

FRIENDS OF WARRANDYTE STATE PARK NEWSLETTER



Editorial

March 1991

The last month has seen many important events both globally and locally. The cessation of the war in the Middle East with its terrible consequences for millions of people, and the devastation to the environment, and closer to home the very threatening bushfires at Warrandyte and other places in Victoria.

Our bushfire produced some interesting reactions from the local residents. Community spirit suddenly blossomed in many areas. A lot of people arranged meetings to discuss plans in any future fires, and expressed the desire to help their neighbours. One noticed a mixture of surprise and embarrassment when people discovered there were many people in their street who had been there many years and they had never spoken to them.

This illustrates the modern trend of 'the nuclear family' and its many disadvantages that most of us have come to accept. The dictionary defines nuclear family = Father, Mother and children.- and no more! The family is in many ways comparable to the atom with its nucleus and electrons binding together tremendous energy in its complex. Some of this energy needs to be released and react with its surroundings before changes can be seen in its environment. What we need is a catalyst to release some of the energy bound up in our nuclear families. We hope that the Friends group and others like them can provide such a stimulus. There is a two fold advantage in this. People become involved with others and together they can contribute benefits toward conservation of our fragile environment.

"My view is that to sit back and let Fate play its hand out and never influence it is not the way man was meant to operate."

John Glenn- Astronaut.

" To live only for some future goal is shallow. Its the sides of the mountain that sustain life, not the top. "

Robert Persig

"You are what you think, and not what you think you are."

Elbert Hubbard.

Warrandyte Market

The Market (Warrandyte Community Market of course!) will see big changes to the F.O.W.S.P. Stall and activities etc. on April 6th. The stunning new stall which Alec Manson built and Jan Pierce decorated will be seen for the first time, all together, at the regular market. We hope it is more of a "drop-in" style with lots of interesting activities and chat to attract and educate the community. We plan "Person Decorating" as a normal service at a modest charge. From now on we will have our products from the craft groups- handmade paper and flour sack shopping bags. The Wildlife Watch Chart will be there for all members of the community to fill in (all reports of any Wildlife sightings will be passed on to the Rangers) We hope to add other "recycle" type craft items to our things for sale.....any ideas?..... Don't forget to bring your empty pots for a new Indigdyte to plant, the rains seem (?) to be here. We have a huge variety of plants under propagation.

COMMITTEE MEETING....April 9th. 7.30pm.

At the Park Office.

Acacia leprosa
in bud .



IVY PULL

The intrepid Fowspian Ivy Pullers who turned out on the February family meeting really deserve a medal. About 25 adults and sundry Fowspianmites met in Wildcat Gully. The temperature was 39 degrees and the northerly wind was setting the scene for the drama of the next day's bushfire. The Hansen family met us to inspect the site of last years Ivy pulling.....marvellous results -hardly any regeneration! With a will we removed any regrowth, still with a will albeit "wilted" we moved on to the next Ivy area along Anderson's Creek. There, gritting our teeth, we attacked a very tenacious breakaway. We removed as much as the weary bodies could manage then repaired to the depot for afternoon tea, a planning session for the Festival and to listen to Bev Hanson tell us all about the latest on the landscape plans for the new Community Centre (In which we feature prominently.....remember to keep May 5th free!) Afternoon tea was a feast and the

FEBRUARY SUNDAY FAMILY MEETING

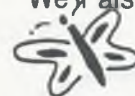


OLYMPIC FOLLIES THEATRE NIGHT

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SOCIAL JOTTINGS - and a good night was had by all at the Olympic Follies on Wednesday March 13! The joint WEL/FOWSP venture was voted a great success and a repeat performance in 1992 is assured with the whole Mechanics Institute Hall to be booked and hopefully, again full of 'green' supporters. Martin Walker gave his usual polished performance with his professional timing and audience rapport and the clever water ballet and Op. Shop lady sketches were memorable acts. A lot of feedback was also received on the group singing ably led by our local tenor, Don Macrae. For those of you who rushed to the hall after work, one of our members suggested that dinner could be organized on tables for '92, people being asked to bring part of a course, plates, etc. Give it some thought in the next 12 months We'll also be booking tables for future drama productions so watch this space for more details!



