

FRIENDS OF WARRANDYTE

STATE PARK Inc.

NEWSLETTER

APRIL 1992



Editorial

It is interesting, if at times disturbing to consider the values that are placed on different concepts and the meaning of words. In earlier times the word 'growth' had quite a different meaning for the great majority of people- the use then referred to such things as the size of our children, the change in plants and crops, or the increase in size of towns, or a business or industry that was developing faster than many others. All these things were regarded as positive, good, and desirable. No one until Rachel Carson and conservationists pointed out that there could be what is known as the dark side of growth that is negative and far from good. In recent times economists and political leaders have coined the concept of sustainable growth but they really refer to sustainable economic growth which is a quite different story. It adds a sense of environmental consciousness and respectability to the the original intended meaning.

Before conservation became front page news(it hasn't been recently) we never thought much about such things as exponential growth- a mathematical way some things increase steadily over a period of time. Things such as inflation, population, pollution, and the rates at which we use land, air, water and energy. You can easily calculate the time that anything will double by dividing the annual growth rate into 70. For example a 5% annual growth rate will produce a doubling in 14 years. All things in the universe including itself are finite. Nothing can really continue to grow indefinitely. In all systems growth is a short term transient phenomenon.

Today we see, hear and read endless reports all about the the wonderful benefits of economic growth and the suggestion that the more we have the more perfect shall be our lifestyle. And there is no limit in time to this growth. Perhaps the existence of a recession may cause governments and economists to rethink some of their goals. Perhaps a contraction of growth could have benefits that we have not yet explored.

Q. What is wrong with our world ?

A. Too many people,
Too much affluence,
The wrong technology.
Paul Erhlich.

"The man who dies with the
most toys wins." Anon

" Not all respectable people are
good; and there are many good
people who are not respectable."
E. Hubbard.

"Now owls are not really wise-
they only look that way. The
owl is a sort of college
professor."
E. Hubbard.

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Rock Breaking ~ PARADISE MAKING

Have you ever dreamed of being involved in some really creative earthworks? Would you like to move a little piece of Warrandyte river-bank so that every time you walk that way you will remember the joy involved? Can you help create timeless tracks in the wilderness? Think we are kidding?.....NO FEAR!! It all awaits the lucky Fowspians who join Val Riddell's Rock-breaker Brigade. Just come along with pick, mattock and shovels PLUS gloves and work gear and sign on.....gauranteed to send you home feeling satisfied (albeit exhausted???)

And if rock-breaking is a bit much....well Pat Coupar has just the alternative....help with the Sunday Bay 'Paradise Planting'. We will augment the plantings behind the rabbit-proof fence and replace the plants which have 'gone to paradise' (?) and leave rabbit-guardians.

The Sunday Family (or just INDIVIDUALS) Day this month should give everyone a task they will enjoy.

Truly we need a big turn up as lots needs to be done.

Ian Roome as Intrepid Head Ranger will be along and will speak about PARK CHANGES 92' and you will all be led along the other track to see the amazing transformation of the clearing in Barnes backyard (just shows what those bunnies really do!)

Meet to review the days activities over a Billy-tea back at Sandy-Bay.

Bring a plate of afternoon tea to share.
Meet at Sandy Creek Car Park at 1.00pm.

Enquiries Val Riddell 877 4408
Pat Coupar 8441650 Burkes844 1060

Fun and a kiss from Ross.

Allocasaurina littoralis

SEC. TREE LOPPINGS

The S.E.C. Tree lopping is currently taking place at Wonga Park and once again the F.O.W.S.P. phones are running hot. Those people who are concerned or wish to learn more can ask for a copy of the S.E.C. Code of Practice for Tree Clearing 1992 from Ringwood Customer Service Centre...ask for Mr. John Ward on 871 0409. A recent letter from this office assures F.O.W.S.P. that the S.E.C. is mindful of our concerns and wish to minimise dissatisfaction of customers. If you feel the need for more consultation do contact John Ward (local Botanist Alan Noy was a wonderful help with 'difficult problems') and the S.E.C. will provide Indigenous species for replanting should you require them (available for them to purchase from our Nursery, Bimbadeen, or Alan Noy may be able to give you advise on availability in the district.) F.O.W.S.P. urge you to make your concerns known to the S.E.C. so better communication may result. Wonga Park member, well known environmentalist FLORA ANDERSON, would be pleased to help also....Enq. 722 1776.

Hot House Gossip and Festival Fows-up

Well the Festival is over once again....and wasn't it a marvellous one. Weather was fantastic, crowds of lovely people, LOTS of wonderful helpers(...many thanks to all...) fourteen interested and interesting families joined the Friends(...WELCOME...)and we had a marvellous response from the community.

