

# FRIENDS OF WARRANDYTE STATE PARK Inc. NEWSLETTER

May 1994.

## Editorial

For a lot of human history on this planet people existed in relatively small groups and not aware of others of their kind that existed in far away places. They travelled only small distances, obtained food and shelter with little impact on the environment. Their main concerns were directed towards dealing with the present.

But today when faced with massive increase in population and rapid development provided by science and technology we have created something called 'the future', in which our 'old minds' are not adequate to cope with 'a new world'. Now we have to deal with problems of feeding an ever increasing population, food shortages, - loss of topsoils and the hazards off pollution, acid rain, C.F.C.s and the loss of plant and animal species. Our ancestors did not have to deal with these issues, but we should be concerned about the need to share the future resources with the many millions of the disadvantaged nations of the world.

Conservation groups around the world are working to provide a 'new mind' attitude that is necessary to cope with the hazards of the future.

It is of limited use for groups like F.O.W.S.P. just to grow plants and pull out weeds in the Park. If any raising of social conscience is to be achieved, it is necessary to foster interest in caring for roadside verges, and private properties. Very little assistance can be expected from the main media outlets, and conservation groups are limited by financial constraints. Big business is more interested in logos on footy jumpers.....

But changes have been happening in other directions. Not many people are aware that many municipal councils now have full time environment officers who provide excellent assistance to groups and individuals. Others such as the C.F.A., S.E.C., and Melbourne Parks & Waterways make valuable and practical contributions. Most of these people are well trained and work in the field of conservation. Many sub-groups of F.O.W.S.P. have been formed adjacent to the State Park and receive invaluable help from the councils.

Conservation groups cannot afford to remain with an 'old world mind' but must extend their influence to the community at large.

"The real problem in life is how to live rightly in the world,  
not how to get away from it".

"Helpful men are safe men".

"To trust your heaven to your future,  
is to have no future worth having".

"We help ourselves only as we help others".

Elbert Hubbard

## SUNDAY FAMILY DAY - ON TOP OF FOURTH HILL. May 29th at 1.00pm.

Meet in the carpark in Tunnel Street. This will be a great opportunity for members so have an interesting and educational day. First we will plant up the formerly devastated ex water tower site. You will see how the area has been treated for weed infestation using carpet/underlay and wood shavings. Into this prepared site we will plant carefully chosen revegetation species grown at the Nursery. Pat and Ranger David Van Bockel will answer any queries. The planting will be followed by a walk led by Pat Coupar. We will visit the area burnt off in Spring of 1993 and see how the regrowth is coming along. Just what is coming up, how to identify it, how many orchids will we see this year, how is the area as habitat, and lots more. Bring your hand lenses, binoculars, and Flora and Fauna Field guides. Afternoon tea and chat with friends after.

You need work gear, gloves, tools, a plate of afternoon tea to share.

Desperately needed at the Nursery-Large plastic seed trays. Enq 8441060

# PLANT OF THE MONTH - CORREA.

KEITH VAGG MAY 1994.

Two species of *Correa* occur around Warrandyte: the Common *Correa* - *Correa reflexa*, and the Rock *Correa* - *Correa glabra*. These plants are similar in appearance, and identification is further confused because the two species readily form hybrids, as do all *Correas*. This results in common forms of *Correa* with some features of both species. They are open shrubs, up to two metres high.

Both plants produce lime - green flowers during autumn and winter. The flower consists of four sepals and four long petals which are fused together to form a tubular shape, and from which eight stamens project a short distance. These flowers hang down, resembling tiny bells and produce sweet nectar which attracts honey - eaters and insects.

The same species from other locations in Southern Australia may produce red flowers, or red and yellow. It is possible that the local plants have evolved to rely less on birds for pollination (birds tend to see better towards the red end of the spectrum), and more on tiny insects such as native wasps and flies. However, small honey-eaters are attracted by the sweet nectar, often piercing a hole in the side of the flower to reach it.

