



FRIENDS OF WARRANDYTE STATE PARK NEWSLETTER

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EDITORIAL

We live in a technological society where scientific achievements tend to obscure our appreciation of the time scale of environmental change.

Very few people give much thought to the fact that forest development can take one hundred years, or that salinity problems and loss of topsoil are only apparent after about fifty years. Even a cultivar may take twenty years to develop. Education for most people means a time span of only about ten years. Day to day living is governed by time intervals that vary from a few hours to one day. Newspapers and other media concentrate almost entirely on instant events that are mostly forgotten the next day.

Many people are seduced or persuaded by the glamour of a lifestyle where they have little or no sense of community responsibility, and live a life of self indulgent isolation. Others have found a way to change their attitudes and become involved in their local communities. The change can be achieved by belonging to a conservation group and committed to a bit of self education. After a while it is possible to express constructive ideas to government and local councils. The Minister for Conservation has often stated he receives hundreds of letters of complaints but seldom one of a constructive nature.

Just as the time span of change to the surface of our planet is usually long term, so will the measures taken to protect it. Yet despite some mistakes, we can achieve a great deal. It should also be remembered that the greatest will occur in the twenty-first century, conferred on our children.

Credo of Modern Man.

Growth leads to Prosperity,
Possessions lead to happiness,
Novelty leads to Satisfaction.

Anon.

"Some people succeed by what they know; some by what they do; and a few by what they are."

Elbert Hubbard.

"Children begin by loving their parents. As they grow older they judge them, and sometimes they forgive them."

Elbert Hubbard.

Spotlight Walk with our New Head Ranger.

This activity was lots of fun and the B.B.Q. Picnic at the Folly which took place before was up to its usual fabulous standard! Matt le Duc brought his family along for this fiery initiation ceremony and they all seemed to enjoy the experience. Matt's wife, Cecilia, plans to become 'involved' as soon as she gets settled into the house at Stane Brae. His son John looks to have many talents to involve and endear him to F.O.W.S.P. and Eatham (two and a half) really took the plunge when his first experience with our yabbies had him taking a dip in the dam. Ross Coupar was the leader of the 'Spotlighting' part of the night and did well with a Tawny Frogmouth (Cecilia spotted this first, thus winning the 'icy-pole award' for sharp eyes!) 3 Koalas, 8 Ringtail possums, and assorted thing which go * in the night! We arrived back at the Folly eager for a cuppa. If you missed this activity, be aware that it was unsheduled or advertised as Matt has only recently 'arrived'. We plan another 'getting to know' activity as the year progresses.

1994 PROGRAM- will not be published in full at this stage. Margaret and David drew up an interim program, pinned in the Folly. This will be modified as part of the consultation process with the new Head Ranger. Keep you posted!

Kym is organising the Sunday Activities and needs people to help her with afternoon teas, B.B.Qs, setting up, packing away. Please volunteer your services to make our days run smoothly. Phone her you names for her roster..... once or twice a year is all she requires.

Kym Docwra - 8763807.

PARKCARE NEWS.

As 1994 begins to unfold, ParkCare is heading into its third year in the Middle Yarra Region. Since it began there have been over 25 discovery walks, 20 family/weeding days, 14 workshops and the development of five Friends/ParkCare groups amounting to over 2000 volunteer hours in revegetating and weeding in and around Warrandyte State Park.

ParkCare has been working towards a ParkCare Strategy for the Middle Yarra Region over the last ten months, and will be released hopefully by the end of February. This will set the direction of ParkCare over the next three years. Unfortunately we are still waiting to hear of the future funding arrangement for ParkCare and it appears that funding after June this year is unlikely.

Progress report on ParkCare & Friends groups:

Koorngong

Contact: Cathy Willis

Ph: 844 1841

Meet regularly once a month, every first Wednesday between 10am-12pm.

Koorngong Cres Car park (Mel Ref 23 J7)

Projects include:

- removal of rubbish from around car park entrance and on earth mound
- laying of carpet underlay and mulch mound to smother Blue Periwinkle
- revegetation of mound at carpark with indigenous species and follow up work removing emerging shoots of Blue Periwinkle
- ecological burn and weed control in small sections along lower track and monitoring regrowth
- removal of weeds, mainly Ivy and Blue Periwinkle along boundary and lower track
- production of a draft management plan/direction for the Koorngong Reserve

Fourth Hill

Contact: David Van Bockel

Ph: 844 2659

Meet regularly every first Sunday of the month between 10am-12pm. Meeting spot: various from month to month depending on project.