HOT HOUSE GOSSIP

Bushfire was just so horrifying but it did have the wonderful effect of galvanising activities to modify the end result. Friends arrived at the Park all week to work to save plants, collect injured animals, survey the effects on the Koala population, clean up and in fact rebuild some of our Nursery. The response of C.O.D.A.T in actually purchasing pots and general population sympathy and practical help.....Marvellous!

Regional Manager Bob McGrath deserves a special mention for his fire fighting skills- he and Marg Humphreys actually saved the Nursery. Maybe all three should claim a special tree to plant to celebrate their success. In fact the Friends will gladly supply ALL the fire-fighters with a plant for their gardens as a special "thank-you". See Marg or Pat.

The Mystery Reporter has been remarkably slack this year. We keep getting enquiries about when he might return to his "investigations" and all the editorial staff can say is.....

Next month....maybe!

As the "bushfire nerves" settle Pat Coupar begins a big stocktake. The Nursery population and its magical recovery is a joy for all. If you doubt the amazing resilliance of native plants just come along and see the new growth. We plan to plant out all our "fire Hardened" stock.

As we reeled from the shock of the loss of the 3000 rabbit guards so carefully collected with our labour, we do have an edifying collection of offers of help. The news that the Go Green people had reviewed its position with regard to an application for funds was very cheering. Several other offers and suggested sources are being checked out AND Organ Pipes responded with an offer of all the spares they have.....thanks Matt and your Friends.

The V.N.P.A. Conference was a venue for renewal or establishment of friendships and contacts between groups. We made so many but the notable DATES made were with Friends of Organ Pipes who intend to visit our Nursery and Park, and Friends of French Island who have invited us down for a visit in spring. These dates will take place on weekends and you will be given lots of notice.

Speaking of the Conference...a piece of gossip if ever we had one...Gretna Weste who does leave many folk worn out after a walk etc. was allotted a bed in a 10 bed "ward" at the Lady Northcote camp. Seems she had 9 "bedfellows" all male...."No problem at all" she was heard to reflect! Well if you want to find out more, go along to the next one.

Membership continues to grow. We have people seek us out these days and it is gratifying to see the respect with which such applications are tendered. We welcome all our new Fowspians and hope our relationship will last long and be mutually satisfying.

Felt almost inspired to tears of joy as the rain fell on our roof this week. The difference that will make to the blackened bush.....to the dried out landscape in general is part of our mother earth's time tested cycle of renewal....but our spirits are likewise able to revive, and to know that the edge of the bright threat of fire is dulled, made sleep in the cocoon of my bed, lulled by the less than gentle patter, a special and secure journey.

OUR LIBRARIAN.

The Friends have a Librarian at long last. The number of books, journals etc. has grown and we need to manage this resource carefully. So we announce the appointment of our honorary Librarian.....Iris Davies. Iris is now catalogueing, covering, organising and ordering our Library. Should you like to have a look, possibly borrow something or donate any books, please contact Iris at the park most Thursdays or at her home by phone....844 2593.

Books on Flora, Fauna, Warrandyte gratefully received.

GAD'S GANG.

...Sunday April 14th. Locals and visitors at Stoney Creek with Mark Gardner. This regeneration project is how to learn the way to do such things in the most efficient and personally satisfying way. "Bradley Method" used with Mark's variations has many implications for all Warrandyte gardens and blocks. 10 till 12. Enq. 844 3799.

BIG MELBOURNE CLEAN-UP.....Sunday March 24th.....Stoney Creek and Eltham Copper Butterfly.

These Groups both took part in the "clean up". Stephen reports that at Eltham they had about 10 people, including Don Saunders and family, who worked well. The rubbish was all cleaned out and Pat Coupar had time to collect some of the precious seed of the variety of *Bursaria spinosa* the caterpillars require for survival. Mark Gardiner (with Glen Terry from Eltham Council) report about 20 volunteers who signed on. "The people to rubbish ratio was really excellent!" Between 8am and 1pm. a huge collection was made and the Council will collect it on Monday. Mark "Gad's Gang" Gardiner also reflected that what people saw will hopefully inspire more local helpers to the Stoney Creek Regeneration meetings every second Sunday of the month.

