



FRIENDS OF WARRANDYTE STATE PARK NEWSLETTER

August 1993

Editorial.

In the southern hemisphere Australia has indeed been the " lucky " country compared with such places as Africa and South America. We have not faced the devastation of war now so common in Europe and the Middle East. Starvation and epidemic disease have had little impact on our population. Although separated by great distance from other countries there should be little reason for complacency. We share with everyone the consequences of global pollution, species extinction, and loss of arable land. In the not too distant future we shall have to face the exponential rise in world population_ increasing by more than 90 million each year.

Geographically Australia is on the lower rim of densely populated Asian countries with rapidly expanding economies, and ever expanding export markets. We will always have difficulty in selling our goods competing with those who have access to cheap labour and raw materials. We will not only need to change our economy but also our education system now closely tied to the changing nature of the workplace. The challenge for this decade is to find an economic system that pays due regard to the environment - the sole provider of our wealth.

Parents have a duty to their children to make sure that they understand the ecology of the planet as an important part of their general education. With so many problems it is important for us to understand that most national governments have a preoccupation with economic growth and this has blinded them to the hazards that result from it. We have been led to believe that zero or negative growth would be antediluvian, a return to the Dark Ages and living on dirt floors. It might be of some value for us to investigate the advantages of a contraction of growth, and its subsequent benefits to the finite resources of the planet. It should be a positive approach and importantly give some hope to the disadvantaged poor people struggling for survival in a crowded world.

" Impossible things are simply those which so far have never been done."

Elbert Hubbard.

"The kindergarten is the the greatest scheme ever devised for education_ of parents"

Elbert Hubbard.

" The object of education is that a man may benefit himself by serving others".

Elbert Hubbard.

"Time however is growing short. Natures machinery is being demolished at an accelerating rate, before humanity has even determined how it works. Much of the damage is irreversible."

Paul Ehrlich

Acacia pycnantha

Golden Wattle

HEALESVILLE TRIP.....JULY SUNDAY ACTIVITY.

The day was a marvellous success despite the awful rain. About 30 Fowspians, including a large number of family groups came. Pat and Graham Madeley had organised things well and our walk around the Corranderk Reserve was led by one of the Healesville rangers. We were pleased to be able to recognise most of the vegetation - albeit much larger and more lush than we find it in Warrandyte. The Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater's Nursery is very well set up and they have good stocks of similar species to what fills ours. Afternoon tea was definitely not for the diet conscious and the cold weather and damp walk gave all hearty appetites. THEN out came the sun so most of us enjoyed a stroll around the Sanctuary. Many thanks to Pat, Graham, and the other members. 'Twas a day to be remembered.

FRIENDS OF ONE TREE HILL.....F.O.O.T.H.....From Foothers!

On Sunday August 22nd, at 2pm. the "Friends of One Tree Hill" will meet for their very first 'Activity Arvo'. (One Tree Hill is of course the O.T.H. in the Smiths Gully/Christmas Hills area.) Everyone is welcome to attend just arrive at the Fire Tanks Area which is situated on the North end of the Reserve at the One Tree Hill Road and Mine Shaft Road intersection. Diane Silveri, 'Footh' Co-ordinator, is organising afternoon tea and hopes you will bring some goodies to share.

This meeting will be held in a very interesting area with intact habitat and there will be a walk, led by a local geologist, into the valley area where retention works have been done. Our group will 'officially' set up and a core group of locals from this day will co-ordinate occasional activities with F.O.W.S.P. Our meeting day for activities at One Tree Hill will be on the THIRD Sunday of each month.

We have begun to collect seed and some plants are growing in the new One Tree Hill section of the F.O.W.S.P. Nursery. A couple of "Foothers" go along of a Thursday. Contact Diane if you would like to help.

The September Activity Day will be an Orchid/Wildflower Walk so put this special event in your diary. More will be in the next 'Foother' article in the F.O.W.S.P. newsletter. For any enquiries about meetings, locations contact Diane Silveri, at home, 710 1331.

One Tree Hill.....by Ranger Ray Jasper

Ray Jasper is the staff member appointed as Ranger of One Tree Hill reserve by the Department of Conservation & Natural Resources. His office and depot base are Warrandyte State Park and this will continue into the foreseeable future. He writes here.....

