plan but I still challenge you to see those cliffs to the river for yourselves- go by daylight.

Thank you goes to John Harris for sharing his ample faunal knowledge with us, and thank you to all who participated in a remarkably magical evening in the Warrandyte State Park.





**Want to get dirty with us on the weekends?
Is it a bit hard to get down on a Thursday morning to help out?
Why no come join us for some Weekend Activities? WAGS**

The Friends of Warrandyte State Park are happy to announce eight new weekend activities (WAGs) on the calendar. Thanks to the Manningham City Council's Community Development Grant Program we are now able to offer a range of activities including: plant propagation and re vegetation activities. The Community Development Grant Program is conducted annually, in recognition of the importance and value of community development in the City of Manningham and to facilitate and support non-profit community organisations to develop projects, programs and events, which benefit and meet the needs of the community.

It is a great way to spend some time among the gum trees down by the river bank, while assisting in your local area's conservation projects and maybe even a cuppa with the Kookaburras and Kangaroos. So get your diary .or i-phone or smart phone or a good old piece of string around your finger so you do not miss these dates for WAGs with FOWSP. : **For all activities meet at the parking lot at the junction of Everard Dr and Pound Bend Road Mel 23 A11, a few minutes before starting time.**

Saturday 2nd June, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Pound Bend Reserve, A morning of weeding and site maintenance of previous plantings

Sunday 1st July, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Pound Bend Reserve, We will be planting and undertaking some site maintenance

Sunday 29th July, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm Join us for a National Tree Day planting down at Pound Bend Reserve

Saturday 4th August, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Learn how to propagate indigenous plants at the FOWSP Nursery

Sunday 5th August, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm Join in for more National Tree Day celebrations with tree planting at Orchard Track

Sunday 5th August, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Learn how to propagate indigenous plants at the FOWSP Nursery

Saturday 1st September, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm A morning of weeding by the Yarra, Pound Bend Reserve

Sunday 9th September, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm Assist in a range of re vegetation activities at Orchard Track,

everyone is welcome, no experience needed and sites are easily accessible for all ages. Please bring drinking water, wear sturdy boots or shoes and weather appropriate clothing.

light refreshments and tools will be provided.

Please call the nursery on 0408317327 to confirm your attendance.



FOWSP MARKET TRAILER

Thanks to those who helped out on 5th May-

John and Diane Baird, kindly opened the trailer.

Louise Clear, Jan Falconer, Tony Oliver

Anne Fitzpatrick and Christine Arundell.

Lyndy Gilbert and Ken Crooks kindly locked up.

Trailer delivery and retrieval: Peter Curry.

The Warrandyte market is held on the first Saturday morning of the month from 8.30 am to 12.30 pm at Stiggants Reserve. Volunteers are rostered in pairs to man/woman the FOWSP information trailer for just one hour. If you are interested in being on the market roster for 2012 please contact **Sybill Ims 9844 1335/0405 500 278 imsb@netspace.net.au** *First timers are always paired with someone more experienced.*

Future market dates are: *Saturday June 4th, July 2nd*

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Thursday Activity Group (TAG)

JOIN US on the first Thursday of the month from 9 am, (TAG workers only), to 12. 30 pm. Either meet at the depot, (sharp at 9:00 am for 9:15 start), or on site by arrangement. LEARN some vegetation management skills and help improve some special sites in the Park. Just tag along with the Thursday Activity Group (TAG).

Activities are cancelled on Total Fire ban Days

Thursday 7th June Orchard Track Revegetation activity Grade: Easy—Site is accessible by car if necessary.

Thursday 21st June Orchard Track Revegetation activity Grade: Easy—Site is accessible by car if necessary.

Thursday 5th July Orchard Track Revegetation activity Grade: Easy—Site is accessible by car if necessary.

Thursday 19th July Anderson's Creek woody Weeding Grade Difficult

Contact the nursery on 0408 317 327 for more information regarding the Thursday Activity Groups.