Festival Weekend

FOWSP kept up a high profile at the Warrandyte festival held 16 and 17 March, 1991. Although much work was put in behind the scenes, erecting our new tent and mounting displays, etc. the festival traditionally started with the Grand Parade down Yarra Street and Alex Manson, Gail Roche et al are those we can thank for our presence, 'on parade'. Congratulations to WEL for winning a prize for the most Warrandyte float - well deserved! Meantime, down on the river bank the market was swinging into gear with the sun shining on what proved a successful weekend. Our thanks to so many people - to Alec again for his ingenious shop-front decorated by Jan Pierce in her inimicable style, to Brenda Hunter for her unfailing support in so many areas and her calm presence throughout the two days, to Ross Coupar - general fac totum and Ian Burke for much behind the scenes slog. Judy Thompson ran the billy tea and damper area admirably with help from many including Iris Davies and Noni Seymour, the tent painting with special banner paint was a great success involving junior members and others and is now a joy to behold (presently on loan to Frankston for the 'clean-up' weekend) and Graham Madley's recycled paper press made possible the success of the paper-making demonstration, run by Gail Roche, and sale of half our stock (more envelopes needed please). Coupar's propagation demonstration let visitors know what we are all about and thanks to the generosity of the community replacing our pots we were able to give away tubes of *Melaleuca Ericafolia*. The face painting proved such a success we will be running this activity at the monthly market and charging a surcharge for non-indigenous flora and fauna. Gay, Kylie, Mark, Shirley M, Shirley S, Ian and Gail Roche were adept at turning their hands to anything from kangaroos, greenhood orchids, koalas and wombats to penguins, snakes, Bambis and even Swiss watch faces! Despite some competition Shirley Mandemaker lured some customers to have their portraits done and then turned her talents to integrating the artwork on the back of the tent with a meandering wonga vine. Over the 2 days, a rapport developed between the Board of Works, Conservation and Environment, WEL and Friends which culminated in a round-the-fire sharing of conversation and victuals while listening to the Paradiddle Bush Band. Thanks to all concerned - it was truly a team effort!

NONCASTER AND TEMPLESTOWE NEWS, Wednesday, March 13, 1991

Group needs rabbit guards

THE Friends of Warrandyte State Park have put out an urgent plea for 3000 rabbit guards to replace those lost in the devastating bush fire two weeks ago.

The guards consist of two wooden stakes and a circular, plastic rabbit guard, costing about \$2 each, to protect plants.

A member of Friends of Warrandyte State park, Mrs Margaret Burke, said the group was desperate for any type of assistance, whether it was second-hand guards, financial donations or advice as to what they

should do next. "We have about 3000 plants that should be planted as soon as the rain comes but unfortunately none of our guards survived the fire," she said.

"Goodness knows what will happen if we put the plants out without guards and it would break our hearts to feed them to the rabbits."

Mrs Burke said the Friends lost between 300 and 400 plants in the fire and all of their pots.

However, she said, the community had "rallied around" and the Friends were especially pleased that Doncaster-Templestowe Council had given them 2000 small pots to replace those destroyed by the fire.

Mrs Burke said each year the Friends planted 5000 indigenous shrubs, made up of 100 species, in Warrandyte State Park and also gave them to local schools and community groups.

Mrs Burke said the Friends were relieved the fire did not destroy their shadehouse or polyhouse but that their watering system was inoperative for several days.

"We had to carry buckets of water from the dam to our plants and for two days after the fire we had about 20 workers submerging each plant twice in water," she said.

Anyone who can help the Friends in any way should phone Mrs Burke on 844-1060.



MARGARET Burke of Friends of Warrandyte State Park. They are appealing for 3000 rabbit guards to replace those destroyed in the recent fire. Picture: MARK FRECKER.



Pat-y-Pus Page

WHEN THE NURSERY NEEDED NURSING

There is a nursery at the W.S.P. depot. We have a large shade-house, two smaller polyhouses, a hardening off area and thousands of plants in various stages of growth. On the afternoon of Monday February 25th we very nearly lost the lot.

We are deeply indebted to those courageous people, on site at the time, who doused the flames that surrounded the buildings and nursery. When we inspected the area the morning after, it was immediately evident that the fire had come very close indeed.

There were a few losses at the nursery. Our store of plastic pots totally melted away, likewise a pile of plastic tree guards. Several boxes of plants in the hardening off area were also incinerated and many others suffered badly on exposure to the heat.