"Since the closure of unwanted tracks, the installation of gates and signs, and the regular patrols of One Tree Hill reserve, the occurrence of motor bikes, four wheel drives, shooting and car dumping have dropped very significantly. Now that the initial goals for One Tree Hill have been achieved, it is time to start getting the unwanted activities out of the near perfect bushland around the Reserve. In consultation with Melbourne Water this will be done by using gates and fencing at key locations to limit access to these areas. As this happens we will need volunteers, especially ones with the commitment of a friends group and I am delighted that Friends of One Tree Hill has been set up. I look forward to what we can achieve together. Some of the tasks ahead will be - revegetation of badly eroded areas, weed control, rubbish removal, and many other activities which we can decide upon. This pristine environment (a rare thing near Melbourne) which has been identified as VERY SIGNIFICANT around the One Tree Hill area, can be enhanced and if the Warrandyte - Kinglake link, goes ahead, the protection of the area will already be well assured."

F.O.W.S.P. has a deep commitment to the establishment of the link along the Watsons Creek corridor and we hope F.O.O.T.H. establishes a strong membership under the guidance of Ray Jasper. We will have activities together as a regular feature. Congratulations Dianne.

Acacia verticillata

BOXED.....by Debbie.

Just recently Ranger David and myself inspected the nest boxes -this was long overdue It had been a long time since we last looked at the nest boxes. We were unsure of what would be found. Apart from the weather, the day could be classed as a success. Two of the boxes were found to have been inspected by birds and both had droppings . In one the entrance hole was chewed. Previously another box had been found with bees in it.This time the door was open,the bees dead, and most of the honeycomb destroyed. There were rat or possum droppings inside (possibly a possum who had a snake). In another box designed for rosellas we found and removed an Indian mynah nest consisting of twigs, paper, plastic and grass.The greatest surprise was to find two large black eyes - wide awake staring at us - when we looked in a box designed for rosellas. A sugar glider (*Petaurus breviceps*) was snug in its gumleaf cup shaped nest .So far we have been unsuccessful in seeing the glider come out of the box to feed, so to date we only know there is one glider in the box(perhaps a female who has found a place to nest?)

'Prickly Moses'

David Van Bockel'sThursday Afternoon Activities

Thursday afternoon activities have become even more enjoyable since David took over their organisation. We now leave the depot/nursery, after our lunchbreak in the Folly (with 'rostered' hot soup), at 1.15pm and set forth to another section of the park. David leads a walk - designed to develop your skills of recognition of Flora, Fauna, Birds, Invertebrates, etc. and to familiarise you with as many areas of the Park as possible. He then gives members the opportunity to take part in an example of Park Management. Each afternoon will end with a cuppa and chat.

David wishes....."to diversify activities, to see things through from its beginning to conclusion. An example would be to teach members to identify a rare plant. The next stage of course, would be to collect propagation material of that plant, and have it grown in our Nursery ready to plant out. The future will include planting back in the park, protecting from rabbits and long term monitoring and maintenance."

"Tasks, projects, topics, and the basic objectives of my Thursday afternoon programme will fall into this area....."

1. Surveys of plants, including weeds, and surveys of animals with specific species in mind. Things such as rare species, learning birds (maybe from their calls) identification of dead species we find etc.

2. Identification of plants and animals. This will be both indoors, with books, slides, cassettes, etc. and in the field.

3. Monitoring of the quadrats which have been set up as part of the fire management program for Warrandyte S.P. Survey of plant species and their abundance.

4. Seed collecting.



5. Planting out rare plants. Planting into sensitive areas, ie. into areas unsuitable for untrained volunteers - school groups etc.

6. Weeding - particularly around rare plant and habitat areas.

7. Direct seeding.

8. Provide input into Park management planning by helping identify future Park and F.O.W.S.P. projects. (Working examples would be - Flora Anderson's bringing Park's attention to an important colony of Banksia at Yarra Brae.....very significant, and may eventually lead to the inclusion of crown land on northern bank into State Park. A simpler example is Elma Angus's suggestion of the need for a seat opposite the "Tunnel" -this now being constructed.)

9. Following up previous works. Assisting Parkcare groups where possible.

10. Guest speakers and excursions outside the Park will be included."

August/ September Programme.

