FRIENDS OF WARRANDYTE STATE PARK September NEWSLETTER

Recently I received from one of our esteemed members the following quote of Manning Clark - "The loss of reverence(for Life) has created a world in which nothing is sacred or untouchable - everything is allowable in the pursuit of objective materialsyet nothing of happiness is ours. It is reverence for life which should be the main point of the debate about the environment, not the economic arguments."

> The concept of reverence has become an increasingly rare attitude in modern society. In earlier civilizations that we often deem as primitive, reverence was an integral part of people's lifestyles. There was a large element of survival present and their meagre possessions were cherished by their owners.

Their reverence was also extended to the environment. They knew they had a very special relationship to the earth, water, and all growing things from which they needed to live. They practised the ideas of reduction, reuse, and recycling with far more efficiency than modern man. Looking back in history we can read accounts of early Chinese dynasties, North American Indians, and our own Koori culture.to see how true this is. Waste and excessive consumption were rare. Interwoven and a constant aspect, of these diverse societies was a sense of reverence. Be it towards family members, possessions or the land they depended upon, they held a sacred and at times exalted respect that was often affectionate, and a major part of their religious beliefs.

If you wish to explore an elegant description of the meaning of reverence, a children' story called 'The Little Prince' by Antoine de St. Exupery is worth reading. St. Exupery was a French writer and aviator in the 1930's and the book is available in most municipal libraries.

Where in the present day can we find the remnants of native spiritual values? Not much appears to be obvious, especially in highly developed western society. In a few areas of endeavour amongst writers, sculptors, farmers, and conservationists we can see these spiritual connections but they are a minority in our society. One would like to think that Fowspians are amongst this rare breed. Business and political leaders seem determined to carve out a niche in global high-tech, a path that will only increase destructive demands on our fragile ecology. Scientific endeavour has been diverted largely toward military technology while we have neglected the more pressing problems in the environment.

"Men who sit back and pride themselves on their culture haven't any to speak of." "If you would be happy, let not happiness be your aim."

Elbert Hubbard.

" To eliminate the needless and keep the good is the problem of progress.

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"Mick's Magical Mystery Tour".....Ian Roche will be our leader, guide, speaker and provocateur on this our next Family Sunday Meeting. Beginning the planning for the Programme for 1992 led him to reflect on the success of F.O.W.S.P. and to reminisce about past projects. Some were marvellous achievments, some mediocre, most were simply success due to lots of hard work. We talked also fo some of the parts of the park...some new members have heard the names but visits are rare if visited at all. So as this goes to press and post Ian and Marg are organising a Magical Mystery Tour which will begin at Pound Bend Depot. No promise but we will do our best to organise a bus. To whet the appetite....Stane Brae Revegetation....Where did the "Wall" go....4th Hill Gold Mine Gang....Yarra Brae....Rowellen Lodge.....Koala Release SitesAnd afterwards our Guide will take us to a <u>Mystery Destination</u> and show us a HORROR SHOW of slides of the "befores". THEN we will have a lovely afternoon tea during which you will be able to give us your suggestions for activities for 1992. So....if want to come along...... Meet us at Pound Bend at 1.00pm. Car pooling may be necessary (we will do our best!) Bring something delicious to share for afternoon tea.....DON'T MISS THIS EXPERIENCE.



The wet weather held off last Sunday for our special day at the depot, until the thespians had left the improvised stage and members and guests had time to crowd into the folly for a late afternoon tea and barbeque. Friends from BICA, Kinglake, WEL and Special Day afternoon tea and barbeque. Friends from BICA, Kinglake French Island came as well as Shadow Minister for the Environment, Mark Birrell and family, local member Ph Environment, Mark Birrell and family, local member Phil Honeywood Rosemary Varty MP and candidate for the new seat of Mooroolbark, Lorraine Elliott to share in the activities, walks and talks. It was good to hear of the regard in which Friends' groups are held by the shadow minister but chastening to have reinforced the poor financial position of the state government and how future policies would have to be framed around areas costing the least amount of money! Apologies were received from Geoff Durham and Don Saunders. It was good to see so many children join in the koala spotting, yabby survey, damper on sticks and our FOWSPian Allegory, in the very vital roles of rocks and stones! Thanks to all who took part in the entertainment and especially the Hildebrands and Fay, Sandra.Susan and Keith who finished off the day in great style with a sing-along concert in the newly completed folly. Congratulations to winners of our raffle: Anne Warren, Ben Gotlib and Betty.04e