Projects include:

- removal of Smilax from Whipstick Gully
- Boneseed and Cape Broom pull near David St entrance
- lay carpet underlay to smother Angled Onion weed near Gerahty's Mine and along Gold Memorial Track
- remove Sweet Pittosporum and Cotoneaster seedlings from top of Fourth Hill
- work on old reservoir site laying carpet underlay and woodshavings
- inspections and maintenance of direct seeding sites and ecological burn sites for regeneration
- removal of Gorze & Flax leaf Broome below Johnson's Trk

Timber Reserve

Contact: Anna Richtarik

Ph: Brian Phefley 844 2659

Meet regularly every second Saturday of the month between 2-3:30 pm. Mel Ref 35 G3

Projects include:

- removal of Blue Bell Creeper over several months along the Eastern Track
- removal of Cape Broome and Boneseed
- removal of Sallow Wattle seedlings
- ring barking and herbicide application of Sallow Wattle and Cootamundra Wattle opposite Harding Rd
- removal of Sweet Pittosporum near Webb St
- seed collection for revegetation into area cleared of Sweet Pittosporum

Pigeon Bank Lane

Contact: Linda Bromilow

Ph: 844 2541

Currently meeting on the second Sunday of the month between 2-3:30pm at the corner of Yarra Court and Pigeon Bank Rd

Projects include:

- discovery walk along the creek banks with local residents and Eltham shire
- native plant walk with Eltham Shire identifying weeds and potential projects
- removal of Thistle along the banks
- placing guards around native grasses to prevent further grazing by rabbits

One Tree Hill

Contact: Dianne Silveri

Ph: 710 1331

Meet at One Tree Hill Rd near the Tanks every third Sunday of the month. Mel Ref 265 D6

Projects include:

- talk & walk presented to local residents by David Cameron on the significance of the area
- history discover walk
- Pittosporum weeding day
- Committee meeting to plan a calendar for 1994
- Bat information night with Lindy Lumsden





HOTHOUSE

GOSSIP.

1994 is well truly with us... January seemed to slip by very rapidly. Many changes have already taken place. The biggest of course has been the change in management. Mick Roche and family are settling into their new home at Cowes and here in Warrandyte Matt le Duc, wife Cecilia and family have moved into the residence at Stane Brae.

Matt was a ranger we had met and knew a little of. So we all wait now to see how he fits into Warrandyte. The predictions are that we will do splendidly together. Enthusiastic reports to date should have all members coming along to work days to check him out. We have had one impromptu 'meet the new head ranger' day on the 30th January, but this was between Newsletters therefore not advertised. SO watch for our advertised welcome and be sure to come along.

Other movements around the Park include Ron Taylor taking up residence in Rod Safstrom's home.(Old Mrs. Wagner's home.) Ron, a new committee member and guardian angel of Frogland and the Folly, has succumbed to the lure of the Park and will be close to all those projects etc of which he is now in charge. House has a problem - no built ins, so anyone with an old wardrobe or cupboard to spare give Ron a call on 844 4285.

Stane Brae has been an area Ron has walked in for years and it now has a sub - group formed - Friends of Stane Brae. Fay and Ron are working up a program and would love to here from any members who would like to join in working bees there. Contact Fay 844 2659 Ron 844 4285.

AND speaking of changes and Fay Valcanis..... She has become engaged to Paul ----- and they plan to marry in May. Now all we need to hear is that they are moving into Warrandyte.

Well the marriages seem to have come first. Now to the births. Book marketing is something Linda Bromilow will have a bit of a rest from with the arrival of Jacqueline. Linda did just what Marg suggested and produced an aquarian daughter! Congratulations to she and Pat. Any helpers for her role marketing 'Discover Warrandyte' would be welcomed.

Sadly we do have a death to report as well. Beryl Osborne, a patron of the Osborne Peninsula Landcare Group, died just before Christmas after a stroke. Beryl had welcomed people attending all the working bees to use her historic garden for morning tea or lunch. Osborne Rd residents will miss her very much.

One of our members, Joan Golding, has been awarded an Order of Australia. Her work with HIV and Aids affected families, has given so much comfort to so many. It is wonderful to see someone like Joan given the attention and acclaim she richly deserves. Her son Martin must smile down on the love and support his mother gives those others afflicted so grievously.