The 'Friends' are particularly possessive about their plants, after all we have nurtured them from seed. If these plants were to survive then they needed our help. Although many of the burnt trees and shrubs showed no sign of life, we refused to throw them out. Instead we pruned back the scorched leaves; at least it made them look better.

For three days following the fire the temperatures stayed in the 30's. The plants were desperate for water but the pump was not working and some of the hoses had burnt through. Initially we carted buckets of water from the dam. Every single pot in turn was immersed in the muddy, life-saving liquid. It was a backbreaking, laborious task. Then the rangers came to our rescue by making available their tank of precious drinking water to which we attached a hose. A few days later the rangers had worked wonders and the watering system was functioning once more.

Although the plants within the protection of the shadehouse were not as severely affected as those in the hardening off area, many were stressed by the heat and required heavy pruning.

There is no doubt that these Australian plants are extremely resilient. Only two weeks after the fire almost every one of those badly burnt, seemingly dead plants have sprouted tiny new leaves. To some maybe, a small, insignificant event; to us it was everything. A reward for all the hard work undertaken.

We received great support from the community at large. Within days of the fire the Council of Doncaster and Templestowe responded to our plight and donated money for 2000 new pots, for which we are extremely grateful. We have since been given a generous grant of \$2,700 by Go Green to buy replacement rabbit guards, an absolute necessity when the little trees are planted out in a few weeks time.

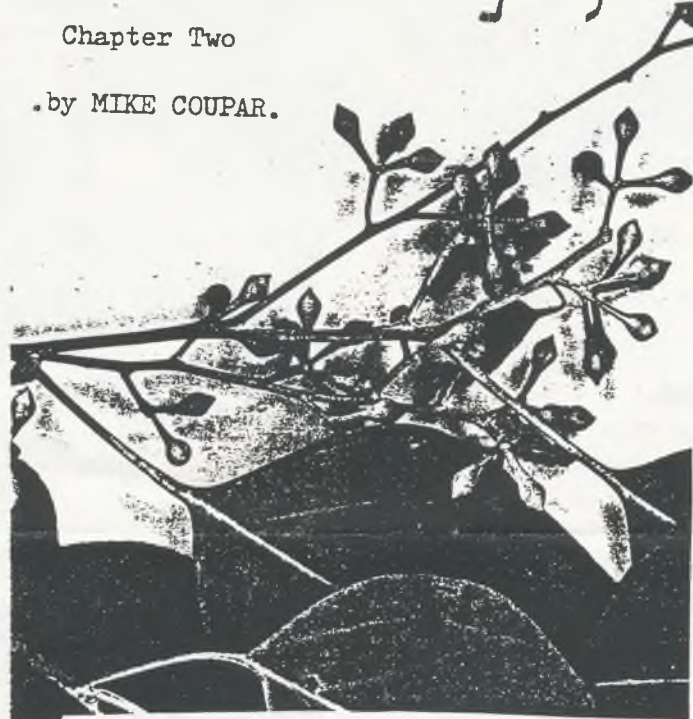
The F.O.W.S.P. are a group of people who care deeply about the natural environment and react strongly when anything threatens its well-being. When our plants were in trouble the 'Friends' rallied; it was a heart-warming response: an act of resuscitation for an ailing nursery.

By Pat Coupar

Natural History of the Eucalypt.

Chapter Two

by MIKE COUPAR.



The predecessor of our eucalypts was a species of tree, or group of trees, that fringed the contracting Rainforests. Situated here, the trees must have already possessed some characteristics that equipped them to radiate into the increasing arid regions. The birthday of our ancestral eucalypt was approximately 34 million years ago. Remember that the Myrtaceae made their appearance 30 million years before and the Angiosperms 76 million years before that (at 140 million years)! So, on a relative plant time scale, the eucalypts are not as primitive as they appear.

Through many generations new and beneficial characteristics were selected by exposure to harsh environmental conditions; characteristics in particular that allowed the trees to cope with relatively sparse amounts of water and soil nutrients. Today we can see the amazing results of these transformations in the hundreds of species of living eucalypts. Unlike rainforest trees eucalypt foliage is relatively open and individual leaves are tough, pale green and hang vertically to minimize exposure to the midday sun. Plants with this type of foliage are called sclerophylls (meaning "hard leaves") and they are strongly represented in Australia. Additionally, the seeds of sclerophylls are contained in hard capsules contrasting dramatically to the soft, juicy fruits of rainforest trees.