Leaves of *Correa glabra* appear shiny, but are covered with hundreds of tiny oil glands which help protect the leaf from the heat of the sun. *Correa reflexa* also has oil glands, but the leaves and new stems are covered by small tufts of hairs which resemble tiny tussocks under a microscope. Two small leaves called bracts fold down to protect the flower from the heat. New leaves of both species are light-green, becoming dark with age.

The fruit of the *Correa* is a small capsule with four carpels. The plants have no food value to people and few insects find the leaves attractive.

*Correa glabra* grows well in rocky areas, in full sunlight. *Correa reflexa* is also a sun-lover, but prefers a more protected environment and grows in alkaline soils in dry forest areas. It is capable of regeneration from rootstock following bushfire. Both species can withstand dry periods by restricting moisture loss from the leaves and keeping new growth to an absolute minimum.

*Correas* are difficult to grow from seed because the seed has a hard waxy coating which prevents the uptake of water. In this way, the seed can remain dormant in the soil for a long time after the original plant dies. The best method of propagation is by cuttings, which are very easy to strike and are certain to reproduce the properties of the original plant, not a hybrid.



## THURSDAY AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES FOR MAY.

The P.M. activities for Thursdays are another dimension to the groups work. We welcome any of you, whether or not you are involved in the morning Nursery Activities. Work project is limited to 1 hour and the walk is meant to develop your skills in Flora and Fauna identification.

May 20 Depot/Pound Bend. Remove *Euphorbia lathyris* (wear gloves and long sleeves etc.) This will be followed by a walk along the river and afternoon tea at Ron's or the Folly. Pat & Ron are organisers.

May 26 Bradleys Lane, Normans Reserve. Remove the ivy near the *Bedfordia arborescens*. Replant site with ground covers and shrubs. Joan will guide us around the 'Antechinus Swamp' and afternoon tea will be at Joan MacMahon's (our organiser).

June 2 Visit Mt Lofty for guided tour with Ranger Doug Cordell. Themeda (Kangaroo) grassland, recent fencing program. Doug will explain the projects to be started as soon as title is added to W.S.P. Wetland site. WHEN WILL THIS AREA BE OURS AS PROMISED? Phil Honeywood will be our guest  
*Other June Afternoons will be from this list of future activities -not quite finalised.*

1. Removal of tree guards at Pound Bend, near the Tunnel. Afternoon tea in the Folly.
2. A real treat! Keith Vagg will lead a walk on the "Thousand Steps", showing members fern treasures. We will remove ivy for an hour then afternoon tea will be at Keith & Janny Vagg's.
3. Assessment of *Goodia lotifolia* area with removal of Cape Broom. Guided walk Pound Bend. Afternoon tea at Ron's or the folly.
4. Planting/weeding at Whipstick Gully. Walk. Afternoon tea.

Pat Coupar and Ranger David Van Bockel have organised these afternoons and would be delighted with any input from other members. A wide variety of Park areas is being visited and members will be familiarised with parts of the Park which they may not otherwise visit.

## Hot House Gossip

Al Traill and Dennis Easterby from the Wonga Park Conservation Society have been growing lots of tubestock of indigenous plants. These are for planting in their areas or in other reveg. sites for Shire of Lillydale. Trouble is they have far more than they can plant! Anyone wishing to buy some at a very reasonable rate could contact Al 722 1518 or Dennis 722 1154 for species and to negotiate a deal.

It was wonderful to see so many Fowspians at the Community Centre for the Save the Green Wedge meeting. We know you had a positive effect. Phil Honeywood's passionate speech was most definite and we hope the Ministers do follow his advice. Val Polley should have been nursing that flu in bed but of course this issue is one which is very close to her heart. We urge you to follow progress of this situation.

Fay Valcanis, our Parkcare officer (for a little more time) is getting married on May 22nd at 2pm at St. Catherine's Greek Orthodox Church in Epping St Malvern. F.O.W.S.P. has valued her and her dedication enormously and a traditional(?) 'Guard of Honour' will await her alighting from the chariot in which she arrives. We all wish her and husband Paul our very best wishes.