Seed collection has been in full swing over the summer months. A wide variety of species have been collected and processed. An arrangement has been made with the Yarra Bend people to collect for their own requirements and provide us with two wool bales of Themeda triandra for reveg work at Pound Bend. They have equipment to harvest grasses. We plan a trip to Yarra Bend Park where Darcy Duggan will give us a guided tour. SEE CALENDAR for details.

As well as taking on Rod S's home/revegetation etc. Ron has become custodian of his two wheelbarrows. And what are we ALWAYS moaning about. NO wheelbarrows. We do plan to buy a two wheel ladies barrow. Moving loads of mulch and soil as we do is a constant problem for female Fowspians. Anyway Rod we thank you.

A new project is shaping up with the 'devolvement' of staff to the Warrandyte office. Currently our seed cupboard is residing squeezed into the Head Rangers office. We have a need for storage room etc for the nursery so Don Cameron came up with the idea for a mudbrick 'office' with tool storage area and pot/polybox bunker. Lots of you will have had experience with this fascinating medium and we hope to hear from you. We have lots of building projects on the go at present - a boardwalk, renovation of the Shade-house and revamping of the work area. New workers welcome, all you need is the desire to join in - Ian Burke & Don will look after you.

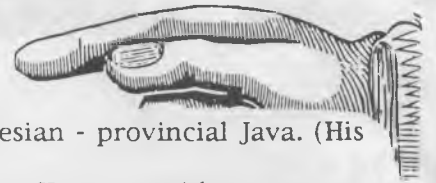
Kym Docwra is organising the rosters for the Sunday activities. She needs you to offer to help with the afternoon tea or B.B.Q. arrangements. If this doesn't go smoothly the whole Sunday activity is a mess yet these tasks require no previous experience. All workers, deserve a cuppa and the gossip around the B.B.Q often produces some of the most exciting ideas we have. SO DON'T BE SHY IT ONLY ONCE OR TWICE A YEAR- PHONE KYM ON 876 3807.

A Monday group has been in existence for over a year, as the Wildflower Study Group. As it has recently grown quite popular we have found it necessary to formulate some guidelines. Renamed the Wildflower Study & Research Group, it is to be joined by application only. Members must be prepared to spend two work days per week in the Nursery and be able to work independently. Members must have wide experience and knowledge. If you are interested please contact Marg Burke 844 1060.

We are concerned at the loss of Construction & Maintenance staff -not to be replaced. Work they do is to be done by contractors - not the same level of commitment as our experienced team! Many of our C & Ms. are nearly as knowledgeable as Rangers. Please, Head Office - no more!



Mystery Reporter



Once again, and with adroit cunning, your beloved mystery reporter carried out an inspired sortie into the mind of a 'new chum' at the Warrandyte State Park.

In the same manner as Ulysses (alias No-Man) approached the one eyed Cyclop i.e. with fear and trepidation, so did your M.R. outflank that (one-eyed?) Collingwood supporter known in other circles as Matheus Antonius Josephus le Duc; known to the hoi polloi as 'Matt'.

Matt admitted that his Collingwood orientation was as a result of a childhood attack by real magpies, so he keeps repeat attacks at bay by regular obeisance. "Who is this person you're writing about?" I hear someone, in the eye of my mind, say.

The answer?? - 'tis the new acting Senior Ranger at Warrandyte State Park.

Born in Holland (circa 1952) Matt left at the age of two years to live at Burloch Avenue, North Ringwood (Victoria, Australia), "arrived at the beginning of summer - someone had forgotten to put in the water tank - had to bathe in Loughy's Lake - and that's why I hate leeches!" and "couldn't sleep much for the first two months on arrival due to the lousy foxes!" At the age of four the family shifted to St. Albans, then in 1960 to Felix Crescent, Nth Ringwood.

Matt's first trip to Warrandyte State Park was with the Clarke family, Boxing Day 1955, down to Jumping Creek. At 13 years of age "I thought I'd discovered gold at Gerrarty's mine on Fourth Hill... walked home with a rucksack full of rocks(iron pyrites) and thought I'd solved the family's financial problems." ..."Used to camp in Warrandyte as a kid and pretend I was a pioneer in the bush."

