



# FRIENDS OF WARRANDYTE STATE PARK INC. April 1996 newsletter

## EDITORIAL

The Kennett Government's first term in office resulted in a funding reduction to the Department of Conservation & Natural Resources. In Warrandyte this has translated into less Rangers and work crew to look after more Parks and Reserves in our vicinity. On the positive side, a grant of \$250,000 was obtained from Melbourne Parks and Waterways for an interpretation centre, poppet head, signs and walking tracks on Fourth Hill. This, together with vegetation efforts by FOWSP members, has resulted in a vast improvement to a once neglected and degraded area. Other good news from last year was the retention of the Green Wedge. This was a great relief to all who worked so hard to preserve it.

The long period of anticipation and anxiety caused by the Federal and State elections is finally over. Some of our members will be pleased with the outcome while others not. That is the nature of politics. However, our group will welcome the news that the longtime vision of having Mount Lofty incorporated into the WSP is coming closer to fruition. On the 18th of March the Coalition made an election promise to formally incorporate Mt Lofty into the Warrandyte State Park under the National Parks Act in the Autumn session. This statement was issued as a Press Release from the then Minister of Conservation, Mark Birrell. We are also assured in the Press Release that an additional \$100,000 of funds to the

Park budget would be allocated when the transfer is complete. The Mount Lofty acquisition is promised as "a priority project" and that it will be "professionally protected as part of the Park". When it is proclaimed FOWSP and The Friends of Mount Lofty will organise a big celebration to thank all those involved in working so hard for its inclusion into the Park.

Further encouraging news is that 5 acres of Scotchman's Hill, which is currently unreserved Crown Land, has also been nominated for inclusion into the WSP. This means that the Hill, with its views out to the mountains to the north and east, will be spared from housing development and the job of restoring vegetation on the Hill can be started when it is formally declared. The Minister of Conservation committed \$50,000 for this project and an additional extra allocation to the Park budget of \$200,000 for new riverside walking trails and picnic areas at Pound Bend and Jumping Creek.

We applaud these moves, but make the point that there should be an increase in Park Staff to achieve the protection of Mount Lofty that has been spoken about, as well as all the other sections of the Park and associated Reserves that are under their responsibility. The Committee will be keeping a close watch on these exciting prospects in the months to come.

By Mike Coupar

## DISCOVER WARRANDYTE'S FUNGI With BRUCE FUHRER

**Date:** Thursday May 2nd

**Time:** 10 am

**Place:** Meet at Sandy Bay car park Jumping Ck Reserve

Bruce is a leading expert on fungi and is the author of several books including 'A field companion to Australian fungi' and 'Rainforest fungi of Tasmania & S.E. Australia'. At this frantic fungal time of year, we are extremely fortunate that Bruce is able spend time with us at Warrandyte. Recent rains should ensure that there will be a good variety of fascinating fungi and who knows some exciting new finds.

## FOWSP THURSDAY P.M PROGRAM

Depart from Depot at 1.15pm (except for **May 2nd**)

or

Meet on site at 1.30pm (except for **May 2nd**)