The reason why petals and sepal are absent from Eucalyptus flowers is again related to their repertoire of adaptations to dry conditions. Highly modified sepals and petals protect the delicate stamens and stigma (male and female reproductive parts respectively) at the bud stage. The covering has the appearance of a lid, hence its name "operculum". This is the unique floral characteristic of eucalypts from which their name was derived from the Ancient Greek - Eu: well, kalyptos: concealed. So the subtle flowers of eucalypts are revealed only when their embryonic sepals and petals are discarded!

The last truly petalled eucalypt probably became extinct far back in the natural history of the genus. There are, however, several Eucalyptus-like species that do indeed display petals. One occurs in a similar habitat to that of the ancestral eucalypts. Its foliage is dense, its leaves dark green and each flower bears five small yellow petals. The tree is Kanooka or Water Gum (*Tristania laurina*) which is a close relative of eucalypts along with the Angophoras. It is amazing how we have living clues as to the course evolution might have taken. All that is needed to detect them is a trained eye. Charles Darwin knew all about that!

We have many reasons to marvel at our unique eucalypts. They are the plant genus that typifies Australia; the botanical solution to survival in our harsh Island Continent. They are relatively modern plants which originated from the southern (Australian) region of Gondwana. Also, eucalypts have long supported a myriad of animals, both vertebrates and invertebrates, as well as plants such as mistletoes, mosses, vines and orchids. As such they occupy a crucial position in most Australian land ecosystems. The ability of eucalypts to support so many animals and plants is partly due to their vigour and resistance to stress. For instance, they can loose up to 50% of their foliage production due to insect attack. Yet they thrive. One response to this onslaught has been the development of chemical warfare. Eucalyptus leaves contain toxic compounds such as tannins and Eucalyptus oil. In addition, their leaves contain only meagre amounts nitrogen, an essential element for insect as well as plant growth. That so many insects have evolved ways of overcoming these dietary problems suggests that herbivorous insects have been associated with eucalypts for the greater part of their natural history.

Eucalyptus oil paints the blue haze into Australian bushscapes as it evaporates into the air above the canopies. Although many groups

Eucalyptus polyanthemos
in bud.



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of insects have developed means of detoxifying and excreting the oil its production is not wasted since it also helps to minimize water loss.

Eucalyptus oil is one of a family of closely related chemicals called "volatile oils". We best know this group as those gastronomic fragrances present in many culinary herbs. However, the closest acceptance Eucalyptus oil has gained in cooking has been in brewing billy tea! The oil is also a useful natural medicine for - easing respiratory congestion. The oil consists mainly of a compound called cineole. Some Eucalypts produce significant amounts of other volatile oils in addition to cineole. For example, Peppermints produce menthol and Lemon-scented Gum (*E. citriodora*) citral.

