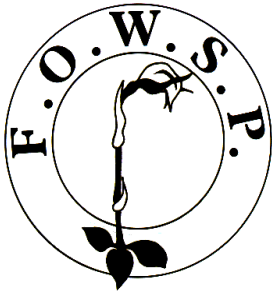


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Editor's Corner

While I have been away many FOWSPians have rallied around and sent in contributions for this newsletter. It was great to have so many interesting items to fit into these ten pages.

First go to page 2 to learn what was transpiring in the photo to the right.

Further down that page Kim Tarpey shares a childhood memory and a lovely photo that triggered it.

Lyndy, Ken and Carolyn share their love of the bush with some local girl guides, building nature memories for the future on page 3.



A FOWSP presentation for Janaya, story on page 2

On page 4 Gloria Moore reminds us to make use of the FOWSP library and suggests the book *TRACKS, SCATS AND OTHER TRACES – A field guide to Australian Mammals* as a place to start.

Pages 8 and 9 are chock a block with celebrations, a winter nature walk and items of interest around the nursery and nearby. Thanks to Joy Hick, Liz Clarkson, Carol Page for these snippets and photos.

I am still in shock since leaving the Gulf of Carpentaria region where every day exceeded 30 degrees and returning to Victoria, but the warm smiles of FOWSPians, if not the weather, have chased the winter chills. If that is not enough have a look at the email extra photos from the Gulf of Carpentaria area.

Enjoy this newsletter and keep sending in your items of interest.

Linda



Spring Sale

Spring is upon us, so it is time for our annual Spring Sale. Sale starts Saturdays 2nd September and 7th October (last open weekend for the year) 9-2pm, and each Thursday morning until the end of the season.
20% off all plants, while stocks last.

Some, not all, of the spring flowering plants in the photo left are on sale now

**Deadline for October edition newsletter is
Friday **September 22 2017****

contributions can be emailed to [Linda Rogan editor@fowsp.org.au](mailto:Linda.Rogan@fowsp.org.au)
or posted to PO Box 220, Warrandyte 3113



AU REVOIR FROM ALL AT FOWSP

On a recent Thursday morning the TAG team returned early to the Nursery. It was not just the prospect of an extra-special Lyndian morning-tea, but an opportunity to congratulate Janaya on her imminent secondment.

Janaya has been seconded for six months to Aboriginal Victoria, within the Department of the Premier and Cabinet.

We also took this opportunity to express our gratitude to Janaya - on behalf of FOWSP Gray presented Janaya with a lovely budding cluster of *Chiloglottis trapeziformis* [the dainty bird-orchid] in a handsome stoneware pot.

Josh had propagated the orchids, and the flower-pot was made by local potter and early FOWSP member, the late Elsa Ardern.

Gray congratulated Janaya, but said it was a bitter-sweet moment for us - sweet because Janaya wanted the secondment, but bitter because we will sorely miss our Own Ranger during her time away from us. He explained that we call Janaya 'Our Own Ranger' because for 6 or 7 years she has been such a wonderful and consistent help to us, and unique in the history of FOWSP.

Never much good at political correctness, he pointed out the appropriateness of the dainty bird part of the orchid's name although at the same time he was picturing Janaya gleefully wielding her chain-saw!

Janaya replied that her name means wildflower!

We wish our wild flower well!
And we look forward to seeing you back in Warrandyte in 2018.
(See also a message from Janaya on p. 7).



Kim's photo of a Royal Spoonbill at St Leonards

coast.

Recently we had occasion to visit St Leonards on the Bellarine Peninsula. We had pulled over to check the map. There was a creek and in it, to my delight, a Royal Spoonbill! I even had the good camera handy. Listed as vulnerable in Victoria, I was pleased to have the opportunity to observe it for a while as it dabbled and waded, getting in some decent shots.

I still have my Tuckfields' Bird Cards but they have been supplemented now by more detailed references.

Kim Tarpey

The Strength of Childhood Memories

When I was in grade 3, I took the Gould League Pledge to protect birds and not endanger their nests and eggs, in front of Mr Bicknell and my fellow classmates. I still have the certificate.

We (my sister and I) collected the Tuckfields' Ty-nee tips cards that mum bought home in the paper packet of tea. I recall the fragrant smell as the pack was opened. It is one of those vivid childhood memories along with the bread that appeared daily in the meter box in its wax paper packet.