The loss of Leo Spoor, so soon after his return to duty at the Park, has shocked and saddened both staff and F.O.W.S.P. We send our very special condolences to his family and deep sympathy to May, his wife. Many of you were at the 'Welcome Back' morning tea in the Folly and none of us realised just how ill Leo was. He will be remembered for his quiet cheery helpfulness and by F.O.W.S.P. especially for our collaboration in seed collection. Starting off "not knowing one tree from another" to proudly producing 'bucketsful' of

carefully labelled seed. He is missed.

Heritage Festival was a new venture for the Park and the Friends. Coming only three weeks after the Warrandyte Festival it was a heavy load, especially with Leo's death clouding enthusiasm. Still so much was put together, displays, activities, and all the normal 'Festivalia' for the Travel in Time at Pound Bend. Trouble was lack of visitors.....very few on Saturday, mind you we all enjoyed the musical treats from the Hildebrands. Sunday was better as folk were keen to join in Mullundindi's Corroboree. I think we learnt on reflection that two Festivals inside a month is just too much. To those wonderful members who gave up so much time in preparation, then another whole weekend at the Pound, we cannot thank you enough. Our friends in the Historic Society, potters Alison Thom and Elsa Ardern, the C.F.A. and Fowspians involved all deserve special thanks. Most particularly we thank our Ron Taylor, who did the whole 'pulling together' of the exercise - goodness knows if he had any sleep that weekend.

By contrast the BUSH DANCE was a splendid success. Kym Docwra who was chief organiser (with help from that ubiquitous Ron T!) and counted 107 dancers plus a few assorted babies etc. The Noisy Miners Bush Band were fantastic and Joy Hildebrand displayed once more her talents at having a whole hall full of 'left feet' performing complex reels, polkas, 'trots, waves, circles, and the odd waltz without calamity! Everyone enjoyed it immensely and local M.L.A. Phil Honeywood took part in both the dance and presented the costume prizes. The plates of supper managed to stay more or less intact until the interval then hungry hordes demolished a wonderful fare. The Mechanics Institute was a perfect venue and Jan & Ron Day supplied us with bales of hay to give it 'the right

atmosphere'. Certain people were very pleased that problems of 'left from right' did not prove too much handicap. And we noted that the new Head Ranger proved very light on his feet indeed!

A request from the Coupars is a trifle unusual perhaps. (Well not from them really!) Pat and Mike are collecting material and photographing SPIDERS. So ANY unusual arachnid species you come upon may be just what they are after! *Taking very great care not to be bitten* simply put it in a bottle and store it in the fridge (will slow it down). They are not after Huntsman, white tails or daddy-long legs specimens (Pat has attracted hundreds on her own) but green garden, jewel, wolf, triangle or anything you think unusual. They promise the reward of a Slide evening and talk later in the year (Mike has FAILED to get Maggie Burke to do one!) and who knows, maybe another book is in the photographic stage. (M. B. is the source of that gossip!)

Something at the actual photographic stage is Pat's record of EVERY plant species in the park. Close up shot, near ground and as long habitat. 400 + species is a really big project, but it is well underway. We have applied for a Melbourne Parks & Waterways grant pay the bills and to have multiple copies made (Colour photocopies - does anyone have any helpful suggestions). Marg is doing the graphic/printing.

One of our regulars, recently widowed, is sure that life would be a little more secure and friendly if someone was occupying the very nice flat attached to her home in Pound Rd. She would be pleased to discuss the proposition further, negotiate rent etc. She feels Fowspians (and friends of Fowspians) are her kind of neighbours! Enq. 844 3-40.

Fencing day on April 24th was a great success and very pleasant. Margaret Dimech has

## Hot House Gossip, cont.....

gone back to the site on a number of occasions, and the Thursday group worked there last week. The final touch will be securing the mesh to the ground THEN 'getting' all the rabbits which live in the warrens within the boundary. Marg D. and David V B ask forgiveness for lack of signposting on the day - all the F.O.W.S.P. banners and signs had been put away too well after the Heritage Festival. Lesson learned, and Dave made as many trips to the meeting spot as he could manage. Bill Roxburgh proved to be his usual invaluable

self when he provided a 'primus' to boil the billy (that had been lost as well!)