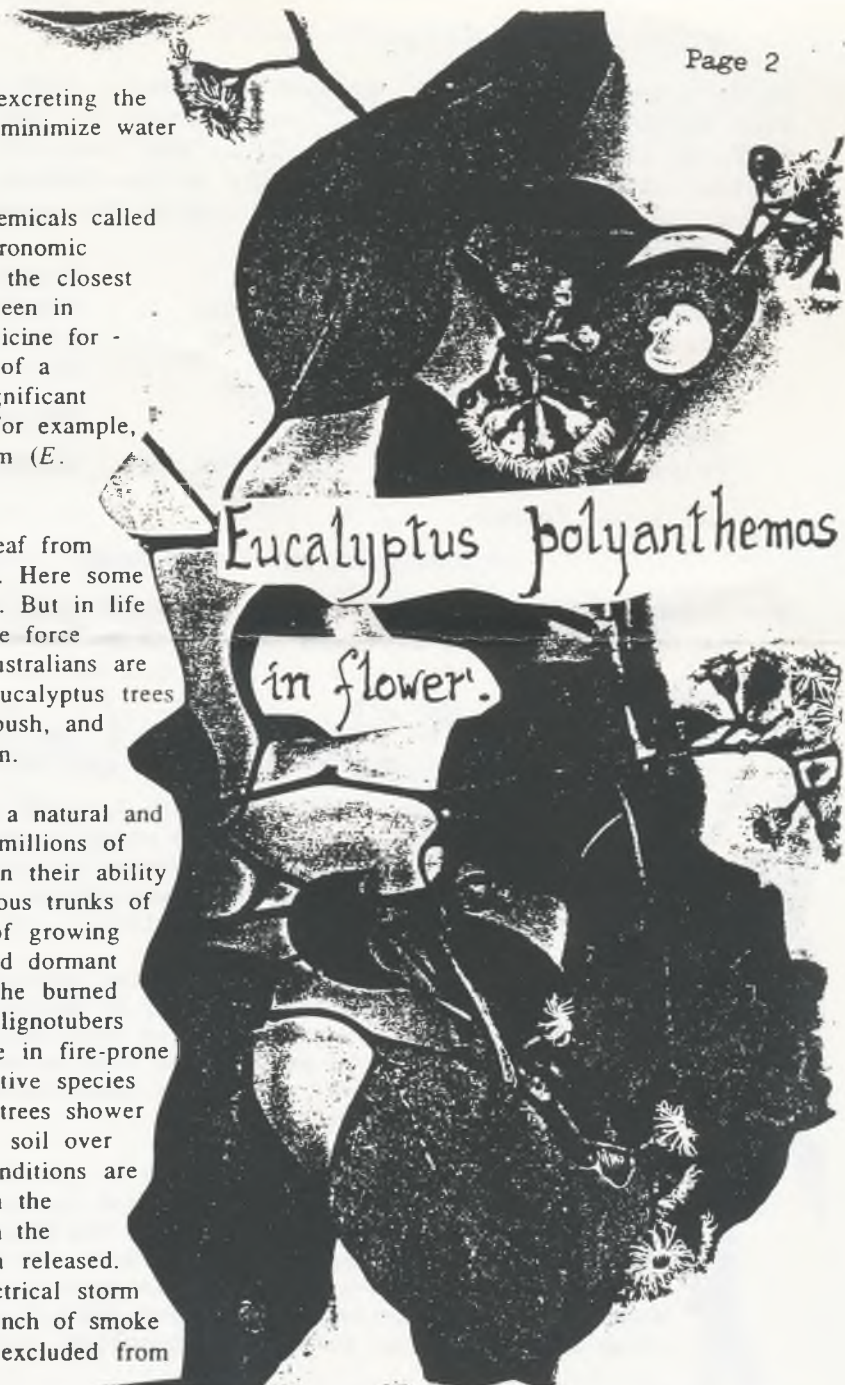
The oil is manufactured in specialized glands in the leaf from where it is secreted like perspiration onto the surface. Here some reacts with oxygen to form a thin water-retaining film. But in life such benefits often carry a cost. Bushfire. Its awesome force severely damages or even kills the trees outright. Australians are justifiable paranoid about the high flammability of eucalyptus trees and their discarded leaves, twigs and branches. The bush, and eucalypts in particular, seem to tempt self-destruction.

Bushfires, as a result of lightening strikes, have been a natural and predictable cycle of destruction and regeneration for millions of years. Eucalypts hold supremacy above other plants in their ability to resist or even tolerate the ravages of fire. The fibrous trunks of Stringybarks insulate the delicate underlying layers of growing wood. Energy is stored in trunks and branches to feed dormant (epicormic) buds which quickly restore and replace the burned canopy. Energy is also stored safely underground in lignotubers which are modified roots. These are particularly large in fire-prone species such as Mallees but absent in some fire-sensitive species such as Mountain Ash (*E. regnans*). Also, Eucalyptus trees shower the ground with small seeds. These accumulate in the soil over decades; sometimes centuries; lying dormant until conditions are optimal for germination. The warm ground vacated in the aftermath of a bushfire is the ideal condition. Here, in the blackened deserts of destruction, nutrients have been released. Autumn rains arrive, perhaps just days after the electrical storm that set the fire on its course. Now, after the acrid stench of smoke has dissipated the eucalypts that would normally be excluded from unburnt habitats are ready to establish.

Eucalypts have developed a repertoire of adaptations to life where fire is a natural occurrence. They occupy the mosaic of habitats that is so typical of the Australian bush: vegetation communities at different stages of post-fire succession.