- April 18th      Davids Day**  
How many species of eucalypt grow in Warrandyte? Identification of our local eucalypts is not difficult, come and learn for yourself.  
**Leader** Ranger David Van Bockel. Meet at Pound Bend picnic area main car park (Melways ref map 23 A 11)
- April 25th      Fourth Hill - a place of contrast**  
Discover the contrasting environments of Fourth Hill, from the riparian vegetation of Andersons Ck to the dry sclerophyll forest of the ridge top. Inspect some of the rabbit-proofed 'hot spots'.  
**Leader** Joan MacMahon. Meet at the Andersons Ck car park on Gold Memorial Rd. (Melways ref map 35 E2)
- May 2nd          Discover Warrandyte's Fungi\* MORNING ACTIVITY**  
A great opportunity to learn about Warrandyte's diverse fungi with leading expert Bruce Fuhrer. Bring lunch to have at Jumping Ck picnic area after the walk..  
**Leader** Bruce Fuhrer. Meet at Sandy Bay car park Jumping Ck Reserve. (Melways ref map 24 A9)
- May 9th          The Greening of Endeavour Bank**  
Great achievements have been made along this riparian strip of Pound Bend Reserve. Come and learn about its history and ecology while planting a few trees.  
**Leader** Anna Richtarik. Meet at the Depot. (Melways ref map 23 C10)
- May 16th        The Creeks - Brogil and Stony**  
On the north side of the Yarra are two very special creeks full of surprises. An expert will be on hand to show us these hidden gems.  
**Leader** Joy Hilderbrand. Meet at the corner of Brogil Rd & Research-Warrandyte Rd. (Melways ref map 23 D8)
- May 23rd        Visit One of Warrandyte's Promised Parks**  
Join the 'Friends of Mt Lofty' and discover some of the best wetland habitat along this part of the Yarra. Monitor last years plantings carried out inside exclusion fences.  
**Leader** Flora Anderson. Meet at the car park at the end of Homestead Rd. (Melways ref map 172 B4)
- May 30th        Yarra Brae -rare plant review**  
Beneath the Burgan and die-back and below the murky depths of its dams, Yarra Brae harbours a surprising number of rare and threatened species. How are they? Come and find out.  
**Leaders** Pat Coupar & Cathy Willis. Meet at the end of Clifford Drive Wonga Park. (Melways ref map 24 J6)

## SPOT ON

By Pat Coupar

One of the aims and highest priorities of the **Flora Management Team (FMT)** is the protection of threatened species within the Warrandyte State Park. This involves a number of strategies including preservation of habitat, weed and rabbit control, and not least species enrichment plantings (see article this newsletter).

Over the last two years enrichment plantings have been carried out around existing populations of threatened species which in some cases is only a single plant, for example Smooth Pomaderris (*Pomaderris elliptica*) and Silky Daisy-bush (*Olearia myrsinoides*). In addition to this, other areas of the Park with similar aspect and associated species have been selected as sites at which to establish new populations of the threatened species. The selection is usually made on prior knowledge of an area rather than field trips since these are very time consuming. On three separate occasions an unexpected bonus has eventuated.

Australian Lilaeopsis (*Lilaeopsis polyantha*), a creeping semi-aquatic herb, is a regionally significant plant vulnerable in Greater Melbourne and endangered in the Warrandyte State Park. In fact only an old but reliable record for the Park exists, the plant itself has not been seen for many years. Late last year a small population of this seemingly extinct plant was discovered on the highly degraded 'Island' section of WSP. FOWSP successfully propagated the plant by root division at the WSP nursery. Several sites were chosen for the replanting. Remarkably when planting the propagated Lilaeopsis at two of the new sites (Black Flat and Yarra Brae), another small population of this rare and significant species was found growing naturally.

This is not the first time the **FMT** has been '**SPOT ON**' with their choice of locations for replanting. Variable Raspwort (*Haloragis heterophylla*) known only from the swampy edge of a weed-infested paddock at Yarra Brae, was replanted in a damp gully at Jumping Creek. What was discovered at the time of planting? You guessed it - another population of the very same, very rare Raspwort.

For convenience and as an aid to record keeping many of the replanting sites and 'hot spots' (areas containing a high diversity of significant species) have been affectionately named. Here are just some of them.

Alpine Corner  
Burgan Bend  
Elongata Gully  
Snake Pit  
Antechinus Swamp

Derwent Cliffs  
Sambucus Heads  
Wheel-rut Gully  
Water Grass Gully  
Arrowgrass Rill

Lily Mud Bay  
Bottlebrush Backwater  
Mud Mat Dam  
Goodia slope

## SUNDAY FAMILY ACTIVITY WITH THE FRIENDS OF FOURTH HILL

**Date:** Sunday April 28th

**Time:** 10am - 1pm (Note: Time change from usual Sunday activity)

**Place:** Meet at the car park at the end of Tunnel St. (Melways ref. map 35 F1)

Nobody knows Fourth Hill better than its 'Friends' under the guidance of Ranger David Van Bockel. This is a great opportunity to see the results of several years hard work by the group and to assist with the removal of some woody weeds by drilling and filling and hand pulling along the way.