Nursery - next grant. Ian Burke and Don Cameron have put in for a grant of \$2,600 for further work to renovate the Nursery. We see great improvements to date and this will expand the roofed work area, renovate the cupboards and storage facilities and repairing/remodelling the back corner damaged by a truck some time ago. (Maarten Vannetti is taking this latter project over.) Any other people who would like to assist with the renovation please contact Ian

or Don.

A number of people are interested in advice on how land holders (and others) can be Friends of our local Wombats. Wombats are suffering from competition from rabbits, foxes and people. We are collecting information currently. Any WOMBAT experts reading this? Phone Marg Burke 844 1060.

Operation Offsider is back on schedule after a rather traumatic period at the Park. If you had put your name down you will be notified soon about date and Ranger.

## Fascinating Facts From Flora.

### Round the Rugged Rocks the Rosy Robin Ran....

#### Petroica multicolor

Scarlet Robin

Gk. petros, rock  
oicos, house

L. multicolor, many coloured

You may be interested in finding other words with the same derivation e.g. Peter, Petrograd (St. Petersburg), petrify, petroglyph, petroleum, petrology. Other names for the Scarlet Robin are White-capped Robin, Scarlet-breasted Robin, Robin Redbreast.

Nothing in my reading explains the taxonomist's selection of a generic name meaning a 'rock house'. Any enlightenment from my readers would be welcome. Is the deep cup-shaped nest of a particularly stout design?

#### Petroica phoenicea

Flame Robin

Gk. phoiniceos, red

The song of the Flame Robin may be expressed by the words "You-may-come, if-you-will, to-the-sea".

#### Petroica rodinogaster

Pink Robin

Gk. rodinos, rosy  
gaster, belly

The pink extends to the abdomen. The call note resembles "Tick, tick, tick". Like a snapping twig.

#### Petroica rosea

Rose Robin

L. roseus, rosy

Not so common locally as the similar Pink Robin but worth mentioning in case you sight this significant bird. Distinguish from the Pink Robin which is black headed. Rose Robin is grey backed. Look for it during winter along densely vegetated creeks in Warrandyte or Wonga Park.

#### Fopsaltia australis

Eastern Yellow Robin

Gk. eos, dawn  
psaltria, harper

Also called "Dawn Singer", Yellow Bob, Yellow-hammer. The Yellow Robin is one of the earliest to waken and one of the last to go to roost. Call note a pleasing continuous piping.

#### Micropodops leucophaea

Jacky Winter

Gk. micros, small  
oicos, house  
leucos, white  
phaios, grey

Also called Brown Flycatcher, Peter-Peter, Post-boy, Stump-bird, and Spinks. Call resembles "Peter - peter - peter", "You - did - you - did - you - did".

I must mention once again the titles of the books strewn across my table as I write these articles. In other words, I glean material from the following: The Slater Field guide to Australian Birds, Neville Cayley's What bird is that?, The official checklist of the birds of Australia, and Simpson & Day's The Birds of Australia. All credit goes to these authors.



A scrambling, sprawling mass of tangled, twisted vegetation,  
With no soft, cultured lawns,  
No neatly trimmed edges, or hedges,  
Just endless miles of dark, sandy soil and crawling creatures,  
And no people to talk to.

Where trees feed hungrily on dead ferns,  
And ferns hungrily feed on dead trees,  
Vines which scramble upwards to the light,  
Kill the host that once supports their life,  
And crash back to the earth.

This teeming, seething throng of tireless movement  
Continues on for ever, each form devouring the other,  
Like waves from the sea which crash and die on the beach,  
To give life to more crawling creatures,  
Without help from people.

Sounds like the wind sifting through the treetops,  
And chilling the life blood of crawling creatures,  
As cloud pours down the valley to finish the job,  
As the sun tries vainly to penetrate the growth,  
Crawling creatures feed hungrily on their fallen prey.