Over millions of years the growth and subsequent burning of sclerophylls has contributed to the recycling of carbon. This has been captured from the air in the form of carbon dioxide, a waste product of animal respiration. Carbon dioxide is used by plants to help build roots, leaves, stems and eventually mighty trunks. The combustion of this woody material is a chemical reaction that links its carbon with atmospheric oxygen to reform carbon dioxide.

Could eucalypts actually encourage and use fire as an element along with earth, water and air? The fact that they manufacture such large quantities of combustible oil and resin, rather than fire-retardants, suggests that fire-promotion is one of their survival strategies. If this is so, then the eucalypts are the plant equivalent of Phoenix, the mythical bird that set itself alight to rise rejuvenated from its own ashes!



FIRE RETARDANT INDIGENOUS PLANTS.

We have begun the task of putting together a list of local plants which can be considered FIRE RETARDANT indigenous species. Sources for this information have been Lillydale Council, C. F. A. lista available from W. E. L. and local botanist David Cameron. We hope to research further and have a handout available at the market. Plants mentioned are of course even more effective if they are well watered during the summer period to keep the moisture content up in their foliage.

Acacia melanoxylon....	Blackwood	Pomaderris aspera.....	Hazel Pomaderris
Acacia myrtefolia....	Myrtle Wattle	Pomaderris racemosa.....	Slender Pomaderris
Acacia pycnantha....	Golden Wattle	Spyridium parvifolium.....	Dusty Miller
Pandorea pandorana....	Wonga Vine	Bedfordia arborescens....	Blanket Leaf
Blechnum spp.....	Water Fern	Rapanea howittiana.....	Muttonwood
Polystichum proliferum..	Mother Shield Fern.	Olearia lirata.....	Showy Daisy
All local ferns.		Goodenia ovata...	Hop Goodenia (well watered only)

Lepidosperma spp. Sword Sedge Dianella spp.. Flax lilies.

The Friends Nursery will endeavour to supply people with Fire Retardant Species. Non Active or Non Members will be expected to make a suitable donation and return all pots after planting. We will try to give advice on suitable plants etc. Phone Pat Coupar or Marg Burke.

5th Biennial Conference

MARCH 9 - 11, 1991

In a delightful rural setting the 5th Friends' conference was held about 8 km out of Bacchus Marsh. Much cooler weather added to everyone's enjoyment. There were many delegates from a large number of groups, and very close to 100 people attended. They came from Park Groups, Flora and Fauna groups, a large number representing conservation societies, marine groups and other wildlife reserves.

The first day started with the Welcoming addresses by Stephen Johnson (President of VNPA) and from Don Saunders (Director of National Parks and Public Land). This was followed by a series of special talks from leaders of various Friends groups. Among these were Dr Gretna Weste who provided us with an erudite and stimulating discourse on the threat of Cinnamon Fungus. Margaret Burke spoke of the ways in which a successful Friends Group can be established.

The following day there were a series of workshops on diverse subjects and so many one could not attend them all. Kim Robinson (some will remember as a Ranger at W.S.P.) and who is now a Pest Plant Officer in the Department of National Parks, informed her groups on weed recognition and methods to deal with them. A well attended workshop on Butterflies and Moths was given by Pat and Mike Coupar, well known Naturalists and Friends of Warrandyte State Park. As well, plant propagation, native grass identification, Geology, Archaeology, were included in the workshops.

Sunday afternoon was the opportunity for many to participate in seven different walks in Brisbane Ranges National Park, Werribee Gorge and the Long Forest Mallee.

On the final day talks were given concerning the adoption of a more formalized structure between Friends and the VNPA. It was decided there was a big advantage to all Friends groups, particularly small and new groups, who often have difficulties becoming established. The groups would maintain their autonomy, but there would be greater recognition and acceptance as they could speak with a single voice. There would be increased opportunity for inter-group liaison and joint approaches to problems. The whole network idea seems appropriate since there has been a large increase in Friends groups over the last three to four years (from 38 to 80).

A most important award was inaugurated at the meeting, named The Best Friend Award. It was set up to recognise any volunteer making an outstanding contribution to a Friends group. This was awarded to Don Marsh, a pioneer and founder of a very early group - The Friends of Organ Pipes. He accepted the award, making the trip despite his severe health problems.