FOWSP/Manningham Thursday nature walks

Leader: Cathy Willis

Please wear appropriate clothing for the weather including a hat and sturdy footwear. Bring a water bottle and snack. Meet 9.30 am **at the venue.** (*disclosed when you book*) Walks held on the 4th Thursday of each month

These walks are paced to allow us to appreciate the natural history along the way.

Thursday 28 June, 9.30 am Mt Lofty Walk

Distance: 5km Rating: Moderate (includes some steep sections)

Thursday 26 July, 9.30am Timber Reserve and Fiddler Gully Walk

Distance 3.5km Time: 2.5hrs Rating: Moderate (includes some steep sections)

Places are limited and **bookings are essential:**
9840 9124 or eeadmin@manningham.vic.gov.au.



MANNINGHAM
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FOWSP THURSDAY PROGRAM

We meet for propagation and other nursery activities every Thursday morning at 9.30 am at the Warrandyte State Park depot, Pound Bend Road, Warrandyte (Melway 23 C10), unless otherwise stated below. Propagation takes place from 9.30 am to 12.30 midday.

No prior experience necessary -
There is always someone available to show you the ropes.

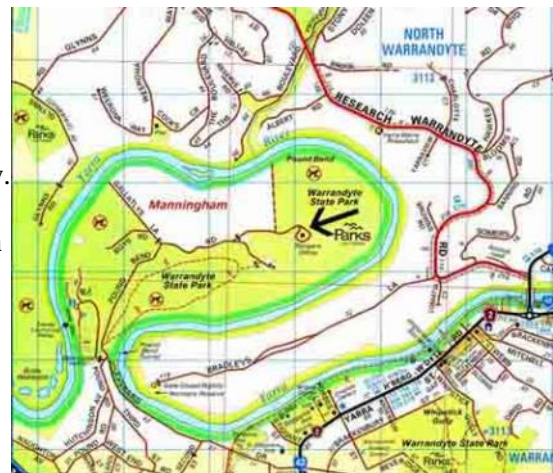
NURSERY OPENING HOURS

The nursery is open for plant sales (by donation) every Thursday,
9.30 am to 12.30 pm and
the first Saturday of every month, 9am to 1pm (to coincide with
the Warrandyte Market) and
the first Sunday of each month
2 pm to 4 pm.

**Nursery is closed to customers and volunteers
on Total Fire Ban Days**

Prices 2012

Members \$1.50 Non-members \$2.00



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Manningham Environmental Seminars



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Held on the **1st Wednesday** of the month at 7.30 pm at the **Warrandyte Community Centre**,
168 Yarra Street, Warrandyte, 3113 Mel Ref. 23 F11

Wednesday 6th June: *Manningham's native vegetation loss*, with ecological consultant,
Dr. Melanie Birtchnell.

Wednesday 4 July: *Cultural Conservation of Turtles in the Barmah-Millewa Forest*, with Katie Howard,
Department of sustainability and Environment.

For full details check closer to the time on 9840 9124
Seminars are FREE. No bookings required Supper provided

Nillimbik



Saturday 2nd June 10 am – 11:30 am **World Environment Day**—*Its all about you.*

Rod Quantock will discuss the importance of us all trying to reduce our impact on the environment, as well as some tips on how to avoid paying the carbon tax and how to drive down your energy bills. You will be able to choose an action to start or continue your household's journey from a small selection of products and services on offer, including energy monitoring at home, electric bikes, energy saving advice, and more

Venue: Edendale Farm, 30 Gastons Road, Eltham (Melway 22 A1)

. Bookings are essential - contact the Environment and Strategic Planning Administration on 9433 3316
This is a free event

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**Newsletter team this month were:
Linda Rogan, Joan Broadberry, and
Mel Coupar (Line drawings)**

WARRANTYTE WATTLES are on their way this winter



Acacia pycnantha -
(Golden Wattle)

Always an amazing sight with dashes of colour to brighten up the winter days, the iconic wattle blooms are gracing us with their presence once again.