Sounds like the unwary call of a bird  
Which has just lost its mate,  
Sounds like the endless dripping of water  
Wearing down the faces of massive boulders and  
Disappearing in the soggy soil  
To be sucked up by worms and trees.

Sounds like the dawn din of hungry, crawling creatures,  
or like the silence of a hot still day.  
Sounds like nothing you ever heard in the city;  
Sounds like heaven!

## Friends of the Thousand Steps.

Two new groups have formed over the last month or so. (Any wonder a developer muttered something to Marg and Ian along the line..."Huh, there's about 20 Friends groups round here, which lot are you supposed to be!") Keith Vagg and Mary Rudd of Kangaroo Ground Rd. are co-ordinating The FRIENDS OF THE THOUSAND STEPS. This area is one of the most neglected, forgotten areas of the Park, is fronted by a wide 'firebreak' under the main S.E.C. lines. Keith has been talking to John Ward from S.E.C. Maroondah who last year was advised by Alan Noy, then working for S.E.C., that this area would be a wonderful area to revegetate with native grassland species. Any people interested in joining this group contact Keith 844 1457 or Mary 844 2776. Note also the walk Thurs. P.M. in June. The area is also known as the Hundred steps - Keith says to try walking up them and you will be sure there were a thousand after all!

## Friends of the Mitchell Avenue Corridor

(Including Friends of the Community Centre) Meeting 15th May 2pm.

Theo Buskes and Maarten Vanetti are the leaders of this group which will also be a multi agency group. Stephen Ray, C.O.D.A.T's Environment Officer promises as much help as possible and S.E.C. and F.O.W.S.P. will support it as well. The corridor leads from the river, past the Community Centre garden (sadly in need of repair at the back since the flood last year) up the wide reserve along Mitchell Ave to Scotchmans Hill Reserve and on to the Park. The first meeting they plan to pull out a gigantic Pittosporum in Mitchell Ave and replant that patch. Any members who would like to join are welcome. Stephen Ray is planning to bring his friend David Bellamy to help lead an investigatory walk in the near future.....stay in touch!  
Theo - 844 1338 Maarten - 844 4093.

## Correspondence from afar.....

Mo Dickson, Chapter Two..... we've young bananas, and we dry them. Price for fresh bananas (even our organic ones) is low but dried ones bring \$4 for 200gms (any markets for such things there?). New fruit trees are not productive yet, but a few figs, mangoes, lychees, guavas, limes, tangerines, grapefruit, passion-fruit, apples and macadamia nuts come from ancient trees needing replanting. Harvested zucchini, sweetcorn and cucumbers, and melons and pumpkins are coming on. I tried a stall (bonsai plants, stands and pots, bark pictures, my chocolates, and fragrant oils) at weekend markets. (Lots of time and hassle!) Now I sell, to shops in Murwillumbah, the fragrant oils, cucumbers, sweetcorn and dried bananas. This might work out better eventually.

Mick did a third massage course last year and started professionally in Murwillumbah two days a week. He's certainly gaining confidence from 'hands on' experience. I finished Open Uni. and have a BSc (essential for a farmer to have a degree in technology, management and psychology, don't you think?).

Lots of interest in rainforest regeneration, bush tucker, and reforestation here, but I haven't found an organisation quite like 'The Friends' yet. Landcare groups do weeding etc, but I haven't fully investigated them. One group has a 'green' shop in Murwillumbah and is quite strong politically, but I don't know what they practice. We trying to get some rainforest trees going here, to complement those established, extending them around the land for wildlife, but it has been very dry. Good rain this year, so survivors (about 20 out of the 500 I planted) are growing strongly. Will replant when we can afford time and money, but fruit trees come first. Experimenting planting fruit trees with natives among them, and growing bush tucker trees as crops. Land which is steep and well drained and faces north to north-east. Has little organic matter thus dries out very quickly, so we add lots of mulch. Sadly we will need some irrigation. Hopefully the natives will grow quickly providing sun protection for avocados. The trees are on the contour, and we will make swales between them one day.