There will be time to relax after the mornings activity with a BBQ. Meat will be provided just bring a plate of something to share.

# DAD'S BUSH

By Cathy Willis

"Dad's bush" was explored by five FOWSPians led by Anthony on Thursday afternoon March 21.

At the end of Wattleblossom Rd. we were horrified by the blackberries engulfing and encroaching on the Park edge, but also impressed by the work Anthony has done to reduce them. Dense Burgan - Kunzea ericoides has colonized a large area too. This is a local plant, but tends to take over when things are out of balance. Lots of good remnant bush remains around these more aggressive plants. Two interesting finds were Streaked Arrow Grass - Triqlochis striata, and a Rush - Juncus sp. yet to be identified.

Bell miners dominate the other birds here but moving to higher ground we stood and watched as mixed gang of birds fossicked and fed, all in their own space within one shrub (see bird list below). A largish bird of prey wheeled into sight - a Brown Falcon or Little Eagle? and birds and humans moved on.

Back down into the gully we came to a Parkcare planting site, where two rare Musk Daisy Bushes - Olearia argophylla had been planted last May. Sadly the guards had disappeared and so had the plants...vandalism? or was someone desperate for guards?

We "bushbashed" (gently!) up the gully line towards Harding Rd. An isolated patch of ivy was noted to remove before it spreads out of control.

Despite long term disturbance dating right back to the still obvious gold diggings this is a beautiful species rich area. In springtime the orchids and wildflowers abound. Heading home we detoured to a spot where Anthony has seen the rare and delicate Pale Grass Lily - Caesia parviflora flowering, casually pointing out orchid hot spots along the way.

Back on Linda and Anthony's deck for afternoon tea we admired their view and watched the Firetails getting ready for their free feed as well.

Thanks to Anthony for the following list of the birds we saw, and for showing us around.

Bell Miner	Pacific Black Duck
Golden Whistler (female)	Reb-browed Firetail
Grey Fantail	?Brown Falcon/Little Eagle
?Brown Thornbill	Varied Sitella (which I learnt
Grey Shrike Thrush	feeds spiralling <u>down</u> trees!)

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### ATTACKING THE MYSTERY

It was with great interest that we read Ben Gotlib's piece, Lost in the Common (March newsletter) wherein he reports the discovery of an unidentified plant which "looked like a cross between a tomato plant and a large nettle." We believe this to be a highly invasive and dangerous weed, and we hereby offer our services toward carrying out the total extirpation of said vegetable organism. To this end, we are prepared to engage the necessary assistance, which will enable us to locate the menace. (See below.) The Hildebrands



Canis Cannabotropicus



## WHAT A GRAND WEEKEND FOR WARRANTYTE!

The 20th anniversary of the Warrandyte Festival was celebrated in great style. In perfect autumn weather, hundreds of local people and visitors enjoyed the attractions of the Festival. Many local organisations participated.: The Warrandyte Fire Brigade activities and demonstrations made us proud of our brigade; the childrens market was well stocked and patronised - parents were as involved as the youngsters themselves. Good on all of you!

We FOWSPians made our mark. Our float won **first prize** for depicting the best Warrandyte scene. Wally the wombat alias Michael was voted the most lovable animal. Congratulations to all who took part, both on the float and behind the scenes.

Our billy tea and damper was so popular people were queuing up to be served. A stalwart band of helpers worked flat out making and cooking the damper and replenishing the billy tea. Some customers asked for gum leaves in the tea which we provided in spite of protests by a certain person. (No prizes for guessing who!). Some families came back for seconds and Cecilia's home-made plum jam and the 'cockies joy' (golden syrup for the uninitiated) went down well.

The 'Friends' rostered for duty all had fun (I hope) in spite of smoke-filled eyes from the camp-fire. The hay bales surrounding our area were much appreciated as appropriate seats for enjoying our novel repast. One particular FOWSPian found the bales irresistible for an afternoon siesta. (Ed. note: see Ron and Cecilia for photographic evidence).