Pat and Mike Coupar had THE BOOK for people to look at and we have had news that three groups have awarded grants towards the publishing "Discover Warrandyte"...Open Space 2000, Dept. of Conservation and Environment and City of Doncaster and Templestowe.

The float was a fabulous effort. Costuming looked very WILDLIFE...the Red-back Spider must have been a scary companion! The Hildebrands gave a sample of whats to come on May 3rd. and the Yarra Yarra Dancers were there as well!

The Shire of Eltham bought some of our excess stock to give as gifts for visitors to their tent display.(All empty pots will be gratefully received back.) We are thrilled to have them distributed in this way and commend Council making such a gesture. F.O.W.S.P. are committed to the education of the Community in use of Indigenous Plants in gardens on private land.

Note that Bimbadeen Nursery in Webb St. will be increasing indigenous tube stock for purchase.

Workers on "Billy Tea and Damper-on-sticks" and Face Painting did a wonderful job (as always)

We made \$121.00 for general funds....funds for use at the Nursery and for "Odds and Ends"

and with all the effort on THE BOOK at present.....sorely needed! Special thanks.

Gail Roche gallantly offered herself as a team member for W.E.L.'s "Undies Racer's. She was so impressed by the experience (they came second!-no training or previous experience) that she is planning to manage a F.O.W.S.P. team for 1993. See Gail soon if you have talent.....!

This Newsletter may not arrive before Easter. If it does you may wish to be involved in the Parks Interps Programme. Between April 17th(Fri) and 21st(Tues) it covers many enjoyable activities. Enquiries Park Office(Bookings as well) 844 2659 Marg Humphrey will give all the details.

This Newsletter is also going to press at the time of the trip to Kinglake. Sorry to those folk who were not able to go because of the School holidays.

Those six Fowspians who attended the V.N.P.A. Friends Network Seminar at the Herbarium found it fascinating. We came back to the Nursery full of "avoiding Kinks in Roots and the desire to try "Rootmakers" and "Springline pots". The regulars were treated to a mini seminar before a thing was pricked out and many new ideas are in practise now. We are to go on a trip to Ronneby Tree Farm at Berwick next Thursday to learn about said Rootmakers and Springline Pots which Mr Peter Laughton of Ronneby very generously donated upon our enquiry. The new pots are quite expensive and we will put the 100 of each type into use immediatley.....Many thankys.

Another special treat for Fowspians at the V.N.P.A. "do" was to find our Kim Robinson was to be one of the lecturers. Kim's lecture on the latest horror weed invaders and how to cope with them and all the old enemies was fabulous (as one would expect!) but of course we had lots more to catch up on and we hope she will come out and inspect HER creation...our Nursery.

Our CERTIFICATE as an Incorporated Body has arrived....so now we have joined these "ranks" Does anyone have a spare clip frame or be prepared to frame it so it can be "displayed"!!?

ARBOUR WEEK

ARBOUR WEEK....MAY 10-17th.....WE WILL NEED MANY HELPERS TO WORK WITH THE LOCAL SCHOOLS WHO WILL BE WORKING ON REPLANTING SITES AT POUND BEND AND STANE BRAE. PLEASE TELEPHONE TO OFFER HELP.....JOY HILDEBRAND 844 2638 or MARG BURKE 844 1060 or JAN TINDALE 844 3719.

FRIENDS OF WARRANDYTE STATE PARK

INVITE YOU TO A

FUN, FOLKLORIC CONCERT TO BE HELD AT THE

COMMUNITY CENTRE, YARRA STREET

ON SUNDAY EVENING 3 MAY 1992 FROM 6 - 8PM

ENTRY FEE OF \$5 (\$12 FAMILIES) INCLUDES TEA AND COFFEE.

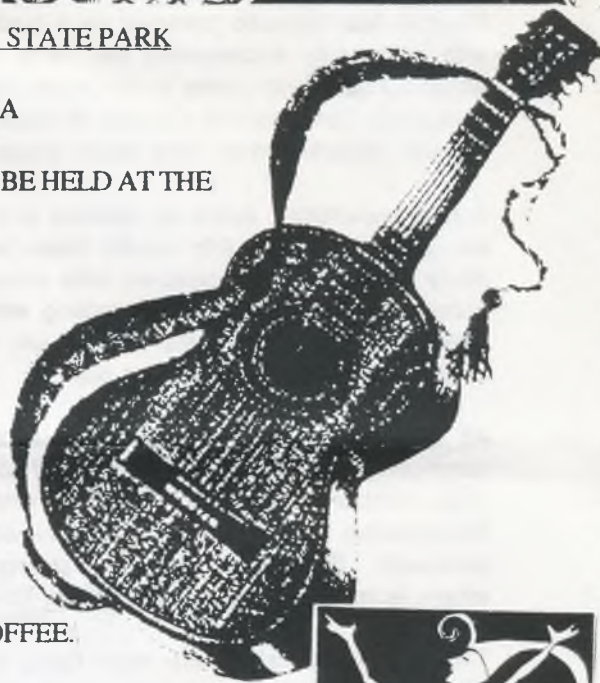
MUSIC WILL BE COURTESY OF OUR OWN MUSICOES,

'THE HILDEBRANDS' JOINED BY GREG O'LEARY.