Well, we are busy, but things will be more established and organised by this time next year. It is a lovely place to live, 'country' but near enough to shops and beach. Climate is T-shirt and shorts - suits me fine. I hope this letter finds you all well and happy and that Warrandyte is as wonderful as ever.....love Mo (& Mick)

And Pat Madeley's Chapter 2 ..... We have built a shed where contents of the Croydon shed now reside. I've landscaped with native plants and built a rockery. Looks nicer and keeps Sam's (dog) feet from plonking all over it. I'm hacking away at blackberries, planting trees and shrubs, but have all the time in the world (!) and don't have to cram as much as I can into a weekend. Still working until late into the evening though.

Four trees were cut down last week and Graham is busy cutting them up. All were located on the house site so had to be moved - a very slow job with only him doing it, just as well the house isn't arriving for another six weeks. He's stacking it in a long line approx. 2ft high along the fence. We don't have a dry stone wall, we have a dry wood wall!

Showed Sam an active wombat hole. She was very interested, put her nose right inside, but didn't go too far in. She knew there was something in there but wasn't sure what.

Still bring dustbins full of dam water every day for general use and containers of drinking water from the Traralgon Caravan Park when we go for a shower. We've three water tanks all empty. Graham arranged for 1700 gals. of water to be delivered- that will make life a lot easier. Water is very heavy when you have to carry it.

I am on duty at the Walhalla Post Office next weekend. Supposedly a locomotive is coming up to go backwards and forwards over the revamped Thompson Railway Bridge. Don't know if it will materialise. I noticed in the local paper that they are applying for the bridge and the railway line to be placed on 'Heritage' listing.

The post office looks resplendent now in new colours of brown and cream with silver roof. We hope to open to the public every public holiday and monthly on second Sundays. If there are any Warrandyte people who would like to help with the old Walhalla Post Office, please get in touch with me.

The new pub that just opened has already gone bankrupt and is under new management. They are hoping add an accommodation section.

Well, that is all the news for the moment but will keep you informed. If any of you are in the area, we'd be delighted to have you call by. Just follow signs for the Loy Yang Power Station and the Tarra Bulga N.P. and look for a lone caravan with awning perched in a field with 3 water tanks behind.

All my love and thank you for being such a wonderful group of people. You have made my life so much happier just knowing you and sharing experiences..

love Pat and Graham (Madeley)

In the YEAR OF THE FAMILY,  
WARRANDYTE CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU invites you all  
to an INTERNATIONAL FAMILY COMMUNITY CONCERT.  
ON FRIDAY JUNE 10TH AT 7.30. Light supper, \$10 each, \$20 family.  
Contact the C.A.B. on 844 3082 for bookings.

# The Mystery Reporter

When finally run to heel and interviewed, Ross Nicholas COUPAR was exactly 15 years 364 days and a bit, of age, and is of course now 16 years (born 7/4/1978).

This case has been a difficult one. Records praising Ross (taken at the Prom) have been lost. Recorded sightings of Ross hurtling down Warrandyte Road towards Ringwood on cold, misty mornings have been misplaced. Photographs of his cycle have become obscured. Now let us deal with the facts.

Height approximately one to two metres (see how canny and careful he is!)

Hair colour brown.

Eyes hazel - brown.

Weight approximately 60 kilograms.

Alaises 'Mate', 'Matey' by parents. 'Fossicking Ross' etc.

Born at 'Jessie McPherson Hospital' (now being 'destroyed')

Attended Norwood Pre-school, Primary and High (Secondary). Now doing year eleven.

Favourite Subjects Outdoor activities and biology.

Favourite Food(s) Ice cream, at home eats anything. Favourite 'unhealthy' food - sausage rolls.

Favourite Drinks Any soft drink, has tasted beer, sherry, gin & tonic. "I come from a poor family."

T.V. Shows Comedies, Mr Bean.

Vehicle 21 speed Shogun Trail Breaker (bicycle).

Hobbies "-not into collecting things", but likes making things "a wooden fold up chair recently". Enjoyed pottery at school. Played chess once, can

play U.N.O., Snap, Patience, tried Canasta.