The weedy wattle species are generally the ones to flower first (such as the Cootamundra wattle, *Acacia baileyana* and Flinders wattle *A. iteapylla*). The indigenous ones steal the show from June/July through to March. The annual Wattle

Day is celebrated on the 1st of September, a time when the most species of wattles are flowering at the same time. With such a range of habits and forms you can find an *Acacia* species useful for many purposes such as blocking out neighbours with a wattle hedge, attracting the birds back to your garden and revegetation projects.

One website (worldwidewattle.com) explains that, “in the Yarra Valley the Silver Wattle (*Acacia dealbata*) grows along the river banks and is called Muyan by the Wurundjeri, the indigenous peoples of the area. Wattles hold great symbolism for the muyan. They note that when the wattles are blooming it indicates eel season. In Aboriginal culture, plants are not just utilised as food, medicine or implements.

The seasonal changes in a plant's development are read as indicators explaining that when wattle flowers fall, it is time to fish for eels. Wattle blossoms will coat the slow moving Yarra at this time. Eels feed on a particular grub that lives in the wattle flowers. This feeding is part of the eels preparing for the autumn migration and a good time to catch a well fed eel! Wattle is a plant where every part is used - blossoms, gum, seed, bark and wood. It keeps the community strong, alive and healthy just as do the Elders with their wisdom and experience.” *Kel*



Worldwidewattle.com

The nursery currently has stock of

Acacia dealbata - (Silver Wattle),
Acacia implexa - (Lightwood),
Acacia mearnsii - (Black Wattle),
Acacia melanoxylon - (Blackwood),
Acacia myrtifolia - (Myrtle Wattle),

News from the Committee

30th Birthday celebrations on 18th of November 2012. Mark your diary now and watch for details in future newsletters.

Painting of the side of the market trailer. Are there any willing artists out there to help us design and paint an attractive feature?

Aprons Are now at the Nursery for payment and pick up. Kelly has ordered extras of the most popular designs.

Nursery Report

Redesign of nursery - A quote of in excess of \$12,000 has been received but with some omissions. As well, Josh would prefer a different site for the building. Artur will discuss site and omissions with the builders. Josh is getting quotes for the concrete base and will contact Council re the proposed new site.

Rangers Report

University program starting - First Swinburne, then university, students will come to the Nursery on Thursdays. The program will continue until PV staff get busy with fires.

Visitor service projects underway - e.g. Jumping Creek and Pound Bend picnic areas. Rubbish at Jumping Creek is a problem.

The Brush-tail Phascogale trapping program has just finished - 5 were found in the Kinglake Block and 3 in the One Tree Hill block.

The Storm recovery program is still underway.

Next Committee Meeting

Date: 12 June 2012

Venue: Ranger Station, Pound Bend

Time: 19:30 pm sharp

Acacia paradoxa - (Hedge Wattle),
Acacia pycnantha - (Golden Wattle),
Acacia stricta - (Hop Wattle),
Acacia ulicifolia - (Juniper Wattle)
Acacia verniciflua - (Varnish Wattle)

Please put your orders in for

Acacia acinacea - (Gold-dust Wattle),
Acacia aculeatissima - (Thin-leaf Wattle)
Acacia genistifolia - (Spreading Wattle),
Acacia leprosa - (Cinnamon Wattle)
Acacia verticillata - (Prickly Moses)



Acacia stricta
- (Hop Wattle)

MANNINGHAM CITY COUNCIL HAS PREPARED A DRAFT BUSHLAND MANAGEMENT STRATEGY which is to go to a Council meeting for approval on May 29th. This follows extensive internal consultation. Council is now seeking feedback from other agencies, community groups and the broader community and would appreciate your comments. The strategy will be on exhibition until July 2. To get your copy or for more information call Natalie Cornish on 9840 9124.



The following is from the executive summary.

Only a little over a third of Manningham's bushland remains. Of that remaining, one third has degraded to such an extent that it is essentially a thin cover of eucalypts with very little indigenous understorey. Despite its reduced extent and quality, Manningham's bushland is vital to the area's character, health and identity, and is a haven for numerous native species. The Bushland Management Strategy identifies 409ha of bushland managed by Council across 72 Council open space reserves (322ha) and higher quality/significance roadsides (87ha).