(TROUBADORS WITH GUITAR, BANJO, MANDOLIN AND FIDDLE)

COME ALONG, BRING FRIENDS AND FAMILY AND

ENJOY A MUSICAL TREAT IN OUR NEW INDOOR 'OPEN SPACE'.



Butterfly Droppings.

The audience of F.O.W.S.P. & W.E.L. & some others were hugely entertained at the "Follies---West End Story" on the 26th. Mar. David Buck was a superb foil to the talented and glamorous tap-dancing troupe. The whole presentation was of a high standard. Special thanks to all those who helped with the Front of House and clearing up afterwards. **WATCH OUT FOR OUR NEXT THEATRE NIGHT!**

Folk In The Foyer.----it would be very acceptable if folk could bring a plate to share for supper and some of these kind people are needed to help with the refreshments (6-8pm. May 3rd...Volunteers contact Gay, Shirley...
Our intrepid explorers of FRENCH IS. last weekend. Brenda Hunter, Donald and Barbara Cameron returned exhausted but happy after two days of non-stop activity packed with interesting sights and experiences. The 40-cell prison disturbed the imagination as the heavily-barred doors swung shut with a clang!! Then came the eerie feeling of isolation as they became aware of a notice proclaiming NO PRISONERS PAST THIS POINT!! Thoughts of hard labour and rations came to her mind as Brenda realised that she had left her food basket on the hydrofoil!! However she must have been on good behaviour because they threw her some scraps.
Herd bat. Ewing Tree frog. Boobook owl. Koala. Red-necked Plover. Dott... in evidence---and---very few mosquitos.
Swimming and slide-viewing filled in the odd spare moment.

STOP THE GOLF WAR ON YARRA VALLEY PARK

FYVMP PRESS RELEASE: The Friends of the Yarra Valley Metropolitan Park believe that Paddles Reserve has fantastic potential as a bush and environmental education centre. We also believe that with community involvement the Yarra Valley Park has the potential to become one of the major urban conservation parks in the world; both in terms of size and significance. The proposal by the Doncaster Templestowe Council to build an 18 hole golf course on in excess of 160 acres of this uniquely isolated urban land would shatter both these dreams.

A rare opportunity exists to develop a bush and environmental education centre which, because of its proximity to the city would make available low cost, affordable excursions and camping for many of Melbourne's children who would not be otherwise able to afford it. Even more affluent parents are at the moment struggling with the high cost of children's camps.

Melbourne Water have stated they will explore the possibility of such a camp in this area in their recently released management plan.

An educational centre as envisaged would cater for all interested people, both in the local and wider community, whereas the use of a golf course is limited to those who play golf. There are already a large number of golf courses in the Yarra Valley. The wider areas of park are absolutely essential if the potential of the park is to be realised if both conservation and recreational objectives are to be achieved. For the conservation strategies to be effective it is essential that areas be retained where fauna can seek refuge and not be locked in to a thin strip next to the river.

The intention of taking the main Yarra trail in from the river at this point would benefit both people recreating, with some superb views across the river flats, and also fauna that could establish themselves in an area without excessive disturbance. This would not be possible with a major golf course as it would squash all this activity within a thin 100 metre corridor next to the Yarra.

In the seventies a proposal to develop Westerfolds Park as a golf course was stopped by local residents, including one of our current committee members Eve Fullarton, with the help of the then premier, Rupert Hamer. It is now used by in excess of 250,000 people for passive recreation and outdoor socializing. The numbers using Westerfolds is increasing significantly every year and if we care about future generations we cannot sacrifice this important space with great potential for a quick buck from a golf course now.

Bruce Plain 439 8750

Gay Harris, Marg and Ian Burke visited Paddles Reserve last weekend for the Rally to represent F.O.W.S.P. Friends of Yarra Valley Met Park have invited us as a group AND Friends of Mullum Mullum Creek to have a joint project day during World Environment Day (weekend?...June 6-7th) More in our next Newsletter.

The Networking of local groups is a very pleasing development. We can all achieve so much more by getting together on various issues which affect us all.