One week Sharon got the card and the next it was my turn. When the Spoonbill card arrived. I couldn't believe that something so beautiful existed. I had no idea, growing up in Greensborough, that I would ever see one.

In retrospect it is probably these early influences that helped create my love of the natural environment and my curiosity about everything that lives in it.

On our regular visits to Warrnambool I have, on several occasions sighted the Yellow Billed Spoonbill near the Merri and more inland near the various water bodies around the western

FOWSP talks to Warrandyte Cherry Blossom Guides



Shanna Jones, Unit Leader of the Warrandyte Brownie Girl Guides

Shanna Jones, Girl Guides Leader, invited FOWSP to talk to the Girl Guides at the Warrandyte Uniting Church on Wednesday 16 August 2017 about the importance of trees to our State Parks.

Cathy Willis from Manningham City Council loaned FOWSP a number of stuffed birds and animals. Parks Vic Warrandyte gave us stickers, handouts, a Koala and a Phascogale.

A discussion took place on trees and their importance in the State Parks. Ken Crook then talked about the Wurundjeri tribe and their relationship to trees. He showed aboriginal artifacts, including clapsticks, spears, boomerangs and digging sticks.

Carolyn Noel held an art session encouraging the girls to use their imagination with paper, glue, pencils, gum leaves and wattle flowers.




















































































We then had a smell session, using river mint and gum leaves as examples. Everyone tasted a river mint cheesecake, a demonstration as to how local plants can be used for cooking purposes.

Plants and posters were given to the girls as they left for the night.

We were delighted to have the opportunity to talk to the girl guides and thank Shanna for inviting us.

Lyndy Gilbert

Thank you to Lyndy, Ken and Carolyn for helping these Guides to build special memories of nature.

FOWSP has been awarded 45,000 points thanks to the support of members who have donated them to our account over the past eight months.
 This translates into \$450 in vouchers to purchase basics such as coffee, tea, milk, gloves, anti-septic, paper towels etc as well as FOWSP volunteer morning teas.
 Thanks IGA Warrandyte & Julie Quinton.

Bookchat with Gloria

TRACKS, SCATS AND OTHER TRACES – A field guide to Australian Mammals
Barbara Triggs (first published 1996)

Mammals inhabit every corner of our vast continent, yet the great majority of species are seldom seen. The only clue to their presence might be a footprint left on a muddy track, a scat deposited on a rocky ledge, or bones scattered on a forest floor. In this book, Barbara Triggs provides all the information needed to identify mammals anywhere in Australia, using only the tracks or other signs they leave behind.

Tracks, Scats and Other Traces contains hundreds of illustrations and extensive text, and is organised for easy identification of the visible traces left by Australian mammals in their passage. It is divided into four sections –

Tracks – line drawings are matched with photographs of the same tracks in sand or mud

Scats – the faeces of 128 species are illustrated in colour. A selection of scats and a distribution map and habitat information are given for each species. In addition, pellets and scats of birds, reptiles and invertebrates are illustrated.

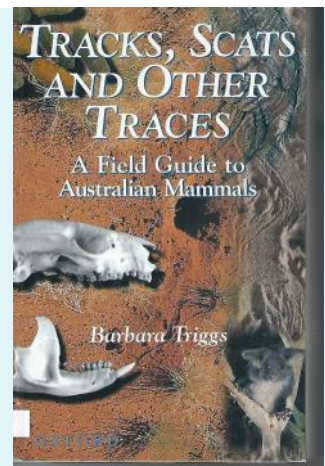
Shelters, feeding signs and other traces provides detailed descriptions and more than seventy colour photographs of the distinctive traces of mammals.

Bones - forty full-page plates of skulls, lower jaws, humeri and femurs cover thirty-eight commonly found species, plus a detailed guide that covers all mammal groups.

Tracks, Scats and Other Traces is an invaluable resource for bushwalkers, naturalists, students, zoologists and other professionals – in fact for anyone wanting a better understanding of Australia's unique mammal fauna.

Barbara Triggs has lived in the bush, among the mammals she writes about, since 1972. An authority on the identification of mammalian traces, she is the author of several natural history books.

You can borrow a copy from the FOWSP library - Reference No. M827.



Manningham City Council Environment Seminars

The Environment Seminars are held on the first Wednesday of the month.

Many of the seminars will be complemented with field sessions to facilitate broader education on the topics. No bookings are required for the evening talks; however, BOOKINGS must be made for the field sessions. Due to the popularity of the field trips bookings are limited to two field trips per person. You must attend the corresponding seminar to keep your field trip booking.