Finally, we were pleased to be addressed by the Hon. Mark Birrell who is the shadow Minister for Conservation and Liberal Leader in the Upper House. He spoke of the great value of people working in conservation and his willingness to receive positive suggestions from them.

The meeting concluded on Monday lunch time and nearly everyone expressed their pleasure at attending such a productive and optimistic conference. We have no doubt that Friends groups are becoming a very important part of the Conservation movement.

If you would like to have a picture in our Newsletter give it to Margaret Burke or send it to P.O. Box 220 Warrandyte.

Percy Possum's Picture Page

Join the dots -
then colour our
wetlands scene



Family Subscription \$10 Donation to help cover costs.....

Please fill in the membership details and send with a cheque to P.O. Box 220 Warrandyte Membership entitles you to a Free Indigenous plant at each Market and to also be able to join in all of our activities

DETAILS OF MEMBERS....

Names of all family members.....
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Address.....
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Telephone.....

Please include children's ages and special interests

Suggestions you may have.....
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Notes for the Calendar

April 6th.....Warrandyte Market, Stiggants Res.....Are you rostered on?

April 9thCommittee Meeting...7.30pm....Park Office, Pound Bend.

April 28th.....Skip Moyle Hut Renovation and Refurbishing....Black Flat. B.B.Q. After Enquiries Alec Manson or Ian Burke.

April 14th.....Gad's Gang at Stoney Creek 9.30am.-11.30. Enquiries Mark Gardnerr 844 3799

May 5th...Sunday...Community Planting at Warrandyte Community Centre. More Next Newsletter.

May 24th..Friday...Slide Evening.....Skip Moyle Hut....With the Coupars.

May 26th..Sunday.....Follow up walk with Pat and Mike Coupar

Every Thursday.....Running the Nursery.....All welcome..10am.....Bring lunch...Walk in afternoon.

May 26th In the morning Steve and the Eltham Copper Group welcome your help. 844 2659

In the planning stages....Visit to the Bend of Isles Slide Night with Arthur Williamson
Social...by Butterfly Watch at the Market or next newsletter!

Be prepared for a call.....Retrieval and recycling of Rabbit Guards.....Folly building.

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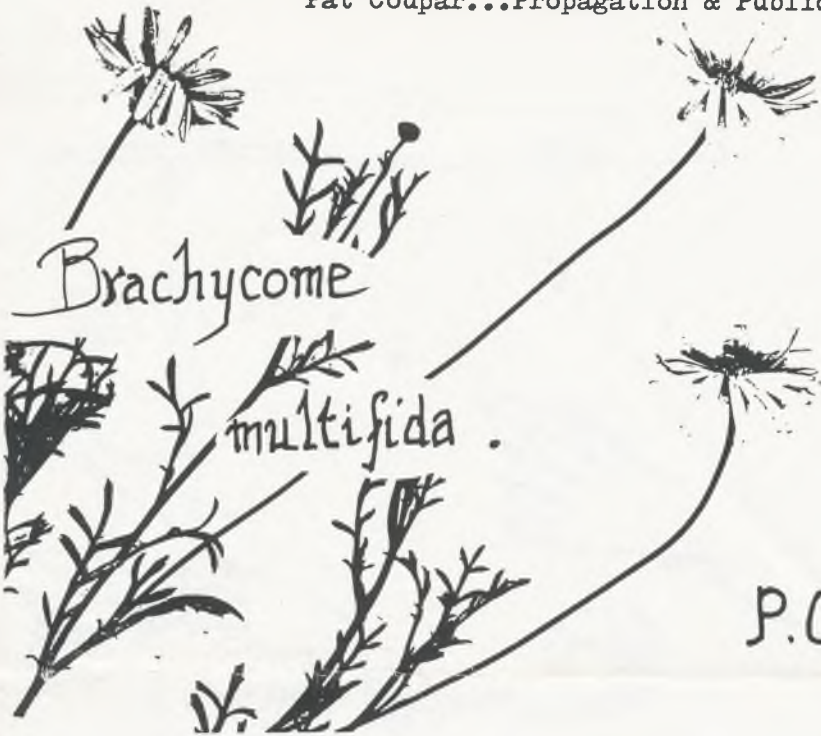
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