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Spring is always a magic time of the year, it is a time of new life, new growth, and above all a time of color. Warrandyte is an extremely rich area in terms of the diversity of its wild-

new file, new growth, and above all a time of color. Warrandyte is an extremely rich area in terms of the diversity of its wild-flowers. From late winter onwards there have been a succession of wattles (Acacias) flowering, including, Golden (A. pycnantha), Spreading (A. genistifolia), Silver (A. dealbata), Gold dust (A. acinacea), Myrtle (A. myrtifolia), Hedge (A. paradoxa), Frickly Moses (A. verticillata), Blackwood (A. melanoxylon) and two rather similar low growing species, (A. brownii and A. aculeatissima). It would be impossible to mention all of the smaller shrubs and herbaceous plants in flower, however I think some of the most memorable are the Golden Bush Pea (Pultenaea gunnii) which for brief weeks, sets Fourth Hill ablaze with color. Another is the deep purple of the Coral Pea (Hardenbergia violacea) which scrambles over the ground and up and around any shrub or tree that happens to be in its way. Early in September masses of white flowers of the Small-leaved Clematis (Clematis microphylla) could be seen hanging from the trees along Pound Bend road and near the Depot. But the most exquisite creeper of all is the Love Creeper (Comesperma volubile), the tiny, delicate blue flowers of which almost seem to hang in mid-air, and when not in flower this plant is almost always overlooked. Then there are the lillies and the orchids which grow so well

Then there are the lilies and the orchids which grow so well in the dry stony soil of the Warrandyte State Park. The little Early Nancy (Wurmbea dioica) with its separate male and female flowers is often called 'the harbinger of spring'. Fourth Hill and the Common are excellant areas of the park in which to look for orchids. The Nodding Greenhood (Pterostylis nutans) and Tall Greenhood (P. longifolia) have been flowering since late winter and we are now seeing species of Caladenias including the Spider orchids and Diuris, the Leopard and Donkey orchids. With the warmer days, along with the wildflowers come the butterflies. One of the earliest is the Painted Lady (Vanessa kershawi) (see insect of the month), followed by the Imperial White (Delias harpalyce) and the Wood White (D. aganippe) and the introduced Cabbage White (Pieris rapae). Moths too are becoming active particularly at dusk although many also fly during the day. Then there are the lilies and the orchids which grow so well

There are more caterpillars around but they are generally camouflaged and hard to see.

Many migratory birds have returned one is the Olive-backed Many migratory birds have returned one is the Olive-backed Oriole with its distinctive, loud, rolling call.Many birds are in a frenzy with nesting activities.One intrepid Spotted Pardalote has even burrowed into, and made its nest in the pile of potting mix at the Depot.An enormous array of bird calls can be heard during the day, but other calls that you may hear at night especially if you are close to water, is that of mating frogs. Some common species around Warrandyte are the Brown TreeFrog, Common Eastern Froglet and the Eastern Banjo Frog, which is some-times the 'pobblebonk'. times the 'pobblebonk'.

There is just so much happening in the bush and in our gardens at this time of the year that it is impossible to see it all, but take any opportunity to get out and walk in the bush, you wont be disappointed by this amazing nature show.

by Pat Coupar.

ENGLISH IVY PULL AT THE KOORNONG

AUGUST 25th.