In the event of extreme weather, including a Code Red Fire Danger Day, the seminars and field trips will not go ahead.

Venue: Bull and Bush Room, Grand Hotel, Warrandyte Time: please arrive at 7.20 pm for a 7.30 pm start
Enquiries: 9840 9124



Wednesday September 6 Frogs of Manningham—Biology Ecology and Citizen Science

Presented by David De Angelis and James Frazer Ecologist David De Angelis will speak about identifying the frogs of Melbourne's north-east and distinguishing between local species with similar calls or appearance. Aspects of their breeding behaviour and habitat preferences will also be covered. Then James Frazer from Melbourne Water tells how you can use your mobile phone to record frog calls and contribute data to Melbourne Water's Frog Census, a citizen science program monitoring the health of frog populations in Greater Melbourne.

FIELD TRIP Frogs of Manningham: Thursday September 7 2017 6.30 pm – 8.00 pm

David De Angelis will share his knowledge and experience on this field trip as he attempts to locate and identify the frogs living in the north-east green wedge. He will educate attendees on distinguishing between local species with similar calls or appearances and on their breeding behaviours and habitat preferences.

Bookings are essential as places are limited.

The meeting point for this field trip will be provided when you attend the seminar.

Wednesday 4 October Waterwatch - 10 Years of Citizen Science Presented by Nigel Philpot

Manningham's creeks support one of the largest open space habitat corridors in metropolitan Melbourne. In 2007, a team of community volunteers began an extensive water quality monitoring program designed to assess the health of these waterways. This presentation will provide an analysis of the monitoring program and discuss the impact that 4,600 local septic tanks can have on the health of these important aquatic habitats.

FIELD TRIP : Waterwatch - 10 Years of Citizen Science with Nigel Philpot Thursday 5 October 2017, 10.00 am – 12.00 noon This field trip will include monitoring of Mullum Mullum Creek both upstream and downstream of potential pollution hot spots in Manningham. Come prepared for a walk of approximately 4 kilometres. Bookings are essential as places are limited, call 9840 9124.

The meeting point for this field trip will be provided when you attend the seminar.

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Newsletter Team this month: Linda Rogan, Gloria Moore, Lisa Jenkins
Mel Coupar (Line drawings)

Next Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday 12 September 2017

Venue: Education Centre, Pound Bend

Time: 19:30 pm sharp

TAGS (Thursday activity groups)

TAGS meet at the nursery at 9.00 am for a 9.15 am departure. Please remember to wear appropriate footwear and clothing for the weather, and please bring your own filled water bottle.

Thurs	7 Sep	9:00-12:00	Koornong	Woody weeding	Easy	Ranger & FOWSP
Thurs	21 Sep	9:00-12:00	Nilja Road	Removing weedy bulbs	Easy	FOWSP
Thurs	5 Oct	9:00-12:00	Gold Memorial car park	Woody Weeding	Difficult	FOWSP & ACCA

Contact number: 0408 317 327

Difficulty ratings:

Easy: Even terrain, some light lifting, kneeling and bending involved. Few tripping hazards.

Moderate: Uneven terrain, light to heavy lifting, kneeling and bending involved. Tripping hazards present.

Difficult: Steep terrain, light to heavy lifting, working in over-grown areas and lots of bending. Many tripping hazards and slippery surfaces present.

Check the website for any changes at <http://fowsp.org.au/activities.php>

Please note TAGS and activities will be cancelled on Total Fire Ban days or when weather conditions are deemed hazardous.

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 every Thursday.

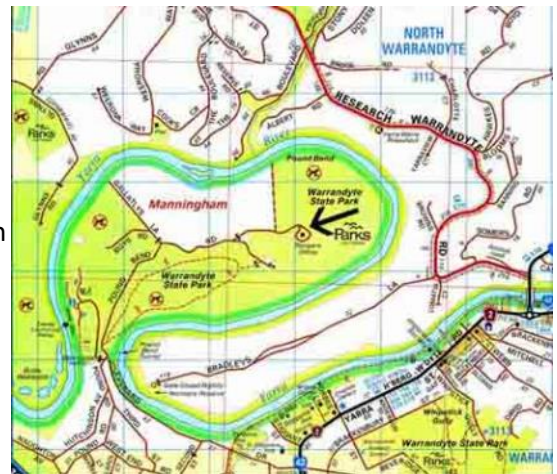
9.30 am to 12.30 pm and

the first Saturday of every month, 9am to 2pm (to coincide with the Warrandyte Market) April to November only.