A great deal of interest was shown in the indigenous plant display - each plant was growing in a pot, complete with a beautiful coloured photo attached including common and botanical name. One plant was left unnamed. The 'guess the plant competition' was won by a young boy who pronounced the correct name very professionally (with a little help from his friends). Thanks Cathy and Pat for a great job.

Visitors showed much interest in the rest of our display. Three new members joined up and several more were given a free newsletter with a view to joining later.

Mention must be made of the Park Rangers display tent showing interesting features about the Park and also featured the 20 years of Festival celebrations with Warrandyte's own 'Diary'. The communities participation in the Rangers tent was encouraging.

On Sunday evening after all was packed away FOWSPians and Rangers enjoyed a BBQ followed by the fantastic firework display. It was a weary but happy band of 'Friends' that wended their way home after a very satisfactory weekend.

By Betty Oke.

**Ed. note:** Special thanks go to Betty, Neal, Ron and Cecilia for all their hard work and for making this years Festival so successful.

**Festival Facts and Figures:** Over 12,000 people attended the Festival - the biggest crowd in its 20 year history and more than 3000 people took part in the Grand Parade.

*Source: Doncaster & Templestowe News.*



GREAT NEWS! THIS ARTICLE WAS IN THE DONCASTER - TEMPLE-STOWE NEWS OF MARCH 27. I.E. 3 DAYS BEFORE THE STATE ELECTION. A BIG THANK YOU TO THE SMALL BAND OF COMMITTED LOCALS WHO BEGAN TO CARE FOR SCOTCHMAN'S HILL A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO. ON HEARING AN ESTATE AGENT HAD APPROACHED THE GOVT. RE SUB-DIVISION THEY REDOUBLED THEIR EFFORTS. PERSISTANCE PAYS DIVIDENDS!!

SCOTCHMAN'S HILL BUSHLAND RESERVE (MELWAY 23 G 11)



# Hill to be part of state park

SCOTCHMAN'S Hill will be incorporated into the Warrandyte State Park under plans announced last week by Conservation and Environment Minister Mark Birrell.

Mr Birrell has also committed a re-elected Liberal-National Government to providing \$250,000 to create riverside paths and picnic areas along the Yarra River and restoring the Hill area.

Scotchman's Hill is a high conservation value area in South Warrandyte. Mr Birrell said the 2.1-hectare site, currently unreserved Crown land, deserved the permanent protection and management which came with state park status.

"A long-term vacuum in management has caused the natural values of Scotchman's Hill to decline, but it is not

too late to restore the area to its original best and protect it for the long-term," he said.

"As part of our commitment to the area, we will allocate \$50,000 for major tree planting and weed eradication programs, fencing and track upgrades.

"Our plan is to transform the site into a local wildlife corridor, providing quality habitat for native flora and fauna including the area's famous butterfly population."

New riverside walking trails and picnic areas at Pound Bend and Jumping Creek, costing more than \$200,000 will also be created. Mr Birrell said the state park was an integral part of the local community and would continue to benefit greatly from the efforts of Phil Honeywood and Silvan Province candidate Wendy Smith.

## MEMBERSHIP

We now have 145 subscribing members and 27 groups or individuals receive our newsletter as complimentary members. It has been necessary to reduce the number of complimentary members because we are no longer able to get the newsletter printed free of charge. Members who previously received complimentary newsletters were sent letters inviting them to subscribe explaining the reason why. Of these we wish to welcome Wonga Park Primary School, Andersons Ck Primary School, Warrandyte Rotary and Richard Haesa into full membership.

We would also like to welcome the following new members who have all joined in the last few months: Jan Giles, Katherine Byrne, David Burns, Tong & Vivien Honeyborne, Jenny Hoskin and Caroline Poon.

Joy Hilderbrand (membership secretary)

## AN APOLOGY from CATHY

The cataloguing of the library had taken longer than expected and has not been completed in time for this newsletter as promised. We look forward to publishing the full list of books in next months newsletter.