It was only the really dedicated Fowspians who attended the Ivy Pull at the Koornong. Of course our signposting left a bit to be desired so if you were like Bill and Elise White and drove around , unable to find the work-site we apologise sincerely. Ian Roche was truly amazed at the amount of Ivy piled up for the rangers to cart away (He joined in the working bee to swell numbers). It was not the nicest of days and after a walk led by Pat Coupar and Ian Roche, we had a well earned afternoon tea then went home well satisfied that a days work was well done. We have made a great dent in the English Ivy encroachment this year but unfortunately cannot claim to have eradicated it from the Park YET !!

in Warrandyte

Reprint from September 1989. Pat is so busy with the book!

Olearia lirata

Busy, Busy, Busy ~ or Book now! UP-DATE YOUR CALENDAR AS MANY ARE SPECIAL MEETINGS. Ex- 55 VI 1. AT WARRANDYTE PRIMARY SCHOOL PLANT FAIR ON SATURDAY 12th & SUNDAY 13th. OCTOBER F.O.W.S.P. WILL SET UP OUR TENT AND HAVE A PROPAGATION DISPLAY. WE WILL GIVE VISITORS THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRICK OUT AN INDIGENOUS PLANT TO TAKE HOME AND ALSO LEARN ABOUT THE F.O.W.S.P. NURSERY AND REVEGETATION PROGRAMMES. MEMBERS ARE NEEDED TO BE ROSTERED ON AS ATTENDANTS, DEMONSTRATORS, ASSISTANTS OR JUST PLAIN FRIENDS. PHONE OR SEE MARG BURKE 844 1060 a.s.a.p. ingtime Surprises On Friday October 18th. at 7.30pm. at the Skip Moyle Hut in Blacks Flat Pat and Mike Coupar will give us another of their incomparable slide-sound-talk shows. They will give us wonderful preparation for the WALK which they will lead on the following Sunday Springtime Surprises. SO.....FRIDAY 7.30pm.....SKIP MOYLE HUT.....BLACKS FLAT.....LOG FIRE BRING A PLATE OF SUPPER TO SHARE. ALS0 RANGER DOUG CORDELL WILL GIVE US A TALK ON THE HISTORY OF RE ESTABLISHMENT OF KOALA POPULATION IN WARRANDYTE STATE PARK AND A PREPARATION FOR OUR KOALA SURVEY AT THE END OF OCTOBER ... (SEE NEXT NEWSLETTER FOR ALL KOALA SURVEY DETAILS. KOALA SURVEY DATE OCT. 27. H. Sunday THEN ON..... SUNDAY 1.00pm.....AT THE COMMON......JOHANSONS RD, (then up Haslem's Track)

Pat and Mike will be sure to continue the search for the elusive "Flying Flowers"....or was it"Flowering Flies"....anyway not to worry.....SPRINGTIME SURPRISES are surely what we will see with The COUPARS expert and fascinating guidance. Bring A'tea to share.