A meeting being held at Allwood House Hurstbridge is to discuss the proposed link up of Kinglake National Park and Warrandyte State Park. The Watsons Creek Corridor is a Fowspian "hobby-horse" and we had a meeting several years ago to explore the area and Ian Roche and F.O.W.S.P. recommended that it be added to the Park as the link for wildlife is the only one possible.

For more information contact Diane Silveri (Project Officer North Riding Community Action Group.)
A.H. 710 1331,

The YARRA YARRA Aboriginal Dancers

A day of Aboriginal Culture
as part of NAIDOC week.

present

12 JULY 1992.

12 noon 3 pm 6 pm

The MECHANICS INSTITUTE HALL.
187 YARRA St; WARRANDYTE.

* The history of CORANDERRK &
VICTORIA.

* TRIBAL DANCING.

* ARTIFACTS.

* ABORIGINAL LANGUAGE.

Admission.....Adults.....\$ 3.00.

Pensioners & Children.....\$ 1.00.

Family Ticket.....\$ 8.00.

for more information contact.....

GARY HUNTER.....(059) 713498.

WATTLES UNDER ATTACK

By Pat Coupar

Warrandyte wattles are under attack. The wattles concerned are Silver Wattles (*Acacia dealbata*) and the attack is coming from dozens of shiny black caterpillars. At first glance it seems that the attackers themselves are also under attack, as hordes of small black ants continually swarm all over the caterpillars' spiny bodies. What is actually happening is a fascinating, complex association between a plant, an insect and another insect.

Silver Wattles are one of the major foodplants for the caterpillars of the Common Imperial Blue butterfly. Like many species of the family Lycaenidae, these caterpillars not only have a close association with ants, but also show a marked preference for small trees. The Eltham Copper, which belongs to the same family, is another example of a caterpillar which is attended by ants and feeds exclusively on trees below a certain height - in this case Sweet Bursaria.

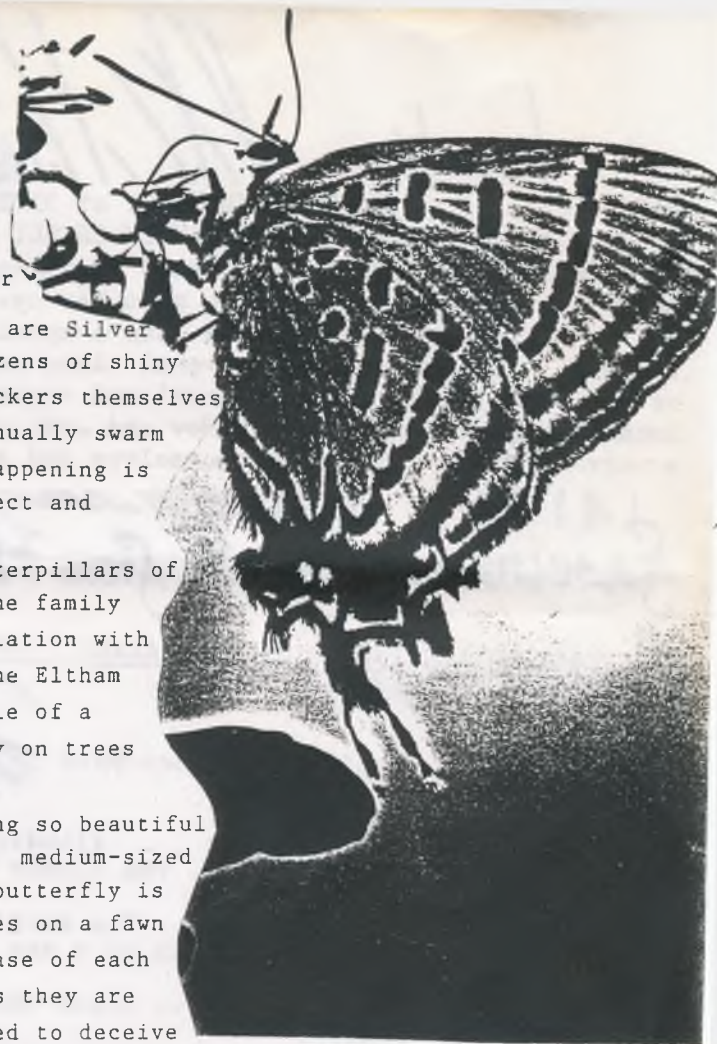
The Imperial Blue - I prefer to drop the Common, for nothing so beautiful should ever be called common - is a silvery-blue and black, medium-sized butterfly. The underside of its wings, seen best when the butterfly is at rest, is markedly different with dramatic dark wavy lines on a fawn background. There is a startling patch of scarlet at the base of each hindwing, just above the long black tails or hairstreaks as they are called. These hairstreaks resemble antennae and are designed to deceive birds - for losing a chunk of wing is preferable to losing a head.