Matt left Aquinas College at Year 11 because "the Christian Brothers wouldn't teach biology to year 12, couldn't handle Chapter 27." He moved onto Croydon High School (my first experience with co-education) and completed year 12, won a Victorian Agricultural Department scholarship and moved onto Latrobe University. Matt completed the first two years of Agricultural Science, got married for the first time, became a factory worker (gardening and odd jobs) then became a laboratory research worker in Medical Research at 'the Alfred' (hospital) - 10 years in cardiovascular pharmacology: he did some study on the 'Agricultural Degree', became a house - husband and also studied at Rusden and completed the Bachelor of Applied Science, Environmental Management, majoring in environmental management and biology, (1986) "and I've been working with 'the Department' ever since.....rangering, Planning Officer(Parks and Resources), Education Officer....."

"My first park was Wilsons Promontory, then Cape Conron, Horsham(Park Planning), Melbourne Water - Maribyrnong Valley Metropolitan Park, then on to Organ Pipes (four plus years) and now Acting Ranger In Charge at Warrandyte State Park.

Some Vital Statistics.

Height 5'7 1/2", Weight 70Kg, no glasses or contact lenses, all his own teeth(fillings??), no hearing aid, eye colour - blue-green, moustache (summer version), wears a Bardsley Hat, size 59, actually made from rabbit fur (i.e. the hat).

Major defects - "right arm run over by a car when I was a kid.

Criminal Record - "usual speeding tickets" - "a foundation member of the Departments \$105 club"?????

Favourite Food - Indonesian - provincial Java. (His parents were in Java.)

Favourite Drinks - Beer, Henequen (the green fingerprint), the 'odd port', addicted to coffee - "whatever's the cheapest!"

Favourite Film, T.V.Show, Actor, Actress? - "Apocalypse Now, Hunter, Sam Neill, Meryl Streep."

Hobbies, Activities, Sports, Leisure Pursuits? -

"Woodwork - furniture making, best piece was a dining table, yet to be assembled, pine."

Bushwalking - lone walker. "longest was nine days doing the North and South end of Wilsons Prom" (wasn't this the walk where you were accompanied by your wife Cecilia - where she 'wore-in' those boots and walked barefooted? or is that another story.....M.R.) Cecilia by the way trained as a hairdresser.

(Back to Matt.) Matt says "I'm a bit of a Victorian, the furthest North I've been is Wagga Wagga when I was working for Imperial Chemical Industries at the time, in the herbicidal division, testing agricultural spray for cereals.""done coastal bushwalking at Mallacoota and Cape Conran". (No mountain walking yet - one of Matt's aims in life.) Another awe-inspiring hobby, Matt is into bookwriting. "a book about the family's migration from Holland to Australia - started writing in 1988, the book keeps changing direction and emphasis. Family. Matt has four children - Briony 19, "doing Arts at Melbourne Uni", Jon 17, doing V.C.E. at Croydon High", Katrina 15, doing Year 10," and Eathan 2 ("Eathan means strong")

(Of course many of the F.O.W.S.P. members will already have met Cecilia, Matt's wife, and know that she is Leo's sister - Leo has already been interviewed by the M.R. Cecilia is to be interviewed in her own right in the future....)

Now, onto the miscellanea. Matt plays social tennis, likes to win but can take defeat(-so he says)

"Footy as a kid till I was 18" - remains a compulsive 'magpie' supporter, he likes all music, Brandenburg Concerto, favourite instrument is the piano.

Question - What do you do to relax?

Answer - "I like walking."

Question. Best dish?

Answer. "Sate & Peanut Sauce."

Question - What do you like reading? Answer - "Patrick White, Tree of Man, The Vivisector."

Question - What would you like to achieve at Warrandyte State Park?

Answer - "Get everyone whose got input into the Park working happily and healthily together....I'd like to see interest groups e.g. horse riders form a 'Friends of the Trail'.

I want to work together with FOWSP. for an information and environment centre for the town.

Whipstick Gully is the obvious spot as it is many people's first contact with the Park, giving an idea of Warrandyte's people, its history and its future."

So as the sun sinks slowly in the west we end this interview with Matt, Technical Officer Grade 2.

Glossary M.R. - you guessed it!

W.S.P.-you must know it by now!!

V.C.E.- Much argued concept in Victorian Education.

"Duck" - One of Matt's nicknames.

P.S.Matt's family car is a blue/grey Mazda 626.

M.R.CLUES JUST WOULDN'T FIT...Editor.