## AN ENRICHING MORNING



The morning of April 4th saw a break from the traditional Thursday propagation activities. Instead FOWSPian regulars enjoyed a mini tour of the State Park.. The aim of the trip was to monitor and assess the progress of some of the Park's rare and threatened flora which have been planted over the past two years as part of a species enrichment program.

In all 5 sites were visited: 2 at Pound Bend, 2 at Jumping Creek (plus a sojourn in the bush chapel) and 1 at Fourth Hill. The following species were inspected: Smooth Pomaderris (*Pomaderris elliptica*), Round-leaf Pomaderris (*P.vacciniifolia*), Golden-tip (*Goodia lotifolia*), Juniper Wattle (*Acacia ulicifolia*) and Hoary Sunray (*Leucochrysum albicans*), the original population of this last species has actually died out in the Park, but its progeny are doing well and even self-seeding.

Overall the results of the survey were excellent with most species flourishing. Only one, *Acacia ulicifolia*, had failed to thrive. There was much discussion as to why. Suggestions ranged from too dry, soil too compacted, planted too late, unhealthy specimen or maybe just planted in the wrong place.

The results of this first species enrichment evaluation by FOWSP have been recorded and hopefully will provide a useful guide to future plantings and a reference to further monitoring.

Pat Coupar



## STAR-GAZERS CORNER

A brilliant comet with a shining head and a tail stretching halfway across the sky is an awesome sight. Indeed comets caused considerable alarm in ancient times as they were regarded as harbingers of doom. Yet in comparison with a planet a comet is flimsy and insubstantial, aptly described as a 'dirty iceball'.

Usually comets consist of three principal parts: the compact nucleus which is a rocky fragment held together with ice such as frozen methane, ammonia and carbon dioxide; the surrounding gas and dust cloud (the coma) made visible by floodlighting by the sun; and the tail made up of ice and dust generated by solar radiation pressure and solar wind.

A number of comets move around the sun in a fairly small, generally elliptical orbit lasting a few years, others have longer orbits. However, most brilliant comets (except Halley's) have orbits of thousands of years or more. On January 31st 1996 an amateur Japanese astronomer, Yuji Hyakutake discovered a comet whose orbit is estimated to be 10,000 years! During March 1996 Comet Hyakutake was an awesome sight in the eastern sky (for those lucky enough to see it). In April this comet will only be visible from the northern hemisphere. We in the south will get another chance to see Hyakutake after May 8th until it fades from view. To locate the comet look towards the east one hour before sunrise, about one handspan above the horizon in the constellation Cetus-Eridanus.

By Anna Richtarik



Barmah State Park and Forest 29 Mar. - 1 Apr. 96  
Murray River near Echuca, Victoria



By Anthony Owen

Flick of the Snake's tail, BLAMI twists, the Earth uplifts, so the River finds a new way and the low ground then floods and River Red Gums spread across the plain.

Pat, Mike & Ross, Ben & Margaret, Alistair, Ant, Linda, Asta & Sid (FOWSP) spend a couple of days and nights amongst the Red Gums in early autumn at the Dharnya Centre and Camp. Arriving in dribs over Fri. and Sat., some of us way after bedtime, but to a hot fire, good company and a Bush Night.

The morning sun lit a picture- through a glade of tall young trees, over an orange/red and green *Persicaria* / marsh-herb field, over the dark *Juncus* rushes on the Gap (lake meets river) and shining River to N.S.W., a band of bright green *Phragmites* reed and up into Red Gums, trunks splayed like crooked fingers, glowing cream and rust but dark in deeper, the rough line of canopy khaki below the big blue.