As much of our bushland is in poor condition, a considerable effort is required to prevent it from disappearing. It is estimated that if the current rate of decline continues, at least one quarter of the municipality's remaining bushland will disappear by 2030. **The purpose of this strategy is to formalise a strategic approach for the planning and delivery of bushland management on Council managed land.**

The overall goal for Council managed bushland should be to '*protect and enhance biodiversity*' in Manningham. The following four key objectives are to assist in setting priorities and guiding achievement of the goal:

- maintain and where possible, restore ecological processes;
- manage and minimise threatening processes;
- improve habitat; and
- protect threatened species.

The strategy prescribes planning and management principles that include:

- a standardised Management Plan template with defined management zones/treatments to be consistently applied for incorporating bushland management into Council's reserve management plans;
- a Prioritisation Matrix that strategically assesses all 72 bushland sites, to guide resource allocation and prioritise management actions across those sites;
- development of a Manningham 'Over-the-Counter' offset scheme to locate and achieve native vegetation offsets arising from internal (i.e. Council) and external planning permits, in Council reserves;
- continuation of an adaptive management approach to weed control that is informed by the condition of

the vegetation, the threat and impact of the weed and site contexts; and

- the identification of funding opportunities to implement this strategy over the next five years.

Native Vegetation Management Framework Review

A response has been received from Ryan Smith that notes our* concerns and states, "I encourage you and the other individuals and groups...to be involved in the review when the consultation period commences. I note the extensive community involvement and contribution made by these groups and individuals and I value the ongoing commitment to the Warrandyte community."

Unfortunately the seven questions have not been answered and will need to be asked again.

Specifically we want to know:

How and when, the review and consultation will be set up; how economic value of vegetation and best ecological science will be accessed and utilised; whether further exemptions for clearing of native vegetation will be considered; what incentives are proposed to encourage landholders to protect natural habitats on their land; what steps will be taken to ensure a coherent state policy for protecting the environment that is home not only to native plants and animals but to all of us; and how will the government commit funding for this purpose?

We also want to see real evidence that the Baillieu government recognise the need to protect the natural environment on both public and private land

*MYLN, (including FOWSP, ACCA & WPE) Yarra Riverkeeper Association, North Warrandyte Osborne Peninsula Landcare Group, Stony Creek Landcare

Worth Repeating

WOODLAND BIRDS RETURN TO FARMS

"THE speckled warblers arrived first. Then came the Red-capped Robins, followed by Rufous Whistlers and Grey Fantails. A decade-long survey of 193 sites on farms throughout NSW, southern Queensland and northern Victoria found a significant increase in bird biodiversity in areas where property owners had replanted native woodland vegetation or reduced livestock grazing and encouraged regrowth. "

From an article first published in PLoS ONE and available on the internet:

Lindenmayer DB, Northrop-Mackie AR, Montague-Drake R, Crane M, Michael D, et al. (2012) Not All Kinds of Revegetation Are Created Equal: Revegetation Type Influences Bird Assemblages in Threatened Australian Woodland Ecosystems

“I SPY”

By B.G



Provenance Pep-Talk

Recently Josh stressed the importance of showing provenance on ALL the plants being propagated at FOWSP Nursery. According to my pocket *Oxford dictionary* provenance means “place of origin”.

He commented on the differences between indigenous plants in a suburban garden as compared to the bad practice of planting cultivars in or adjacent to the Warrandyte State Park area. E.g.. Correas are one example and the necessity of ensuring the integrity of specific sub-species. Even the same species may vary in its appropriate placement.

Our area has a confluence of geological and climatic variations, including flood plains, volcanic etc. and a large rainfall variation, e.g.. a riparian swamp gum area—a rare sub-community, is located in one part of Manningham.

Where possible, plants for re-vegetation should be grown from the local source to protect genetic integrity. Answering questions from the group, Josh said that when you are in doubt about labels, ask any of the FOWSP nursery staff.