Fascinating Facts From Flora.....

The Brush-tipped Tongue Brigade.

Anthochaera carunculata

Red Wattlebird.

Gr. anthos - flower
chairein - to rejoice
carunculate - with small pieces of flesh.

Other common names for our first honeyeater, according to Caley, were Gill-bird, Wattled Honeyeater and Mutton-bird. This last because "it is excellent eating and great numbers are killed each year for the table". Remember this was the 1955 edition of "What Bird is That?" The wattle refers to the dark pink pendulous piece of flesh at the ear.

Manorina melanophrys

Bell Miner

Gr. manos - thin
rhinos - nose
melanos - black
phrys - brow

Manorina melanocephala

Noisy Miner

Gr. melanos - black
cephale - head

Other common names are Snake-bird, Cherry-eater, Soldier-bird, Mocking Miner and squeaker.

Lichenostomus chrysops

Yellow-faced Honeyeater

Gr. chrysos - golden
ops - face

I have discovered that as in the flora field, taxonomists in the fauna area are scratching their heads over certain genera. This is demonstrated by Lichenostomus and Meliphaga. Some taxonomists do not consider that Lichenostoma is a separate genus from Meliphaga (Simpson and Day, The Birds of Australia.)

In 1955 the Yellow-faced Honeyeater was classified as *Meliphaga chrysops*.

Gr. Meli - honey
phagein - to eat.

Lichenostomus leucotis

White-eared Honeyeater.

Gr. Leucos - white
otis - genitive of ous, ear.

Lichenostomus penicillatus.

White-plumed Honeyeater.

L. penicillatum - pencilled.

Also called Greenie, Australian Canary and the Chick-oo-wee.

BYE - FLORA ANDERSON



TWO ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST.

SIGNIFICANT SPECIES SIGHTING.

Bill Macking, a resident of Osborne Rd., found a small possum like creature which had been killed by a cat. Noting that it was like nothing he knew, he rang David Van Bockel at the Park. A phone description had David there in 10 minutes! As he had guessed it was a Brush-tailed Phascogale, or Tuan. This small mammal is an extremely significant species for Warrandyte, very rarely seen, and certainly not so close to the town. Osborne Peninsula has some very good bushland, and is surrounded by Park. Sadly cats have become the cause of the demise of huge numbers of these little carnivorous marsupial (they feed mainly on spiders and centipedes) and they are now a locally endangered species. Osborne Peninsula residents are keen to start a nest box program and anyone interested can contact Marg Dimech(844 3813). Remember if you have a cat to keep them in at night as many small marsupials and birds fall victim to pet cats.

WARNING

Members of F.O.W.S.P. recently cleared an infestation of *Euphorbia lathyris* - Caper Spurge. This weed has a milky sap which was found to cause skin rashes of varying intensity. Pat & Mike Coupar are researching the plant and next month we will publish their documentation - with a picture. Meantime, if you are pulling any weed with white, latex- like sap, wear gloves and long sleeves and goggles. MORE IN OUR MARCH NEWSLETTER.



REMEMBER- RED DOTS MEAN THAT YOUR SUBSCRIPTION IS DUE.
GREEN SPOTS MEAN YOUR SUB IS DUE WITHIN THREE MONTHS.
WE DO THANK THOSE MEMBERS WHO GET THEIR SUB IN EARLY.

Fern Spot

Azolla filiculoides Pacific Azolla
Azolla pinnata Ferny Azolla
Pellaea falcata Sickle Fern
Pteris tremula Tender Brake

The two *Azolla* ferns would fit under the heading "distinctive" quite well, if they weren't so much alike! However, they are all quite easily recognised by their distinctive features.

Pacific Azolla *Azolla filiculoides*

Ferny Azolla *Azolla pinnata* - These two ferns grow where few other ferns can - floating on top of water. They are small, with tiny scale-like leaves, often with a reddish green colour and are rarely fertile but multiply by self division. If spore is present, it can form in two ways: in sporocarps (spore capsules) in the leaf axils, or on the underside of the frond. Both ferns have roots into the water; the Pacific Azolla roots are unbranched, whereas those of Ferny Azolla have tiny side roots branching from each main root.

Sickle Fern *Pellaea falcata* - This fern has dark green, leathery, pinnate fronds to about 30 cm (locally) and dark brown stipes which persist after the frond dies. Pinules are attached by a short stalk to the rachis, which is also dark and sparsely scaly. Young, developing fronds are not rolled, up but are shaped like a shepherd's crook. Sori form along the entire margin. It prefers organic soil.