The butterflies are very territorial and seldom fly far from the wattles on which they fed during the caterpillar stage of their life cycle. Female butterflies lay clusters of tiny white eggs, usually at the junction of stems or branches of young Silver Wattles. The caterpillars which hatch feed in groups on the feathery foliage and are always accompanied by little black ants. It is thought that the association between caterpillar and ant is of mutual benefit. The ants obtain nutrition in the form of sugars and amino acids secreted from glands on the caterpillars back. In return the ants provide some protection to the caterpillars by deterring predators and parasites. This unique guardianship continues even after the caterpillars have pupated.

Pupation takes place in groups on a silken web attached to the partially defoliated branches of the wattle. Male butterflies emerge first. No time or energy is wasted in searching for a mate, instead they simply flutter around the unopened pupae waiting for the females to emerge. Mating takes place almost immediately after the emergence of the females. Although large numbers of the caterpillars can do considerable damage to young wattles, they seldom kill the trees. If you are lucky enough to have these elegant butterflies breeding in your garden why not plant a few more Silver Wattles close by? This will ensure that future generations of Imperial Blues have a ready source of food for their caterpillars.

FOOTNOTE

Joy Hildebrand made an interesting observation while watching her 'family' of Imperial Blue caterpillars one afternoon in early March. She noticed a group of large orange-brown Sugar Ants (*Camponotus* sp.) steadily making their way up the tree on which the caterpillars were feeding. Faced with this intrusion, the smaller Meat Ants (*Iridomyrmex* sp.) which were attending the caterpillars, began to attack. But due to their smaller size, the little black ants were literally thrown off the tree. The Sugar Ants investigated the caterpillars but did not appear to take over the role of the Meat Ants. By the next morning the intruders had gone and the Meat Ants were busily attending the caterpillars once more.



Autumn

Autum brings a soft rustle to the world and leaves summer to fall asleep without being disturbed yellow, orange, scarlet and sometimes maroon are working away to cover summer without a trace.

By Annie Hildebrand

Special Day at Bimbadeen

MAY 10th.....JOINT PROJECT DAY at BIMBADEEN NURSERY.....EXPERIENCE a COMMERCIAL NURSERY.
HELP JENNY AND THE HANSON FAMILY REALLY BRANCH OUT INTO INDIGENOUS PLANTS.

Regular Thursday Friends will know that Jenny (Hanson) Drummond has had a really bad trot (health-wise) since her trip to meet her new 'inlaws'. She is full of enthusiasm to go "INDIGENOUS" but is on a forced go-slow. We plan a special work experience day on Sunday May 10th at 1.00pm. You have visited Bimbadeen several times as GUESTS in the last couple of years...this time we will visit as 'Friends in deed' and achieve another of our aims...indigenous plants in a local retail nursery. Peter, Bev and John will all be there to guide us and we will all have a marvellous day. So bring yourselves and a plate of something to share for afternoon tea.

Fascinating facts from Flora

PLANT COLLECTING AS HEALTH HAZARD & SUPERIORITY OF THE FEMALE SPECIES CHALLENGED

Acrotriche serrulata... Honey-pots

Greek akron, summit

thrix, trichos, hair alluding to the tuft of hairs near the apex of the corolla lobes. The flower tube is swollen and full of nectar, thus Honey-pots.

serrulata = finely serrate. The margins of the leaves have a row of small projections like teeth of a saw.

Allocasuarina littoralis ... Black She-oak

The scientific name for the Cassowary is Casuarus casuarus which explains the generic name Casuarina, based on a fanciful resemblance of the foliage to the drooping feathers of the bird.

The Greek allo means strange, foreign.

There are many strange things about this genus, the only member of the family Casuarinaceae.

In 'A handbook to plants in Victoria', Willis 1972, says 'The correct systematic position of this curious family has long been disputed' and Costermans in 1983 .. 'Though traditionally classified at the beginning of the dicotyledons, it appears to have connections with gymnospermous plants'. (We all know he's talking about things like conifers)

The National Herbarium Sydney has completed a major revision of the genus one of the results being that we are now referring (when we remember) to all the Melbourne Casuarinas as Allocasuarinas.

littoralis of course, means coastal

And now to the common name (curiouser and curiouser)

A.J. Ewart spelt the name sheoke in his 'Flora of Victoria'. After all, the plant bears very little resemblance to an oak. However he tried in vain as the word is now always spelt 'she-oak'. The word 'she' was used in the past to signify 'inferior'. Yes, in early literature he-oak did occur but is not used now. C. luehmannii is called Bull-oak in N.S.W. and Queensland, but in Victoria the spelling Buloke is often used. "Flora of Melbourne" plays safe and uses both.