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Project/destination.</u>
Aug. 19th.	<u>Fourth Hill.</u> Orchid walk and identification. Follow up removal of Cootamundra Wattles and Pines. Discussion.
26th.	<u>Blacks Flat.</u> Orchid Survey and identification. Projects- planting, removal of honeysuckle, regravelling of pathway.
Sept. 2nd.	<u>Koorong.</u> Afternoon walk will be- general Plant Identification, after a follow up to the underlay/mulch. Meet Parkcare group.
9th.	<u>The Common.</u> General walk and Orchid identification. Ringbarking and handpulling woody weeds.
16th.	Set aside for organising project of an urgent nature, e.g. Dealing with rare species of orchid. Check with David. (844 2659)

From now on each month we will publish David's programme so you will be able to look forward to it. Also it will give those who are not 'regulars' the opportunity to participate if so inspired. Do feel free to discuss the programme with David - perhaps you even wish to make some suggestions. Phone him at the Park Office on 844 2659.

HOT HOUSE GOSSIP.

Lots of activities again this month with Wattle Day, Melbourne Wildflower Show, very busy Thursdays including Cathy's Workshops. Every little extra helps and the reaction from members for more volunteers has been fantastic. People who join F.O.W.S.P. are simply a wonderful group of folk.

Marg is off in hospital for a short stay (she hopes!) and we would like plenty of volunteers to make everything run smoothly late August and early September. If you would like to help, please ring 844 1060. We have the final Sunday and Market etc.

We would like to thank Lee Silveri for his wonderful and rapid response to our call for a shed. Lee and Diane have one in pieces which they are prepared to pass on for the use of the Nursery group. We have tools, pots, boxes, and all kinds of assorted equipment without a proper home..... and we have made a promise to Ian Roche NEVER to have the place look like a TIP. So once we get the shed transported and erected.....!

Another thing now, (NO WE ARE NEVER FINISHED!) we need another wheelbarrow or so. We wonder if any of you have a spare builders type barrow or pieces thereof! We have one in the Nursery which is always over utilised. And now we have huge heaps of mulch, moving of mixes, and the needs of the Bushrangers to consider. Builders barrows are quite expensive and our members are ingenious at repair, rebuilding etc. We will also be needing something which is lightweight and will listen to any suggestions.

Ian Roche, Pat Coupar and Margaret Burke are actually in the process of developing a plan of the Nursery.....as it is, as we hope to develop it within the next few years - with help from Melbourne Parks and Waterways Grants etc. and as it will be in the longer term when the Park Office and Works Depot are finally rebuilt. We don't want to be wasteful of resources or labour etc. and we wish our plans to be known to head office for incorporation in official plans.

We wish to thank Stephen Ray and the City of Doncaster and Templestowe for the amazing pile of mulch for use in the Nursery. It is a mixture of plant material, but will of course be composted for a number of years before becoming potting mix. We have a huge pile of woodshavings to add and the layer of mulch all over the Nursery will help eliminate weeds. The micro-organisms will be so varied that any dangerous varieties, such as Cinnamon Fungus, will simply be overwhelmed. With what the S.E.C. supply, we will actually be able to produce our own organic potting mix, as Colin Arnold of Box Hill, Council Nursery advises.

Well we really know someone is listening when the UNDER 3 Y.O.'s announce, whilst the group is working out bird calls, that the loud croak is a 'Ranidella' sure enough that was exactly the species of frog in nearby Andersons Creek and we were so pleased to be told by Keith Dimech. He knows all about plants and potting mix as well!

Pat Coupar is in the process of organising the production of a poster of that wonderful river scene on the cover of the book. NOW we need help with the MARKETING and would like to hear from any people who would like to help. This has been a reaction to the many suggestions we have these made.

WATTLE DAY at the Market, with Warrandyte Lions Club, has been quite inspirational for F.O.W.S.P. We had a 'Warrandyte Wattles' brochure out, much thought into the ideas about 'Supporting your local Sugar Gliders'..... as Joan MacMahon has been suggesting, and next year we hope to have a huge variety of local wattles for people to choose from. Working with other community groups is VERY high on our agenda. We thank the Lions for providing pots, potting mix, face paints and company! Supplies of pots were generous and the Wildflower Study Group now have NEW small herb pots for the plants they study and grow.

Cathy Willis produced a wonderfully useful set of notes to go with her Workshops and these are available through her. She will do these workshops again at a date to be announced as we try to train our Nursery volunteers as well as possible. Cathy, as Supervisor, gives our workers an experience which is both enjoyable and rewarding. The young unemployed members are gaining a very wide variety of skills.