Tender Brake *Pteris tremula* - A tufted fern with a delicate, light green appearance, often seen growing in the vicinity of two others - Mother Shield-fern and Rough Tree-fern. The developing fronds often have a distinctive drooping appearance as they unfurl. It grows to about 2m and has tripinnatifid fronds with a finely toothed edge on the pinules. The stipe and rachis become dark brown and glabrous and sori form in bands along the margins, protected by a recurved edge. The fern is easily cultivated and fast growing.



Propogating ferns

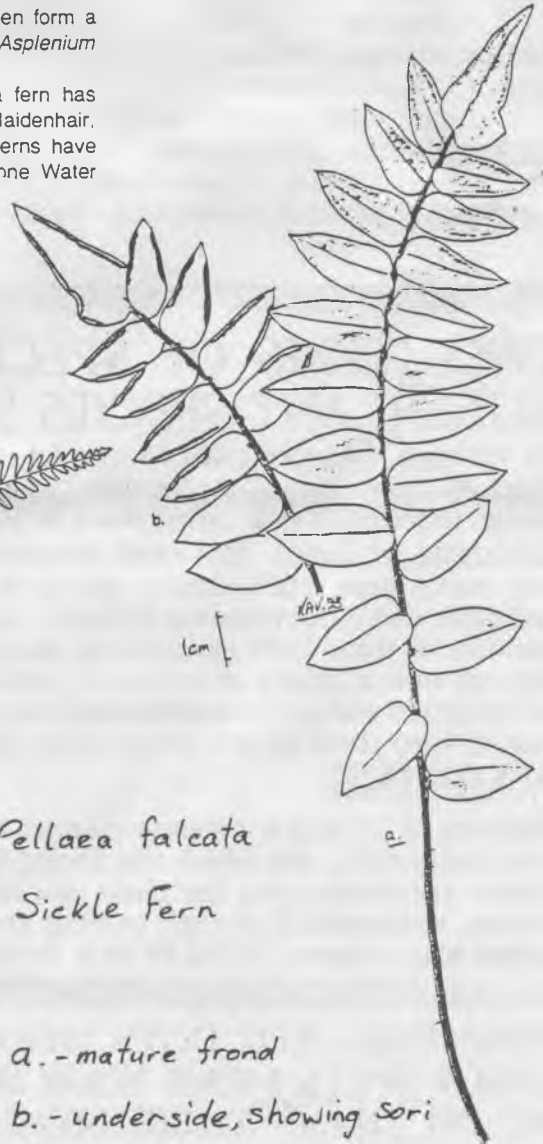
Most ferns may be propogated from spore. This is a relatively slow process, but will give satisfying results, as many ferns will be produced in the process. This process will be described in detail later.

Some ferns may be propogated vegetatively. The most common example of this is the growing of plantlets which occur on the fronds of *Polystichum proliferum* - Mother Shield-fern. Here, the plantlets are pegged down to the soil while the frond is still green. They will then form a new plant and the parent frond will eventually die. This process can be used with *Asplenium bulbiferum* - Mother Spleenwort, and other ferns which produce such plantlets.

Another form of vegetative propogation is by division of the rhizome, where a fern has formed a new crown or node. An example of this is *Adiantum aethopicum* - Common Maidenhair, where the rhizome grows underground, sending a frond up at intervals along it. Other ferns have shorter spreading rhizomes which form new crowns, such as *Blechnum nudum* - Fishbone Water Fern.



Pteris tremula
Tender Brake



Pellaea falcata
Sickle Fern

a. - mature frond
b. - underside, showing sori



BATS. BATS. BATS.

These intriguing little creatures live in caves, mine shafts, the trunks of trees and between the bark and wood of trees. They can be found living alone or in colonies, are all placental mammals and find their way by the resounding of an echo acutely. Some species use their eyes more than others and some find their sense of smell very useful in food location. They can all send their temperatures right down and slow their heart rates and breathing to a considerable degree.

These were some of the facts I learned from Lindy Lumsden at a bat afternoon and evening conducted by Eltham Council at St. Andrews on a Sunday in January.