Callistemon sieberi ... River Bottlebrush

Used to be known as Callistemon paludosus

Greek kalos, beauty
stemon, stamen

sieberi ... after F.W. Seiber (1789-1844) Born in Prague, trained as an architect, but Botany his obsession. A great collector.

This entailed, of course, travelling around the world. In 1823 he spent 7 months in N.S.W. Australia. At least 40 plants were named after him eg. Eucalyptus sieberi (Silvertop)

From his world trip he brought back 300,000 plants. I do not know if he became demented trying to sort them out, but the sad fact is that he died at the age of 55, in a mental institution in Prague.

*Allocasuarina
littoralis*



PARK CARE

It's pleasing to be able to report to F.O.W.S.P. this month the overall positive response felt from the community towards ParkCare. There was a great response from the festival with many residents expressing interest and support for the program. It was encouraging to meet many people who had previously expressed interest in the program and I am currently trying address the areas and working groups recommended.

A warm thankyou to all who attended the ParkCare community meeting on April 1st. The support was greatly appreciated and provided a positive discussion forum for the direction of ParkCare. The need for a close liaison between the Park and Community was addressed and we hope to support this through the working groups discussed on the night.

In the immediate future for ParkCare:

We hope to re-ignite the enthusiastic work previously carried out in Bradleys Lane with a "ParkCare walk and talk" through Normans Reserve on Saturday 11th April. We will be meeting at the entrance of Normans Reserve at 2pm and will be joined by a ranger to talk about the aspects of the adjoining parkland.

The Koornong aims to see some active support initiated on Wednesday 29th April at 10am with what hopes to be a monthly occurrence. The morning will focus on providing residents with a closer insight to "their part of the park" which we hope will inspire future action. (meet at Hamilton Rd carpark gate)

ParkCare is planning to generate resident support in Fourth Hill with an informative "walk and talk" hopefully some time early in May. I will be contacting those who have expressed interest in this area some time in April. The ParkCare calender is beginning to look healthy and hopefully by May I will be able to provide a more structured list of "ParkCare happenings". For those who still have "buzzing" ideas they wish to share, please contact me at the park office on 844 2659.

Fay
Fay Valcanis
ParkCare Officer.

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VOLUNTARY WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

Those people who applied for consideration under the Land For Wildlife scheme are presently being assessed. Several Members have been approved already and many more will be visited in the next weeks. Those members who have been slack in getting the forms to Virginia had best get to it. If you would like a form either call the Park Office (844 2659), see Virginia or get one from F.O.W.S.P. We always have plenty at the market. Virginia will speak at several of our meetings to answer queries-or chat over the phone.

Themeda triandra

Mystery Reporter

Fact 1 THURSDAY 6th FEBRUARY 1992 A.D.

Fact 2 11.00 am - at the Pound Bend Depot

Fact 3 Unexpected rain - a dash for cover by your Mystery Reporter

Fact 4 Inside the "new" office - the revamped "old" lunchroom.

The above indisputable facts led to the discovery of a little known 'dual activist', an inverted sort of 'Phoenix'. The person involved is known under the code name 'Matt'. He is operating in two areas, both of which are a mystery to the unsuspecting public at large. FIRE ECOLOGY and PARK PLANNING. (What other phrases could bring such widespread horror and fear? M.R.)

It can now be revealed that Matthew D. White originally trained as a forester and now a Science Officer Grade 1, is the character involved!

'Matt' was born in Mitcham, went to Heatherdale Primary School and then onto Vermont High School where he completed his H.S.C., now V.C.E.? (only those who are not easily shocked should refer to the Glossary of Cyphers at the end of this article).

After completing a 4 year course - Bachelor of Forest Science, jointly at Melbourne Uni and Creswick (now a M.U. Campus) he worked for the Forest Commission in the Otways, Conservation of Forest and Lands and the Potter Farmland Plan near Hamilton - dealing with the rejuvenation of degraded farmland. After qualifying he also worked for the C.F.A. as a Communications officer (mainly radio), and then worked in Sweden with a tree breeding company- assessing progeny, Trials, etc.

Matt then travelled through Western Euope and returning to Victoria he worked on silviculture at Orbost, looking for a better balance of environmental, economic and social aspects of native forest utilisation. On another trip overseas he holidayed in India for several months, then Turkey, Hungary, Greece, "Jugoslavia" and on returning to Australia was unemployed for a while.

He worked as a statistician, then worked in the Melbourne Region of the D.C.E. (1990) as a statutory planner and, after two months being unemployed, is now a Science Officer based at Warrandyte State Park until the end of June 1992. What then?