Later we drove the big picture, through State Park and State Forest-(the difference you ask?-maybe shooting, maybe logging) in the rain, around the mottled trunks of trees, skirting lakes and diverse swamps, along creeks and the River (brimming to the banks), passing through vegetation types dominated by the Tree *Eucalyptus camaldulensis* though varying in the understory, much of which was over our heads...(i.e- we didn't know what it was). It was different to my expectations, some of the trees were big, fast- grown(?) but not old, the finer grasses were sparse and heavily grazed, the ground was thickly covered with fallen timber, leaf litter and stumps and the colours were much more brown than green. The creeks, some just muddy swathes, regulated at their river confluence(against the unseasonal flood in summer when irrigation demands it), were bridged by quarry rock and barrels(flood resistant) and dodgy looking (hey Ross) but immensely solid timber bridges. So we had come at the end of summer in a bad year of leaf-skeletonising caterpillar damage and into what is very much an operational multi-purpose forest. Cattle run over the entire forest, under agistment, eating and trampling, compacting and cratering all the moist areas. visitor signs advise us not to disturb or harm them. (a strong management message against the prevailing sentiment?). I didn't see any such high profile conservation communication e.g. Don't eat the Flowers or Poo in the Water

Some of my expectations were plainly wrong, I kind of expected green grass under big old trees but I forgot Sidney Nolan's "the River", and other good arid brown-river Australian scenery, most of the Park/Forest is like that (it is managed for timber)- but some were not wrong but cruelly dashed- old timers had left some old giants, park-like at lakes edge, their three round metres(dia.) of bole sprouting heavy muscled branches thick like frijs and rounded open crown, squatting on gnarly old root-tops amidst yellowed and luscious marsh grass(*Eleocharis*). The rusty-flowered people-sized *Juncus* of the waters edge the same height as the dark brown flood mark on the barks of the huddles of young trees. One of the old neighbours had fallen, it looked like a shipwreck, roots up, awesome and grey amongst the saplings. Further in, away from the "aesthetic" zone the giants were dead, meticulously ring-barked -we guess to promote thick sapling regrowth or cow food?

At some point all days we took to the water in the Coupar's folbot (nifty pop-up boat with motor) and Alistair's new canoe, running the shallow Barmah Lake and into the River, brushing the reeds and searching the trees for birds. We got out in N.S.W. at one stage to check out their lake, the symetrical other half of the Moira Lakes(ours and theirs), climbing trees to see over the reeds and looked up to be stumped (as usual) by a magnificent bat-shaped raptor bird-(very short tail), light coloured (white even, dark wing margins), circling low above the trees, escorted by another species of raptor, check out the list- we couldn't believe it.

Sunday, opening only between 11 and 3 (2 even ) that day, we spent some time at the Dharnya Cultural Centre, the interface of visitor and department and traditional owners (Yorta-Yorta) and marvelled at some of the wealth of information and other gems there. Lots of old B&W photos of the Yorta-Yorta in degrees of change from then to now. Lots of artifacts, much replicated in fibreglass but some beautiful real boomerangs and working stone. They have the usual crumbling, mangy stuffed wildlife and tacky dioramas, (that'll be the CNR end) but an informative overall display, well worth a visit. In there we were told of some of the management issues, how cattle and vandals trash the fences (they have built lots of little fences)and the sites of significance within them, how there's only two rangers for miles around and what a complicated job- managing flood, extraction, recreation, shooters, conservation, etc..

The crackle of the fire the hum of rubber on tar We'll go back in the other seasons and stay longer.





**Gum Leaf Skeletonizer Caterpillar**

**BARMAH BIRD LIST**

This list was compiled by FOWSP during their 3 day stay in the Barmah State Park

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|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| Emu                      | Long-billed Corella  | Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike  |
| Peaceful Dove            | Galah                | White-plumed Honeyeater    |
| Crested Bronzewing       | Yellow Rosella       | Noisy Miner                |
| Eastern Swampen          | Red-rumped Parrot    | Little Friar Bird          |
| Little Black Cormorant   | Azure Kingfisher     | Sacred Kingfisher          |
| Large Black Cormorant    | Kookaburra           | Welcome Swallow            |
| Little Pied Cormorant    | Whistling Kite       | Buff-rumped Thornbill      |
| Darter                   | Fork-tailed Kite     | Brown Thornbill            |
| Pelican                  | Falcon               | Brown Songlark             |
| Black Duck               | Boobook Owl          | Blue Wren                  |
| White-breasted Sea-eagle | Powerful Owl (N.R.)  | Little Grass Bird          |
| Masked Lapwing           | Willie Wagtail       | Reed Warbler               |
| White Ibis               | Jacky Winter         | White-breasted Woodswallow |
| White Egret              | Red-capped Robin (F) | Brown Treecreeper          |
| White-faced Heron        | Rufous Whistler      | White-throated Treecreeper |
| Wood Duck                | Grey Thrush          | Striated Pardalote         |
| Black Swan               | Maggie-lark          | Australian Raven           |
| White Cockatoo           | Crested Shrike-tit   | White-winged Chough        |
|                          |                      | Black-backed Magpie        |