The Bushrangers are all gathering a wide range of skills..... from Nursery skills, revegetation, building, fencing and field work skills. In turn they keep us all laughing. Rocky is a fair devil for humour and has an eternal grin! Richard is his mate and has a fantastic capacity for Nursery work. Greg and Ian have been off at work experience but we hope to have them back soon.

Barbara and Don Cameron arrived back from holidays...a few disasters under their belts and Barbara with several metal pieces in her foot. All she did was climb through a fence, nothing much for a seasoned bushwoman. Anyway at present Barbara is encumbered with crutches and Don is managing all the things which she wishes to be able to do! We hope it will not be tooooooo long Barbara. We of course welcomed Don back.....the Nursery renovation needs him!

As this goes to press H.H.G. must report that the dear (?) old Hot House, about to be incorporated into a new design, has had a terrible accident. Fierce winds blowing around the Nursery 'peeled' its roof back - a bit like a tin can! We thus become even more desperate for that lovely new one to be ready. SO....if you have any talents with a hammer and nail just come along and join the crew any Thursday 10am, onwards.

Hope Fay Valcanis has enjoyed her trip up north and we look forward to her return on Monday (16th) We will enjoy hearing how Georgie and Edward Saunders are getting on in Kakadu. And we look forward to her article for the Newsletter of course!

Clematis microphylla

Warrandyte Wattle Day

.....August Market.

An absolutely wonderful day which was sponsored by the Warrandyte Lions Club and came about because our newest member, Cath Watts, wrote to "Australia All Over" on Radio National with a suggestion that "Wattle Day" be re-instituted as a day to celebrate the beginning of Spring. Cath had approached the Lions and the Market Committee to suggest a Wattle Market Day on the first market day in August. We were consulted and it fitted F.O.W.S.P. to perfection, especially as Joan MacMahon had a plan to increase Sugar Glider habitat. And so the Wattle Fairy, the Possum Box Builders, as well as a troop of Fowspians and Lions came along with pots, potting mix, Acacia seedlings, paints, smiles and good-will. The weather was 'fresh', even damp - but our spirits were high and many folk left the market with a wee wattle or two for their garden. We had made a brochure to give away, specially for the occasion 'Warrandyte Wattles', and Lions organised the printing. Ken MacMahon and Ian Burke gave a demonstration on Sugar Glider Box construction. We could have SOLD such a lot...but of course we were more interested in increasing homes for possums etc. to be monitored under our Nest Box Programme. These will go to Norman's Reserve to be monitored by Friends of Bradleys Bush. Shirley had the Wattle Fairy working hard painting sprigs of local species on cheeks, jowls, hands and..... too pretty to wash off actually. The venue was a meeting place for lots of happy folk and this celebration of our National Flower and friends will become an annual Lions/F.O.W.S.P. event. We want lots of ideas for next years Wattle Day.

P.S... When the MacMahons arrived home that afternoon they were inspired to check the nest boxes they had installed at their property in Bradleys Lane.....Well, lo and behold, those homes were not empty as they had been (except for some invading bees.) - the first had a sleepy ringtail, the next was unoccupied, the third held FOUR Sugar Gliders! We can give you instructions to make your own Fauna Motel..... ask at the next market.



Copies of 'Warrandyte Wattles' are available at the market, Nursery or see Margaret Burke.

BUSH BULLIES.

9.30am. Momday August 2nd.

I'd heard a Fan-tailed Cuckoo calling down by the river behind our house. We'd been hearing them for about a fortnight so, with binoc.'s in hand, I went to investigate. The cuckoo proved elusive but while scanning for it I made an interesting discovery. I found a Manna Gum (Euc. viminalis) behind our neighbour's place, old enough to have at least three sizeable hollows. In the top hollow were a pair of Rainbow Lorikeets. For a few minutes I observed them squashed in the entry, just their heads protruding. They made a delightful sight with their rich blue facial plumage and deep orange/red beaks.

At the same time the middle hollow was being investigated by a young pair of Crimson Rosellas. Trouble soon arrived in the form of three 'Bush Bullies' (Indian Mynahs). With noisy flapping of their wings they sent the rosellas packing. For a while they appeared to stand guard over the hole, but then they too departed.

The lower hollow was next in line for attention. A pair of pardalotes (Striated, I think) checked it out briefly before flying away.

