

FRIENDS OF WARRANDYTE STATE PARK

NEWSLETTER

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RIDDELL Report.

A strong Fowspian following met at Black Flat on May's Sunday meeting. (This sounds as though we are a bunch of old chooks!) and as per Glen Jameson's prediction that it does not rain on our Sunday meetings, again this came true, and although the sky was overcast it was a great day. It makes us wonder if we are all blessed with a saintly protectorate watching over our Sunday meetings, who knows? Strange things can still happen.

And we have heard from Glen Jameson at last. He was probably lost somewhere in the Never Never with his feet up and a cold stubby in both hands. Even without these guiding hands we Fowspians gathered about 15-20 bags of Smilax bulblets and other strange things, and we felt a great achievement folks

The Friends made welcome Norm Hunter and his wonderful family whose speech on the Koori people in Victoria was most fascinating and at times sad. Norm is the State Library Koori oral history researcher for his people and he and his family are dedicated to the preservation of Koori culture in Victoria. Norm told us of the horrific atrocities early settlers had inflicted on his ancestors and injustices that occur today. We all wish you success and good luck Norm, in your important work.

Val and Graeme Riddell.

Norm Hunter and his family have promised us some more material for our newsletters. His Aunt had passed away and people may have read of this in the local newspapers. We hope that the Wurungeri people will join with us frequently to heal our bush. We all feel that we have much to learn and Norm is interested in our "Bradley Method". He is involved in weeding Coranderk at Healesville. "Doing a Bradley" seems by far the most successful and gentle long term programme. Word is spreading and regeneration gaining popularity as people understand the method. Mulching with weeds and leaf litter is so much more practical than the other alternatives.

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY.

On Sunday, 5th June, a small group of W.E.L. and F.O.W.S.P. members, and Park Rangers, between rain, showers, cloud bursts and drizzle, planted 150 trees near the junction of Everard Drive and Tarroona Avenue, thus filling in a few more gaps between the trees planted there last year. Last year's trees are looking healthy, and there is still room for more plantings. A B.B.Q. lunch, provided by W.E.L. funds, and lovingly prepared by the two Margarets, added to the enjoyment of the day.



Lunch arrangements from last month were popular and people who came from far away perched and had a chat together whilst eating their B Y O picnic lunches. Margaret Fishley has decided to bring her Airpot along this month so people can have a cuppa as well. Eats are at 12 noon - if you wish. Don't forget to bring a bite of afternoon tea to share while we are having a well earned breather and our talk, at our usual afternoon tea time.

We hope to have a visit by Bruce Ferher, an expert on Fungi. How many different Fungi have you seen around ?

NEXT MEETING :

When , Where , & What to Bring !

Harold Taskie is our leader for the meeting on Sunday June 26th., at the end of Webb Street. He reports that we have to remove a few Cootamundra, some Boneseed, lots of Pittosporum, small patches of Smilax (shades of last month!) and the usual pine seedlings. Harold would like you to bring with you secateurs, small handsaws, and perhaps a tomahawk, as well as the usual handtools. He looks forward to a big roll up. Any enquiries you can phone Harold on 848 1560.

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VISIT FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE MORWELL STATE PARK .

Margaret Fishley will have details of the visit from Morwell State Park Friends. (August 14th.) They may seek a few places to bed down for the night and Margaret Fishley or Margaret Burke will collect information regarding offers of billets. Please let us know if you have a spare bed or two. The Rangers will be showing them around the park and we hope to have a Barbeque to get together and swap tall tales and true.