The occasion was well supported by the Smiths Gully Landcare group and the Friends of One Tree Hill. I didn't know much about bats before arriving at the St. Andrews Scout Hall on this Sunday. I have seen and heard the fruit bats that hang up-side down in the Fern Gully in the Royal Botanic Gardens and often have noisy arguments. At dusk these bats fly out for their dinner, looking like large black birds. It seems that these bats have migrated south from the rainforests of New South Wales and Queensland. Victoria's indigenous bats, though, are very small. Lindy Lumsden showed us slides of little Bent Wing and blossom bats and very useful creatures they are with their liking for mosquitos and other insects. They are also very skilful fliers. Female bats will fly

up to 200 kilometres to a maternity cave when their babies are due to be born. It is quite a feat. They will also help their babies to learn to fly and pick them up after falls.

At the end of her talk, Lindy produced a calico bag in which a little Bent-wing was sleeping. It was about the size of her middle finger. We were all able to get a first rate view of the little creature and the children present were delighted to hold it gently and feel its soft silky fur (or hair).

After the talk there were lots of questions for Lindy who must have been studying bats for many years, and then the participants began preparing for a barbeque. This provided a sociable and nourishing interlude before we all drove off to One Tree Hill. We were driven by shuttle bus or else walked to where Lindy and her research assistant were putting up traps to catch bats. These consist of a frame with fine hairs placed in the path of the bats. The bats are meant to fly into these (and often do) and then slide down into a V shaped calico bad from which they can be retrieved later for weighing and identifying or tagging. Alas! On this occasion only one was caught in one of the four traps, although quick-sighted people noticed three bats darting about after insects.

Just the same, I was pleased to learn so much about these remarkable little mammals. I bought back leaflets which explain in more detail interesting facts about bats. The leaflets are in the library at the Rangers' Depot.

ELIZABETH SEVIOR.

Those members who took part in the bat surveys Ian Roche did will appreciate Elizabeth's experience. Many bat species live in Warrandyte State Park, the old mine shafts providing a wonderful habitat. Fourth Hill still has a bat population despite visitors, feral predators and encroaching 'civilisation'. Perhaps F.O.W.S.P. could look at improving 'retreats' for them.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY.

RIVER CLEAN-UP BY CANOE - Sunday 6th March. On Clean Up Australia Day, the Friends are having a clean - up by canoe, to help with this very important task. If you are interested please contact Debby Parker on 846 2214 (or Marg Burke 844 1060) Definite numbers will have to be known by Feb 27th. Canoes will be available to hire - cost will be as low as possible but you will have to pay (any canoes or seats available?). We plan to go in at about Blue-tongue Bend and come out at Pound Bend.....cleaning up the messiest stretches through the township (and mapping these!). Picnic/B.B.Q. afterwards at the Folly. Clean-up walks are also being organised by C.O.D.A.T. - Stiggants Reserve (meet in the Car Park) Melway 23 C:1, Mullum Mullum Ck (meet cnr Reynolds Rd and Creek Mel.34 G:7) or Currawong Bush Park Car Park Mel.34 H:6 There will be plenty of information in the folly about Shire of Eltham walks, and general Clean-up Australia Campaign information.

Fossicking Ross..... JOIN THE DOTS AND COLOR ME.

INSECTS

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UNJUMBLE MY NAME



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SPIDER	CRICKET	BUG
ANT	CICADA	EARWIG
BUTTERFLY	FLIES	MANTID
MOTH	FLEA	MOZZIE
BEE	WASP	GRUB

FOOD CHAIN

1. Grass Cow Man
2. Tadpole Fish H__o__
3. Leaf G_____pp__ Bird
4. Plant -n- Echidna
5. Fly --o- L-z---

Write the remaining letters here.

Why don't you send me a joke or picture - Ross.
P.O. Box 220 Warrandyte 3113.

S.O.S. MARKET STALL 1994.

I am drawing up the roster for the F.O.W.S.P. Market Stall.....first Saturdays of each month, from 8.30am. until 1.00pm., or part thereof. Four members each month is our aim. The more members willing to participate, the easier it will be for each of us. For example a roster of 12 people would mean once every three months, and so on. There will be an opportunity to enjoy the other stalls and do some shopping. An Information Sheet will be available for each volunteer, and a member who 'knows the ropes' will be present each month to advise those of us who are not familiar with plant names etc. (I come under this category!)

I will be in touch or you can contact me on 844 3763.
You are assured of an enjoyable morning, and your help will lighten the load.
Betty Oke.