Roving Reporter

One of our best reporters is “off” this winter. “Along the Canning Stock Route—Alice to Uluru then on to Halls Creek and back across the Tanami”. No, Jan won't be taking the Subaru this time!

Annette's Addition

At 4.30 am, Friday 27th April 2012, Luna arrived. A new addition to Annette's family. All is well. Luna has already visited the FOWSP nursery. (See photos p. 1 and email extra page).

May Market

Helping at the FOWSP stall were Anne Fitzpatrick (ex Hamilton) and Christine Ardell, “from the most southern point of Warrandyte” Anne's favourite plant is “the Grass trigger” and Christine's favourite is *Hardenbergia violaceae*”.

Flora Flicking

Marion Thomson and Margaret Gotlib were seen assiduously removing flickweed from propagating posts. Marion Said, “unfortunately I think they have already flicked”

Let Lorikeets Live

There is a disease which is currently affecting native Lorikeets. It is believed that well intentioned human bird-feeding stations may be increasing the chance of

spreading the disease.

And Also

CMA refers to Catchment Management Authority—some of which are picking up responsibilities dropped by DSE. See also Dick Thomson's comments below:

SCART according to our IT person Jason, is an acronym. And what does it mean? Syndicat des Constructeurs d'Appareils Radio recepteurs et Televiseurs.

I SPY has one on the back of the TV Foxtel box . Ponder, what if the French had settled Australia?

As Well As

James Cardwell was helping planting and weeding “up at the gate” James is studying Conservation and land management at RMIT.

Nicole Kelly was visiting and ordering plants.

Don Doing Well

Pleased to hear that Don Cameron, one of the quiet achievers in the repair and update of the FOWSP nursery posts, roof supports and “wet plant tank” was discharged from hospital on 23rd May after a significant procedure. We wish Don Good recovery. (Don also has a connection with a senior botanist in Parks Victoria)

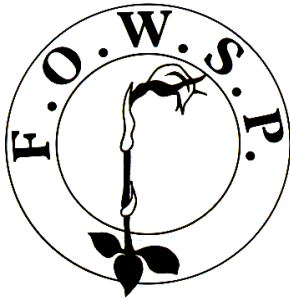
Changing Government and Opposition policy by letter writing to members of Parliament and other actions. By Dick Thomson

IT IS AWAKENING and it is democracy at work: Grass roots lobbying, instead of allowing the professional lobbyists to control the impact on Government policy. One email can have impact when the issue raised is taken up by the community. It appears that the writing of letters by many people will cause reflection, different actions and, in some cases, change of policy.

Further advice:

If possible, get letters published in the media, Arrange an appointment with your local politician. Write to the Minister with copies to your local members including the Greens and Independents. Write to the same people in the other parliament (State or Federal) IF an answer is not provided, then write again; IF the answer is broad and avoids a commitment to the specific issue, then write again; The Minister is unlikely to see your letter but he/she will be told the sum effect. It is important to always be polite, firm and clear about the problem.

(Edited version of an article first published in the ANOS (Vic) bulletin after a massive letter writing by ANOS members and many other community group members, lobbying, through the media and hard work by DSE staff; (achieved) some gains and prevented the closure of the Threatened Orchid Propagation Laboratory at Horsham.)



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New Holland Honeyeater on Banksia

The New Holland Honeyeater is one of Australia’s most energetic birds. Fuelled up on high-energy nectar taken from the flowers of banksias, eucalypts, grevilleas and other trees and shrubs, they are always active and pugnacious. Whether they are dashing in pursuit of a flying insect or chasing other honeyeaters away, the New Holland Honeyeater is seldom seen sitting still. One of their more unusual activities is to conduct ‘Corroborrees’, where up to a dozen birds congregate and noisily display together, fluttering their wings.

Photo by Linda Rogan, information from *Birdlife Australia*

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Email photo bonus



Belinda displays yet another unknown nesting creature. It would be very interesting to see what emerges. Close-up right Photo by Jason



What wasps built and emerged from this nest at the nursery?
Photo by Jason

This magpie is a frequent visitor to the nursery. It's not really helpful when it digs amongst the seedlings.
Photo by Jason



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