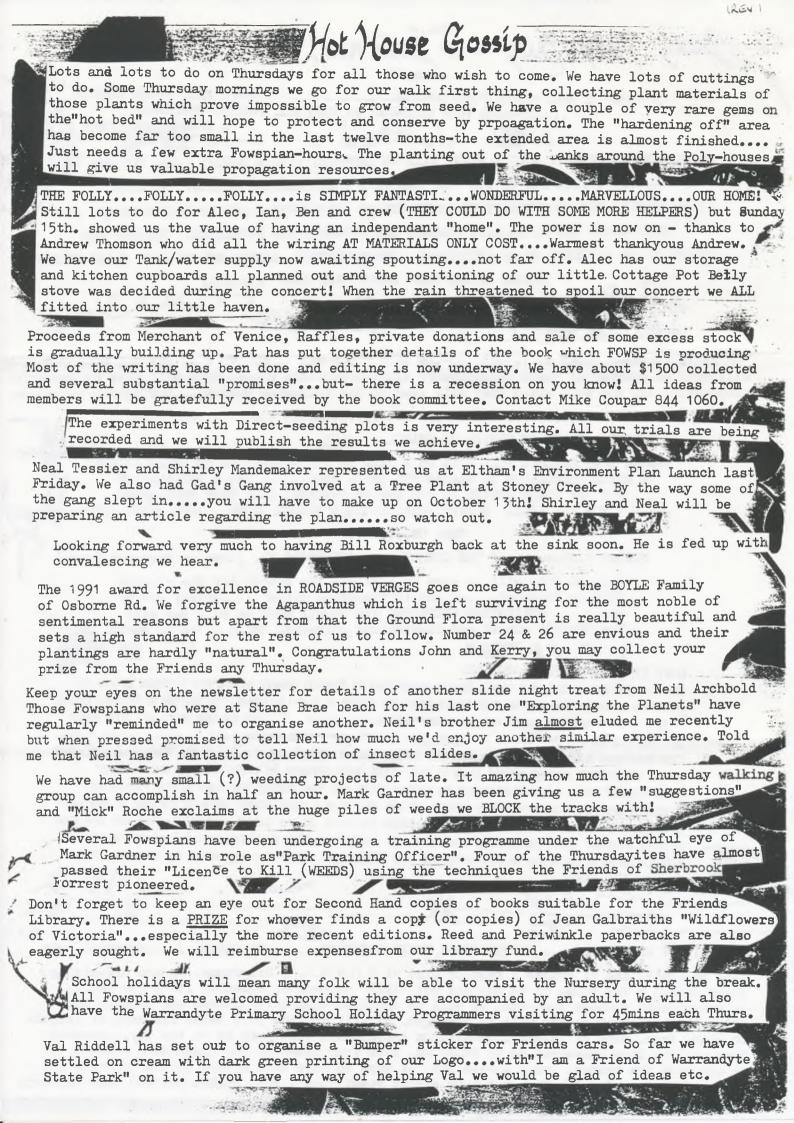
DAY TRIP TO FRENCH ISLAND On Sunday November 3 a trip is being organized to French Island where the Friends group will show us around. We will have to leave from the depot at 8 am to meet Fay Gords at Stoney Point, at 9am where we will catch the ferry accross to the island. Tickets for the ferry are \$10 each and the bus for the day will be \$3 each. BYO lunch and drinks as there are no shops on the island. Cup weekend is the best time to see the unique native orchids on the top of the Pinnacles (reputed to be the richest native orchid area in the world, with around 35 different species). Wear gumboots or bring a spare of socks to protect from wet feet during the walk to the Pinnacles (pushers are not recommended!) where we will also see a spectacular view of the bay at the back of the island and the coast and beach towards the front of the island. Hopefully, we will see their famous koalas. We'll be leaving around 4 - 5. Book with Gay or Margaret as French Island

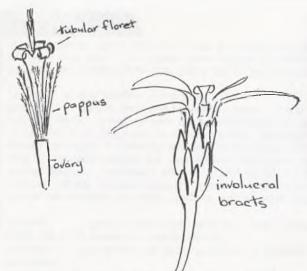
Friends want to know our numbers by the end of October. This is a day not to be missed. (Fay Gordes 772 9668)

It's on again, and of course a regular part of F.O.W.S.P.'s Programme. We are organising Frank Coceau s for those of us who are not "REAL" canoeists. Remember it is for adults or experienced younger canoests. We will be supplied with thick gloves and rubbish bags and rubbish pick-up points will be arranged. We will do from just below the Bend of Islands to Stane Brae. Bend of Island Conservation Association will join us on the day...however they will do from Homestead Rd to Oxley Rd. Give your names to the organisers a.s.a.p. so we can book the canoes, order gloves etc. We hope to have both groups join afterwards for a warm around a nice big fire and have a spit roast "tea". Enq. Burkes 8441060 Park 844 2659

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FASCINATING FACTS FROM FLORA

Wheat/Lettuce/Woburn Abbey/Groundsel/Blanket-leak and the "Good-Oil" on Olearia.

Nine daisies this month will complete the list of fourteen which we propagate at the Nursery. But first we will need to understand what is meant by a <u>pappus</u> and an <u>involueral bract</u>. (see sketches).