N.R New record  
F female

**RIVERS.**

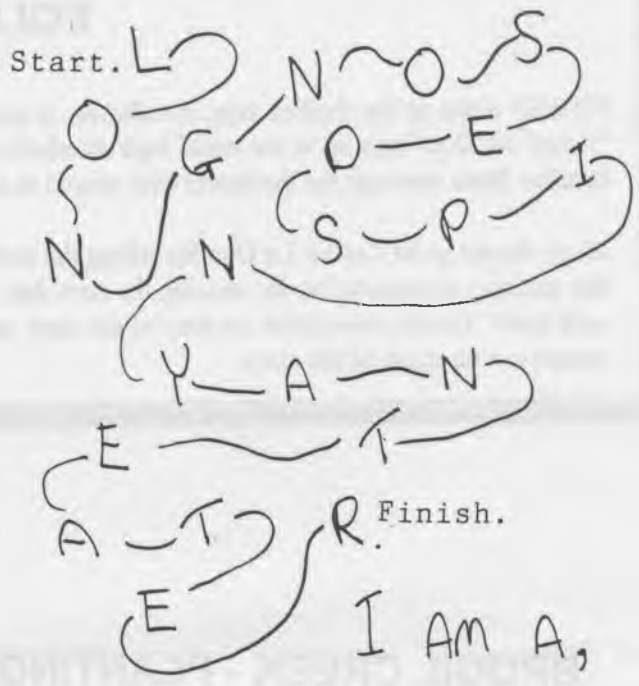
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LONGEST RIVER IN THE  
WORLD :- \_\_\_\_\_

(write the remaining letters)

**FOLLOW THE LINES.**



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**DRAW ME.**

## COMING SOON

### 'Intimate associations'

#### BBQ & SLIDE NIGHT

Since the release of their book 'Flying Colours' Pat & Mike Coupar have continued their quest to photograph the fascinating lives of butterflies and moths and the plants they rely on. The secret lives of these small colourful creatures will be shown on the big screen in the cosy warmth of The Folly.

**Date:** Friday May 10th

**Time:** BBQ 6.30 pm. Slide show 8.00 pm

**Place:** The Folly, Pound Bend Depot

## FOLLIES '96

FOWSP night at the Follies was, as always, a most enjoyable occasion. The musical comedy production "Bowl 'em Over" was up to the usual high standard of excellence. There were some new faces as well as some familiar faces amongst the thespians who played to a packed house that night.

Many thanks go to Cecilia Le Duc for taking the bookings and organising the 'Friends' table. Having spent all day packing in preparation for moving the next day, Cecilia deserved a relaxing evening of entertainment. No such luck! Cecilia was either on duty at the door or washing cups for most of the evening and unfortunately missed out on much of the show.

## BROGIL CREEK - PLANTING DAY - SATURDAY APRIL 20TH (2 - 4 PM)

Come and see what marvellous transformation the residents of Brogil Road, North Warrandyte have made to their formerly weed-infested and over-cleared street( Melway 23 D8). Lots of excellent habitat has grown in the last few years - ask Joy Hildebrand (initiator of the transformation) to show you her photo record. It's an inspiration!

Meet in front of Rob and Deb's place (no.13) at 2 o'clock. Planting, weeding and whipper-snipping is planned (BYO whipper-snippers please). Tea and coffee will be provided at 3 o'clock and Glen Terry from the Shire of Nillumbik will conduct a short walk to point out some of the significant plant life along the creek.

Interested? Contact Amanda and Paul on 9844 1281 for more information.