His planning function at W.S.P. involves taking the Management Plan, looking at the time frame, money and best use of resources to achieve the goals of the W.S.P. PLAN. This involves dealing with day to day issues such as permits for activities in the Park, encroachments on the Park, etc. and looking at budgets and works programmes.

His other job is to assess the effectiveness of 'fuel reduction burning' and its effects on the Park environment. He is also researching Park areas where there is no fuel reduction programme to see if "some burning regime" is required for purely ecological reasons.

"The reasoning behind fuel reduction practices is that wildfire intensity will be reduced and active suppression can take place. However, this fuel reduction burning may have a detrimental effect on the flora and fauna of the Park and the Department needs to find a balance between fire protection and a requirement to approximate fire's natural role in the environment".

Working on 100 metre by 100 metre grids, Matt is also taking fuel samples. This will result in the collection of detailed data related to vegetation, fuel loads and previous fire history. Matt is also interested in receiving local information on the location of species that are considered significant or important in the Regional or Local context and have a limited distribution within the Park, or are poorly represented on publically owned land. The following, previously unrevealed information was culled during an intensive interview - : Matt, aged 27, drives an HD 1976 Cortina and used to ride a JAWA motor-bike. He is an experienced rock-climber and usually climbs in the GARIWERD (the Granprians). He is so far injury free. He has also climbed in the European Alps (summertime) and in the Midlands U.K. He is a bushwalker, mainly to go climbing, he used to play cricket, 'footy' for Heatherdale and basketball for a club in Orbost.



Vital Statistics Matt claims that his eyes don't really have a colour, "sometimes they look grey or greenish or hazel".

Height. 170 cm (5' 10 1/2), weight 66 kg.

He has a girlfriend who studies in ceramic design and has a 'heeler cross' dog called Rivka.

Matt enjoys reading a lot and watches a lot of movies, mainly 40's and 50's, watches ABC, O-28 and sometimes cricket.

He enjoys cooking, grows a lot of 'vegies', lives in Richmond, barracks for Geelong and has all his own teeth, "complete set". In the food arena he likes anything that's hot and spicy, occasionally buys take-aways such as falafel and enjoys the local Vietnamese fare/cuisine. He can speak Swedish and can communicate in German. Matt enjoys contemporary music, his favourite drinks are beer "and very, very rough reds". He wears glasses, doesn't need hearing aids, does the odd chin-up and practices climbing on various edifices. (Location and type not revealed due to security reasons!)

In spite of all the brilliant questioning and cunning ploys used by your M.R., I was unable to discover any dark secrets about Matt. Perhaps there aren't any. Nevertheless the probing into nefarious activities at the Park will continue unabated. And what is the "Plan"? And who are the hidden players in its success? What and who is "a temporary hand for Wildlife Extension Officer" and which committee member will next be exposed by the M.R.? Watch for future exciting revelations.

Glossary of Cyphers

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| A.D. | ANNO DOMINI, general period of time following the birth of one of the big "re-planners" of the Christian era. | | |
| a.m. | ante meridiem, time when most useful work is done and most plotters sleep. "before noon" | | |
| phoenix | Mythological bird, the only one of its kind, that after living five or six centuries in the Arabian desert burnt itself on a funeral pyre and rose from the ashes with renewed youth to live through another cycle. (Contrary to popular opinion it did <u>not</u> vanish into an orifice.) | | |
| "Matt" | see text | C.F.A. | Country Fire Authority - an active, respected organisation. It may have as part of its hidden agenda a desire to prevent Phoenix committing "suttee". (please excuse the metaphor). |
| | | D.C.E. | Department (of) Conservation (and the) Environment. One of the many names and aliases which a certain organisation has been made to use so that certain philosophical political and economic agendas can be quietly achieved. |
| A.B.C. | Australian Broadcasting Commission - has often transmitted "uncensored information within Australia. Recently involved with "Sleepers". Uses codes such as RN, LO and uses "Regional" links. | | |
| O-28 | <u>Mystery Reporter</u> A brave person, unflinching in the face of deceit, and depravity, serving the highest goals of humanity, seeking the truth and serving W.S.P. by encouraging an incorruptible task force of staff, volunteers and supporters to ensure that W.S.P. is not: (a) Woodchipped (b) a site for a Casino (c) a site for a Multi Function Polis (d) A Station for the Very Fast Train Project (e) a New Shopping Centre (f) the site for a new Victorian Parliament House "All that is required for evil to succeed is for people of good will to do nothing". | W.S.P. | Warrandyte State Park |
| | | H.D. | Car 'term' - undeciphered. |
| V.C.E. | Victorian Certificate (of) Education - an uncontroversial effort at social and educational engineering. | | |
| M.U. | Melbourne University - an organisation known for its low social status - your M.R. went through it many times. | | |
| JAWA | M.R. seeks information on this. | D. | initial of middle name of Matt. - top secret |
| U.K. | United Kingdom (home of M15, M16 etc.) | H.S.C. | Higher School(s) Certificate |



'Fossicking Ross & Percy Pass'

Put in the legs
which are missing
from these
Huntsmen?