In the Daisy Family (Asteraceae) the calyx of each individual flower of the composite head is represented by bristles or hairs, and known as a <u>pappus</u>.

The head is surrounded by a number of modified leaves, or bracts, which are either soft and green (as in Brachycome and Olearia) or stiff, papery and coloured (as in Helichrysum and Helipterum, the everlastings).

These bracts are referred to collectively as <u>the involucre</u> and the component parts as <u>involucral bracts</u>.

1. Bedfordia arborescens (Blanket-leaf)

Yes, a tree-like daisy, and believe it or not, very close to the Senecio (groundsel) mentioned in July. In fact, Bedfordia in Victoria and Tasmania are trees which were formerly classified in Senecio.

The genus Bedfordia was named after the 6th Duke of Bedford (John Russell 1766-1839) who wrote on the history of wheat, and was a generous patron of botany. He also wrote introductions for botanical works about the gardens at Woburn Abbey - ancestral home of the Dukes of Bedford.

2. Brachycome multifida (Cut-leaf Daisy)

brachys = short and kome = hair, referring to short bristles of the pappus multi = many

fidus = cleft, or divided into many parts, which indeed, the leaves of this daisy are.

3. Podolepis jaceoides (Showy Podolepis)

podos = foot and lepis = a scale, alluding to the claws of the inner involucral bracts. jaceoides = like Jacea.

4. Helipterum albicans (Hoary Sunray)

helios = sun and pteron = feather or wing. albicans = whitish It is on the basis of the feathery hairs of the papus that Helipterums are separated from Helichrysums. Helichrysum has barbed hairs.

5. Lagenifera sp. (Bottle Daisy)

fera/phora = bearing. The name given because the achenes (dry, one-seeded fruit) are flagon-shaped.

6. Microseris scapigera (Yam Daisy)

mikros = small and seris is the name of chicory, lettuce or endive. scapus = stem growing from the ground and gero = to bear. Tubers were a staple food of Aborigines.

7. Leptorhynchos tenuifolius (Wiry Buttons)

leptos = slender and rhynchos = beak (beaked achenes) .
tenuifolius = wiry foliage.

8. Helichrysum obcordatum (Grey Everlasting)

ob = inverted + cor, cordis = heart (inversely heart-shaped) In other words the leaves are heart-shaped but attached at the apex instead of the base.

9. Olearia lirata (Snowy Daisy-bush)

It has often been assumed to have been named because of the resemblance of the leaves of the first species named, to those of the Olive (olea).

However, another school of thought believes that it was named after Adam Olearius, author of a German flora. An ancestor of the aforementioned Adam was an oil-presser. So, our genus is linked with oil in both derivations.

The name Olea was given by the Romans to the olive because of the oil content (oleo, to smell).

References - Jemes A. Baines <u>Australian Plant Genera</u> The Australian Daisy Study Group - Australian Daisies for Gardens.



Mystery reporter strikes at the very heart of FOWSP Readers will recall that part of the Mystery Reporter's brief was to investigate certain suspicious people and activities at the Warrandyte State Park. I now bring you information on one person who may well be 'around' there under the 'protected witness's scheme'. Following an attempted coup by J.T. I was able to secretly interview Margaret May Burke (nee Nankivell) who was born on the 4th of February 19?? at the Margaret Coles Maternity Hospital, Prahan.

On her arrival in this area Margaret Burke unearthed her own historical association with Warrandyte.

Ouestion: "What was your first experience with FOWSP?"

Answer: "I joined at the Market, and the first person I got to know was Olive Walters at a Gold Memorial Drive onion-weed dig".

[This interview was conducted under intense pressure and during frenzied activity. Margaret was constantly in demand due to the impending 'polies' visit. The interview was continually interrupted by questions such as:-

"do I do this on the photocopier and how??"; "Did W.E.L. speak to you about the cemetery?"; "Will we clean up around the?"; "What name tags do you need for the play?"; "Have you got the list for Craig?"; "Do you have any little pins to stick up things on the notice board?"; "How much are the tickets for the rafgtle?"; "Have you got a pencil", etc.]