I'm really pleased to have discovered this tree. As time permits I'll revisit and see who else is checking it out - apart from me!

Joan MacMahon.

Acacia mearnsii - Black Wattle



I have found on many occasions that the use of common names, particularly for plants, can easily lead to confusion. This is especially true when the word weed appears in the name, because in many cases the plant is not a weed at all.

To illustrate this I have compiled the following list of Warrandyte's indigenous plants that have weed in their name. (There may be more.) Most of these common names refer to a number of species, but the indigenous species are usually in the majority. These figures have been taken from a list of genera with both indigenous and introduced taxa in Victoria, based on the work of J. H. Ross (A census of the vascular plants of Victoria 3rd. Edition. National Herbarium of Victoria. Lands and Forests Division, Department of Conservation, Forests and Lands, Melbourne March 1990) The complete list was printed in Indigynotes (the newsletter of the Indigenous Flora and Fauna Association) November 1990.

I assumed that those genera that did not appear on the list have no introduced species in Victoria. As I do not know the number of indigenous species I simply ticked them,

COMMON NAME	GENUS	INDIGENOUS	INTRODUCED
Bindweed	Convolvulus	3	1
	Calystegia	3	1
Cudweed	Gnaphalium	8	1
Duckweed	Lemna	2	1
Fireweed	Senecio	34	5
Joyweed	Alternanthera	2	1
Kidneyweed	Dichondra	1	1
Knotweed	Persicaria	7	1
Pondweed	Potamogeton		
Sneezeweed	Centipeda		
Stinkweed	Opercularia		

Looking over the list it becomes apparent why these groups of plants have the word weed in their name. Many have the ability to spread rapidly either by stolon or rhizome. Some are known colonisers of disturbed areas, and some grow rapidly after fire. The majority of these plants are riparian, a number growing in or on the water itself.

Despite the fact that a few of these plants have the potential to become invasive in certain conditions, I believe that their names are misleading and might discourage people from planting these indigenous species.

If there were no common names we would have no choice but to use the scientific names. These names, derived from Greek or Latin, are really not that difficult to pronounce or remember when broken down into syllables. Let's give these plants back some dignity. Stinkweed, Cudweed, and Sneezeweed are such unattractive and derogatory names for some of our very appealing, smaller native plants.

Dichondra repens - Kidney Weed.

EXPLANATION OF TERMS.

Genus	A unit of classification for a group of closely related species.
Genera	Plural of genus.
Species	A unit of classification for a group of genetically similar, freely inter-breeding, organisms.
Stolon	A basal stem growing above, or just below, the ground and rooting at intervals.
Rhizome	An underground stem.
Riparian	Of, or occurring on the banks of streams and rivers
Weed	A plant growing where it is not wanted. (This is an extremely simplified definition)

Mel Coupar Cards \$1 ea.

Mel Coupar's cards are available at Nursery or Market - or several spots around town. \$1 each. They are cream with a matching envelope and have no message. Four designs make a nice set.



the MYSTERY REPORTER.....

Disguised as a pure hybrid bag of mixed metaphors, the M. R. struck faster than a lightning shaft of silent shadow, and finally, after months of slick sleuthing and random planning, the until now unknown Brian John Phefley was cornered in the Noahs Ark building commonly called "the depot", "the office", and other various labels.

Born on March 13th 19-- "the same day as Aussie Joe Bugner (who?) " Brian's father was a journalist in the daily newspaper:- The Albury- Border Morning Mail, and his mother was a hard worker.

Eldest of five (2 boys, 3 girls) Brian attended St Augustines Primary School, then on to 'Wodonga Tech.' where he completed Form Four (year 10) before joining the Royal Australian Navy as a junior recruit at the age of fifteen.

Brian qualified as an Able Seaman, served on the H.M.A.S. Sydney (Troop Carrier) and the Duchess, a destroyer. He thus travelled 'halfway around the world' to places like Guam, New Guinea, Japan, Vietnam, and Surabaya.

After ten years Brian moved out to 'a lot of jobs', cab driver (is there a telephone?), started with the Forestry Commission in 1980 (had been a clerical assistant at a Regional Education Department Office - thereby hangs another tale), worked for the Gould League in 1978 and after a series of events moved from a radio-communication job to the Department now known as Conservation and Natural Resources. (- Which may be an acronym for Constant Name Review ??? - M.R.)) Brian is known to be working as a Technical Assistant 1 - Ranger.