Count the spiders
legs.

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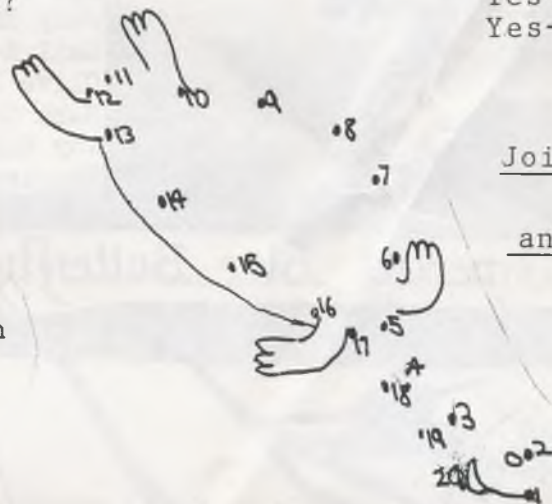
During the school holidays Fowspianmites will be able to come to the Nursery Activities with their parents. Ross will be doing his Yabbie surveys and various other interesting things. Come and join in.

Ross and Percy would love to hear from any of the Fowspianmites with a story or a picture puzzle, joke or game to share with us all. Write to them care of P.O. Box 220 Warrandyte 3113

Identi-key. Common land animals.

If you find a animal and you don't know what it is, use this identi-key and try to identify what your animal is by going down the steps and looking at your animal.

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| 1.Does the animal have legs? | No-go to 2 Yes-go to 5 |
| 2.Does it have a shell? | Yes-Snail. No-go to 3 |
| 3.Is it's body segmented? | Yes-go to 4 No-Slug. |
| 4.Does it have pro-legs? | Yes-Catipillar No-Worm |
| 5.How many legs. 4 pairs of legs? 3 pairs of legs? 2 pairs of legs? More? | Yes-Spider. Yes-Insect. Yes-go to 9 Yes-go to 6 |
| 6.Less than 12 pairs of legs? More than 12 pairs of legs? | Yes-Slater. Yes-go to 7 |
| 7.One pair per segment? Two pairs of legs per segment? | Yes-go to 8 Yes-Millipede. |
| 8.Fifteen pairs pf legs? Fifteen pairs of long legs? 21 to 23 pairs of legs? | Yes-Stoneliver. Yes-Sheild-beare Yes-Centipede. |
| 9.Slimy skin? Scaly skin? Furry? | Yes Frog. Yes-Lizard. Yes-Mammal. |



Join the dots

and color me!

MEMBERSHIP...RENEWAL(OR NEW MEMBERS WISHING TO JOIN.)

SEND WITH CHEQUE TO P.O.Box 220,
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Details of Members

Names (all of family + ages of children).....

Any special interests?

Address.....Family Subscription/
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Telephone No.....

Any suggestions.....Donation.....

DATES FOR THE CALENDAR.

Every THURSDAY (including holidays) 10am. at the Nursery. Bring lunch-all welcome- no experience necessary. Learn all about plant propagation/running an Indigenous Nursery. Also paper-making, and "building, maintenance group".

Volunteers for helpers Music in the Foyer Concert (May 3) Arbour Week (10-17 May) Market Stall.

F.O.W.S.P. Parkcare Groups

Gad's Gang at Stoney Creek.....Second Sundays 9.30am. 844 3799

Friends of the Wandering Brogil.....Every Saturday 9am 844 2638

Bradley Brigade April 11th then dates decided to be announced 844 2659

Koorung Group April 29th-Wed. 10am.....Monthly.....844 1841

Fourth Hill Walk and Talk, early May. WE NEED CONTACT PEOPLE Fay 844 2659

Jumping Creek Track Maint/tree plant.....April 26th, Sun. 1.00pm.

Arbour Week.....May 10-17th

Autumn Tree Plantings.....Weekly-Thursdays or to be arranged.

Market Stall, Stiggants.....May 2nd, Sat, 9-12.30

Folk Music in the Foyer, Community Centre...May 3rd, Sun 6-8pm.

Committee Meeting...Depot.....May 5th, Tues. 7.30pm.

Arbour Week...Various sites, schools.....May 10-17th

Sunday Nursery Activity Day.....May 31st, Sun 1.00pm.

NEXT NEWSLETTER COPY DEADLINE.....May 2-3rd Sat/Sun.

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