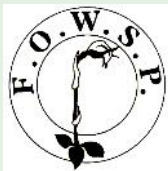
Closed Christmas and New Years days.

Also closed to customers and volunteers on days of severe weather and on Total Fire Ban Days

Prices: Members \$2.00 Non-members \$2.50



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FOWSP/Manningham Thursday nature walks



This series of free guided nature walks will explore a variety of local bushland areas in Manningham and are paced to allow participants to enjoy and appreciate the natural beauty of the area. All distances and times are approximate. Please wear appropriate clothing for the weather including a hat and sturdy footwear. Bring a water bottle and snack.

Bookings are essential as places are limited and will open two months before the walk date. To book, visit www.manningham.vic.gov.au/nature-walks

The meeting point for each nature walk will be provided at the time of your booking. For enquiries, please call 9840 9129.

9:30 am Thursday 24th September Hochkins Ridge reserve Hochkins Ridge Reserve is just under 20 ha in size, yet contains an amazing 250 plant species including thirty-nine orchids and thirteen wattles! This is the peak of wildflower season, perfect timing for a visit.

Distance: 4km **Time:** 3 hrs **Rating:** Difficult

9:30 am Thursday 24th October Mount Lofty circuit Starting at the sacred Wurundjeri Bukkertilibul dreaming site on Brushy Creek, we head up to the highest point of Manningham that has a view of the river, where we overlook the start of the Warrandyte gorge.

Distance: 5km **Time:** 3 hrs **Rating:** Difficult (some steep sections)

Ratings:

Easy – Flat or undulating well formed tracks/paths with low tripping hazards.

Moderate – May include some moderately steep or narrow sections or have higher tripping hazards.

Difficult – Includes steep and/or narrow sections, slippery sections, or high tripping hazards.

Bookings can be made online and are essential as places are limited. Bookings open 2 months before the walk date. www.manningham.vic.gov.au/nature-walks

The meeting place will be provided at the time of booking.

Please note that nature walks will be cancelled on a day of Total Fire Ban or extreme weather warning as Parks Victoria will close all local parks.

From the FOWSP Committee

FIELD NATURALISTS SUPPORT FOWSP

I am pleased to announce that our grant application to the Field Naturalists Club of Victoria for a new laptop was successful and a cheque for \$500 has been received from the Club. We are deeply indebted to the FNCV for their generosity.

Kelvin Watkins volunteered to set up the laptop which is now running smoothly.

It is a welcome replacement as there was previously only one functioning laptop - now there are two, which greatly assists the nursery staff in their online work - including recording of stock, purchases and invoicing.



PURCHASE OF SQUARE READER

FOWSP will shortly purchase a Square Reader to make it easier to purchase plants using EFTPOS, debit or credit cards as there has been a significant increase in numbers asking to pay by this method, rather than use cash. This will make transactions easier for many people in the future and will be cost effective for our staff. It will be in use as soon as staff have been trained in its use.



From Josh and the Nursery

NATIONAL TREE DAY was a great day on Sunday 30 July with 18 volunteers including Artur, Janaya, Josh and Cathy and thanks to FOWSPians Gray, Lee and Graeme, Richard and family. With the help of several other families and an international student we planted 480 plants including critically endangered species and plants to increase the riparian diversity. There was a lot of interest in the planting and FOWSP in general from picnickers and walkers. It was good to have the brochures and handouts there. Thanks again from Josh

From Park Vic Ranger Janaya

This (working in the Volunteer Programs Coordinator role, Melbourne Region) has been a fantastic and rewarding experience for me, and thank you all for supporting me, each other and other parks staff over the last 3 months, in my absence..

With both excitement and sadness I'm informing you all, that I am not returning to my substantive position as ranger at Warrandyte, straight away. I have gained another opportunity to take a secondment to Aboriginal Victoria, Department of Premier & Cabinet, working in the Heritage registrar.

This is another opportunity, to build on my knowledge and skills, in another area of interest. I hope that over the next 6 months that I will learn some valuable lessons and skills, build a broader network, and help establish some good relationships with many other community groups and individuals. As well as assisting this team in delivery of work across heritage registration.

As you have done for me over the past 7-8 years (that I've been at Warrandyte), I encourage you to continue to work together with the Parks Victoria team. Keep up communicating, supporting each other and PV staff. And keep advocating for the environment, land, waterways and culture. There are some exciting times ahead, so enjoy, and if I don't catch up with you over the next 6 months, I will see you on my return in late Feb 2018.