Margaret spent much of her childhood being driven around in the back of an Essex "because my mother (a war widow) was my grandfather's driver (he was the Shire Valuer for Gippsland). So, Margaret went along in the car and at each stop (not the Hallam Pub - another story!) she would collect interesting things "but never spiders everything else".

Ouestion: "What's your present main aim in life?"

Answer: "To continue living in Warrandyte.

Question: "Do you have a vision for what FOWSP may achieve, over and above its present activity?"

Answer: "I guess - I feel that it is possible to involve the whole of the population in Warrandyte, at least in some minor way, in protecting their treasure - the Warrandyte bushland".

Question: "You popped up like a mushroom in Warrandyte activity. Are you here under the p...e protected witness scheme?"

Answer: "That's an interesting question" (very evasive - M.R.)

During her working life (paid) Margaret was an infant teacher at Moonee Ponds West, Clayton, Auburn and then SYDNEY, Lakemba temporarily and then thirteen years at Middle Harbour. Margaret's interests include all the arts and a variety of handcrafts such as spinning, knitting her own jumpers, decorative sewing, painting, cutting and pasting, newsletter preparation and quite good animal caricatures, she can draw a poodle on the back of a child's hand in twenty seconds! She is fond of classical music, baroque and folk music. Likes the live theatre, particularly the Warrandyte Drama Group, because it is close at hand and extremely creative. Loves antique furniture and jewellery, in fact antiques of all kinds.

Margaret has visited Europe and Egypt during one lot of school holidays - "the best holiday I ever had". "I've always been interested in ancient history - read a book by Leonard Cottrell when I was twelve, and so I went to the land of Pharoahs and had this wonderful experience. My favourite Pharoah is HATSHEPSUT and I visited her funerary temple.

I want to win this trip to Italy, I'd like to revisit Rome and Florence and Pompeii and I'd like to visit Herculaneum. I'd also like to go to Cornwall, Truro and St. Agnes, and Scotland and visit the land of my M(a)cPherson ancestors. All my ancestors are exported (as opposed to deported. M.R.)"

Margaret loves animals - "they're much nicer than a lot of people - has a standard Poodle, black, slightly crazy and called Jasmine". "All the other animals in my life are free - my favourite wild animal is well, I like wombats, but I'd like to find a friendly Quoll in Warrandyte. I don't like finding huntsmen (spiders) behind the sun visor of my car, but I never kill them, I get them to find some other home to move to. I love rivers, but not swimming, I like sitting in water with the current swirling around."

At this point in the interview Margaret M. Burke said "You haven't asked me about my husband or Tom, my nephew. My husband is almost perfect, - but he smokes. I am very happy that Ian shares the responsibility (the agony and the ecstasy) of FOWSP.

SNIPPETS and VITAL statistics

Height, was 5'4, "you don't shrink much, do you?" Weight, about 8 and a half stone Hair Colour, auburn - red - brown - copper?

Eyes. hazel, has new knitting glasses

Favourite Food(s) Laksa, likes Malaysian and Thai food

Favourite Drink - Vermouth and bitter and a dash of gin and soda and lemon - and Shirley Mandemaker's 'vegie' special.

<u>Viewing</u> SBS/ABC, news and likes films like the series 'Civil War' and also likes old and preferably silent movies. Favourite colour is blue and favourite natural material is wool.

Drives a Ford Lasar '83 "which has to last forever".

Likes going to Art galleries and Museums.

Has attempted guitar playing twice, can play the recorder.

 Question:
 "Where do you get your peace and serenity from?"

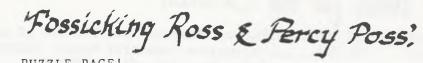
 Answer:
 "I throw my tantrums in private"

At this point the interview was concluded. The FOWSP Co-ordinator, alias Margaret Burke, has revealed all, or nearly all but your Mystery Reporter's relentless search for notorious characters continues unabated. Next on the hit list is?

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