Interests. Sports. Surfing, "mountain bike riding with friends", swimming - prefers freshwater to salt, likes rivers better. Abseiling, rock climbing, "hope to get experience in scuba - diving", "would like to try things like bungee - jumping, parachuting, hang gliding, snow skiing, water skiing"

Question "When you were at the Prom recently with the Friends, was that your first experience there?"

Answer "I was there earlier in March 1994 and camped overnight, one at Sealers Cove, Refuge Cove, and one night at Waterloo Bay." All up, including night walks, it was 50 km. and he carried 20 kg. (tent, sleeping bag, clothes, stove, food and drink). It was part of the school outdoor activities.

Question Amorous involvements? (At this point Ross's mind seemed to become vague!)

Question What career would you like as an adult?

Answer "Outdoor. -This year I am studying Maths, Methods, English, Outdoor Education, Biology, Environmental Studies, and Chemistry.

Question Where have you been in Victoria? Australia?

Answer Ouyen, East of Mallacoutta, Glenelg River, Wilsons Promontory, Cooktown, Broome. ("...round Australia with my parents when I was a child.")

Question What do you think of the Newsletter, Fossicking Ross (+ Percy Poss).

Answer "Good for kids to do." "Extra activities for the kids would be good."

Question What advice would you give to teenagers trying to bring their parents up properly?

Answer "Not much you can do.

Tell your parents what you think and make them think about it."

Question Is it true that you are available for hire in 'Bushcare Services' and as an environmental gardener?

Answer "Yes, I have some experience in tree pruning, mowing, scrub clearing, planting, weeding, spraying (done a Herbicide course with Parkcare here) and I'm generally available on weekends."

General Comment "I like a variety of countryside, the weather HOT, mostly dry, I like it sometimes when it's wet."

Ross's favourite saying is "Hurry - up", he likes popular radio stations FOX, TT, Gold 104, Triple M. When asked about past accidents, illnesses etc he replied that he "fell off the garrage roof, broke an arm and nose," also he "head - butted a rock - had five stitches". He has "not been caught for anything criminal. I do lots of annoying things that get my parents upset... like breaking things." (Accidentally on purpose?)

"I have a sister, Melanie, doing second year nursing at Bendigo." With the W.S.P. Friends, "I enjoy getting things done, achieving things, the social part of it is strong."

Ross's pet is a Blue - tongue lizard called "Bow - my sister has a dog called Ben." (For Bendigo?)

Prompted Question Do you get enough pocket money?

Answer "There's always room for more.....It's actually called clothing allowance."

Question Anything else you'd like to say?

Answer ".....Still thinking."

The M.R. will return for a further interview with Ross in the year 2005.

## Special Visit to Mt. Lofty. THURSDAY JUNE 2nd. 11am Depot.

This part of the Park is in desperate need of attention. Planned for inclusion under our Management Plan, for some reason or other finalisation of title has NOT taken place. We hope to see this happen very soon. The wetland area is one of the most splendid in the region and now we have become 'expert' at 'froglands' we would like proper management to begin. Local M.L.As Phil Honeywood and Lorraine Elliott will join us and our guide will be Doug Cordell who will explain possible management scenarios. DON'T MISS THIS!

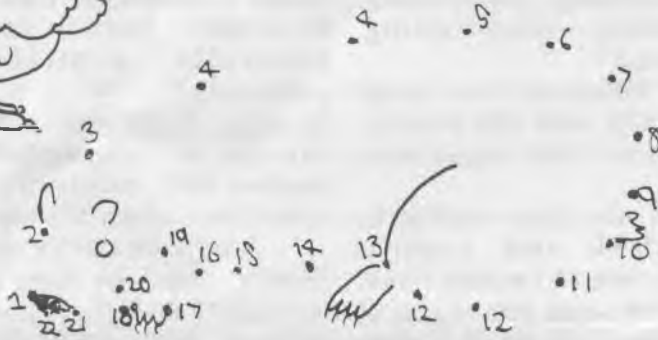
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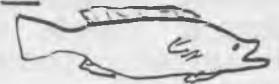
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