Brian is the father of Monique, aged 6 months, has one niece, two nephews, likes football, has played for 33 years for teams... Wodonga, Navy (West Australia), Parap Wanderers (?) Darwin, Navy Nepean League, and others. He played with Montrose from 1979 to 1991, is now a life member, former coach, and finally, is a barracker for whichever A.F.L. team plays against Collingwood.

He enjoys watching his beloved Montrose football team, seeing his daughter, listens to every type of music and enjoys all EXCEPT Country and Western. He played drums in a band when he was thirteen or fourteen years of age and plays 'air guitar'.

FAVOURITE MOVIE - One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest.

FAVOURITE SONG - 'Money' by Pink Floyd.

FAVOURITE FOOD - "Anything Italian!"

FAVOURITE DRINK - "Fosters Special and Coffee. (But not together!)"

Brian claims he drives a "crappy" brown, Blue-bird 83/84. He loves listening to and watching comedy on radio and television. His favourite comedians are John Cleese, Spike Milligan, Rowan Atkinson, Groucho - Marx - inter alia.

Cleverly leading the conversation away from humour the M. R. discovered that Brian is presently studying A.D.A.S. - Associate Diploma of Applied Science (Natural Resources) - at the Frankston Campus of T.A.F.E. It is a four year part - time course. His 'avourite subject so far is Community Education.

One of Brian's present functions at the Warrandyte State Park is looking after and co-ordinating work experience. In general his main ambition "To go as far as I can in the short time I have left in this working life!"

VITAL STATISTICS.

HEIGHT "a Collingwood six footer" (ie. just under 6 foot)

WEIGHT "88 and falling...", shoe size 9

HAIR COLOUR "greying and receding", wears a moustache.

EYE COLOUR Hazel.

PETS -just tropical fish. - favourite fish is the "sucker".

FAVOURITE ANIMAL - "the much maligned Possum!"

GREATEST ADVENTURE - "being at sea in the middle of nowhere in rough weather - couldn't get too rough for me - never sea sick".

WORST EXPERIENCE that springs to mind, "almost washed overboard once,no that wasn't the worst....." This led to a covert revelation, in relation to vehicle number MXW---, table tennis size balls and an incendiary incident! - classified information, but may be acquired on request. The incident also involved the Melbourne Fire Brigade, King Street Bridge and Forestry House in Bourke Street.

CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES At 7.30am on a Sunday morning in a little side street Brian was booked! (parking offence) He would not be drawn about an incident during his service life.

OPERATIONS "If it wasn't for football I wouldn't have seen a doctor since I was twelve. His secret file shows that he has broken these bones (his own) playing football. Cheekbone, elbow, finger (right one - small) right thumb, unknown number of ribs, collarbone. Fortunately nothing below the ribs

BRIAN'S OWN QUESTION : Q "Who are the six people I would like to have to dinner?"

A. Bronwyn Bishop, Mother Teresa, Spike Milligan, Peter Ustinov, Peter Sellers, and Bob Menzies.

FAVOURITE GROUPS Pink Floyd, Santanna, Talking Heads, "and of course the Beatles".

The greatest nights of Brian have been, seeing the Phantom, and the Pink Floyd. (Concert?) He ultimately confessed that he dislikes cats, Collingwood supporters and most of all Warrandyte's main street on Sundays!

Well so another ranger is sieved through the M.R.'s webbed fingers. The next victim may be one of - Joy Hildebrand, (who may flee the country to avoid the M.R.) Margaret Dimech, Fossicking Ross.....or Percy Poss, Linda Bromilow, Stephen Rayand Uncle Tom Cobligh and ALL. "TREMBLE. ALL YE....."

FURTHER SCINTILLATING CLUES TO THE M.R.'S PAST.

1. At about the age of 18 pushed the button to operate the starter motor of a 5 ton Austin Truck (still in gear) and broke a cast iron verandah post in a large country town near the Victorian border
2. Has holidayed at Puckapunyal, Scrub Hill and site 17.

STEPHEN RAY(C.O.D.A.T.) has arranged for F.O.W.S.P. regulars to attend the Seminar on "COMPOSTING" on Friday 20th Aug. at no cost.

Normal cost is \$25 but Stephen understands the huge commitment you make to the environment. Posters will be up at the Nursery, or phone Stephen on 840 9461. Many thanks Stephen.

