



# FRIENDS OF WARRANDYTE STATE PARK

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## NEWSLETTER

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### Last Meeting

Lucky seven Fowspians worked on plantings we had done the previous year along Andersons Creek. The trees & shrubs were doing particularly well, with most of the Silver Wattles ( *Acacia dealbata* ) already over our heads. We pulled the mostly exotic grasses away from the shrubs bases & then Whipper Snipped the weeds down to the ground. This process accentuated the growth of our plantings.

It was quite a lovely Spring day & I suppose most of us were thinking of the weeds in our own gardens & the attention that they needed rather than coming to the Friends. It was a shame that we didnt have a few more hands on deck because we really needed to address the plantings we had in February along Everard Drive. The 160 plants along there are under threat from heavy growth of Kikuya Grass. Nonetheless , it was a good days work accomplished.



### Next Meeting

November 29. This will be the Annual General Meeting, Bush Walk & B.B.Q.

Please Note : We will rendezvous at the entrance to the Jumping Creek Reserve, at one oclock 1.00 pm. A basic Fowspian B.B.Q. will be provided ( good sausages & salad ), so bring anything you may desire to complete the fare.

We will walk through the Jumping Creek Reserve & then into Stane Brae, where we will inspect the newly planted areas & work the Rangers have done to halt erosion. Then onto the Stane Brae Beach for a swim & B.B.Q.

There will be no need to carry anything as the rangers will be taking everything into Stane Brae for us. We will load up their trucks at the Jumping Creek Entrance.

The walk is not too difficult & was completed by children of 6&7 last year. More your leisurely stroll. For those who wish to attend & dont wish to undertake the walk, the Rangers will provide a lift down to the River.

Besides the normal activities such as recuperation & eating we will have the first official viewing of the Friends scrap books. Books, yes books, we have enough information & photos about ourselves to fill one book & begin another. This history making saga will also feature the highs & lows of the Stane Brae story, a story that nears its completion. We may have a speaker but at the moment we are still negotiating.

## Attendances.

Here is a summary of attendaces since 1984 when we began keeping records of such things. Presented are the total number of people who have attnded Friends days.

1984	.....	101
1985	.....	145
1986	.....	131
1987	.....	138

This is the numbers up to november each year. This year includes the World Environment Day plant up.

## Warrandyte Environment League A.G.M.

This was held at the Grand Hotel in Warrandyte, & was well attended. The speaker for the night spoke on community involvement in the environment, specifically a school in the eastern suburbs who took on the local council & developers & won. The school kids turned a weed infestered creek into a lovely habitat for birds & people & found that they had the power in their own actions to chage the course of local politics.

Kevin Parker stands down as President of the League after a very proficient & capable year at the helm. Once again the W.E.L. provided Warrandyte with an extremely valuable watchdag role in over seeing & trying to check the heavy hand of development that is shaking Warrandyte.

Alan Noy will be the new W.E.L. President for the coming year bringing to this position a wealth of knowledge on the local flora & things needed to be done for its survival.

## News.

Another meeting on the management plan for W.S.P. was held at the Mechanics institute on Nov. 17. This was well attended & well run & lots of discussion & group work was accomplished. Our submission is not yet finalized, but I hope to bring it to the A.G.M. for discussion.

We asked the M.M.B.W. if they would be interested in relocating Orchids when we were doing it earlier this year. As a result they have sent us this lovely letter.



Waterways & Parks Division  
Parks, Lands & Recreation Branch

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Dear Glen,

On behalf of the Yarra Valley Metropolitan Park I would like to express our appreciation for the opportunity you provided us with by inviting staff to be involved in the transplanting of various orchid species from the area which was the home of the Eltham Copper Butterfly, now to be developed for housing.

This was a valuable experience for all concerned and provides us with an opportunity to monitor the success of the re-location, while offering a chance to improve the diversity of some of our declining bushland plant communities.

Staff were most impressed with the excellent work being done by your group and the knowledge shown by various members in the preservation of the areas to be retained for habitat of the Eltham Copper Butterfly.

Thank you for involving us, your enthusiasm and demonstrated commitment to the environment and park objectives is an example to us all.

Yours Sincerely,

*P. Fricker*

Patrick Fricker  
Park Superintendent  
Yarra Region.



# Butterfly Ball



Platform  
Souls  
at the  
Ball.

This raised \$750 towards the Eltham  
Copper Butterfly Appeal. WEL. donated an  
extra \$250 to make \$1000. A great  
night & all those who attended enjoyed  
themselves.

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