If you have any inquires please contact Middle Yarra Workcentre - Warrandyte. 8427 2132.

Thanks

Janaya O'Dempsey

FOWSP MARKET TRAILER

Thanks to those who helped out on Saturdays 1 July and/or 5 August 2017

***Diane and John Baird, Lee and Graham Deacon, Jeff Cranston, Sybille Ims
Christine Andell, Gloria Moore, Lyndy Gilbert and Ken Crook, Caitriona and John Young,***



Special thanks to ***Jason Patton, Josh Revell and John Young*** who transported the market trailer.

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
please contact Jan Falconer 0419 872 096 email trailer@fowsp.org.au
First timers are always paired with someone more experienced.

Next market dates are: *Saturdays, 2 September and 7 October 2017*

Auspicious Thursdays in July and August



There were smiles all around when FOWSP celebrated Marion's 93rd birthday on Thursday 13 July 2017...

Photo by Carol

And smiles yet again as we all enjoyed the celebration of Annette's birthday on 24 August



Walk on a Winter's Day

ANOTHER cool winter's day did not deter a hardy group from FOWSP going about their tasks. Weeding, pricking out and general maintenance were undertaken before another superb morning tea provided by Lyndy.

We then enjoyed an impromptu nature walk along the Tank Track with Cathy. She pointed out that the recovery of the burnt section was slower than expected.



We noted *Cymbonotus preissianus* Austral Bear's Ears (above right), *Pterostylis concinna* Trim Greenhood in bud (photo left), *Cassinia longifolia* (both alive and dead), *Hydrocotyle laxiflora* Stinking Pennywort - appropriately named for its odour and *Veronica plebeia* Creeping Speedwell.

Exocarpos cupressiformis Cherry Ballart seedlings also seen reminded me of the astonishing difference between the **juvenile** and **adult** Cherry

Ballart plant (shown in photos right).



It is always helpful to find out the correct identification of our local indigenous plants in Warrandyte State Park.

Thanks to Cathy for the walk and Carol for the photos.

Joy Hick

Around the Nursery this Winter

THIS *Ramaria filicicola* was growing amongst the *Grevillea rosmarinifolia* in front of the shade cloth in the 'carpark garden'. Sharp-eyed Alwyn had found it whilst weeding and pointed it out to Carol who provided this photograph (right).

Carol had also asked Jason to keep an eye out for any invertebrates while he was preparing large dead Eucalyptus branches to edge the new Frogland pathways. The reward was this beautiful cossid moth larva, perhaps a species of *Endoxyla* (above left).

This lucky creature just barely missed being sawn in half. Thanks to Jason for keeping a sharp eye as well as a sharp saw. Thanks to Carol for the photos



A Winter TAG along the Orchard Track

Text and photos by Liz Clarkson

I went with the team down to the Orchard Lane to plant tube stock. Gray discovered a couple of large wombat burrows under the fence of the area that protects the rare species.

The men constructed obstacles for the wombats in the way of large old logs.

It would take a pretty determined wombat to move these!

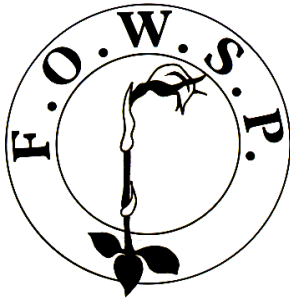
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***Pterostylis curta* The Blunt Greenhood**

Marie planted some of these orchids in Frogland this year. She picked a spot near the pathway that catches a bit of direct sunlight each day. In spite of the cold weather we have had, some were blooming beautifully on Thursday 24 August as this photo shows.

Despite some problems with snails, slugs and millipedes, we are hopeful that these will survive and make colonies in the next few years as this species generally multiplies from its tubers.

Watch out for these in Frogland
Linda

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Email photo bonus page



Here are a few shots from my recent trip to NT and the gulf area in Queensland. They are (clockwise from the top) the Tawny Coster *Acraea terpsicore*. The left is a male from Karumba beach and the right is a female from Kooroorinya Reserve in central Queensland ,

Nankeen Night-Heron adult and juvenile below,

a tiny bee with a name much bigger than itself *Hylaeus hylaeus* and lastly the blooming Grevillea that attracted some of these bees. I was pleased to learn that this is only the third occurrence for this bee noted in the Atlas of Living Australia.

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