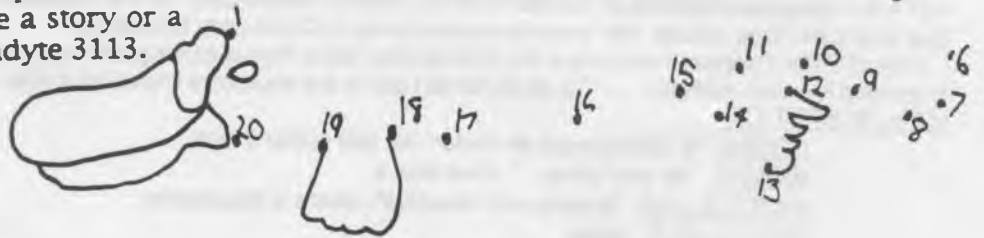
Fossicking Ross & Percy Foss

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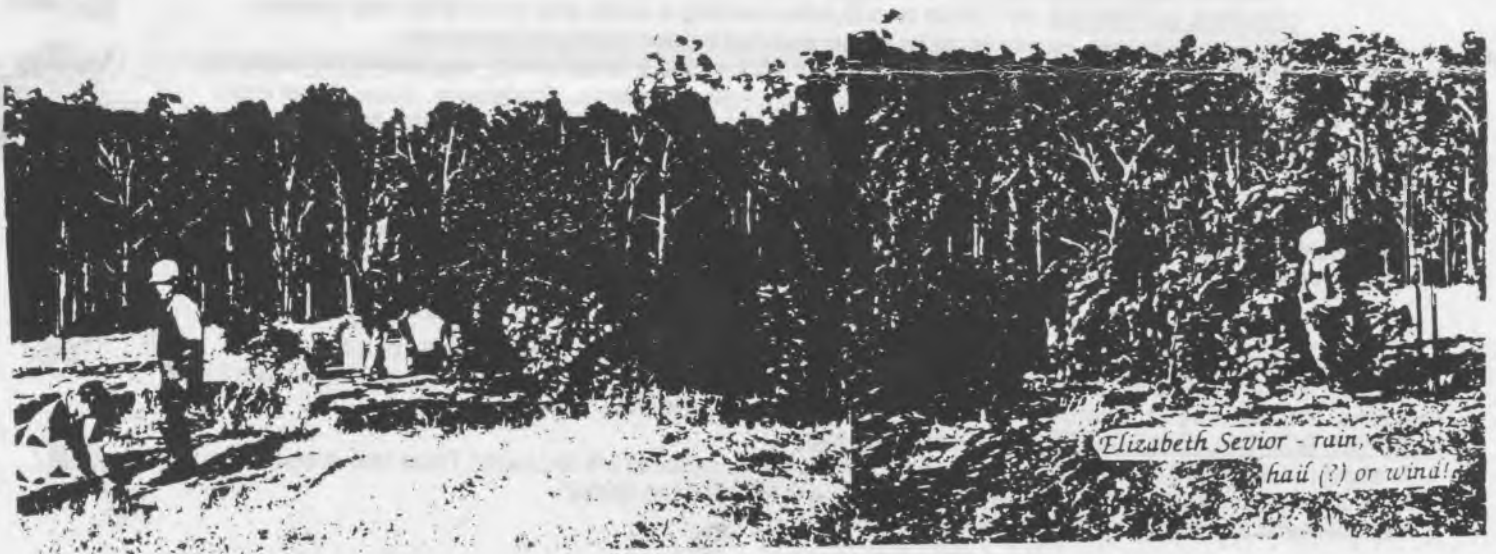
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Ross would love to have a letter or picture from
some of his fans. Perhaps you have a story or a
joke. Send it to P.O. Box 220 Warrandyte 3113.



Elizabeth leads her group down in the 'Coops'.....



Elizabeth Sevier - rain,
hail (?) or wind!

Elizabeth has been working with Ranger David V.B. to plan and supervise the newest Thursday program. The revegetation plots planted by local schools have been opened up into one huge one with rabbit-proofing all around and she will train her 'group' to help with all the experimental reveg. being trialled. Contact Elizabeth or David (844 2659) if you wish to become involved. We promise an interesting experience!

NOTICE: The 'FERN SPOT' this month is out in the field.....Keith Vagg.