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# Friends of Warrandyte State Park



# Newsletter

Friends of Warrandyte State Park (FOWSP) Inc. P O Box 220 Warrandyte 3113

## WarranLake Option Scrapped

By Mike Coupar

Last month our Newsletter and The Warrandyte Diary reported on The Department's option to manage Warrandyte State Park and Kinglake as a unit with a senior Ranger in Charge based at the Warrandyte Depot. The latest news is that this plan is not being adopted. The Director of National Parks, Mark Stone, has instructed Manager of Parks and Reserves Ian Christie and Chief Ranger David Nugent to "maintain the status quo at Warrandyte State Park and Kinglake National Park". "They will remain separately managed in the near future" said David Nugent recently.

Meanwhile Staff changes continue at the Warrandyte Depot. Acting RIC Stephen Anderson has accepted a position at Kinglake National Park for which we wish him well. His position has been filled, on a temporary basis for a minimum of 2 months, by Andy Nixon who has come to Warrandyte from the Cathedral Range State Park. David Nugent said that "the intention is to fill these 2 positions permanently". Together with Rangers David Van Bockel and Brian Phefley, this will bring the number of Rangers working at the Depot to four. Readers will remember that we reported last month that a new Ranger, Janine McKay, was appointed to start duties in the middle of August. Alas this never eventuated, because she decided to stay in sunny Queensland. Who can blame her!

We have been informed that the pre-election promise to incorporate Mt. Lofty into the

Warrandyte State Park is proceeding. Lorraine Elliott MLA passed on a letter from The Hon. Marie Tehan MP Minister for Conservation & Land Management dated 22nd August 1996 to the Secretary of FOWSP. She wrote that "Acquisition of Mt. Lofty is an unequivocal commitment of the Government as indicated in 'Conservation and Environment - A Clean and Green Victoria'. The Parks Expansion Initiative will permanently protect Scotchman's Hill and Mt. Lofty by incorporating them into Warrandyte State Park. Officers of the Department and Melbourne Water are managing this commitment and are currently obtaining a valuation report from the Valuer-General. I will advise you of further progress in due course".

The idea to incorporate Mt. Lofty into the State Park goes back to 1988 when an article in the Doncaster and Templestowe News reported "a State Government plan to include Mt. Lofty in the boundaries of an extended Warrandyte State Park is a very significant conservation move". How right. Let's hope the Coalition can deliver where the previous Labour Government failed. David Nugent recently confirmed that the promised Park has not been forgotten. "The Department is assessing 'surplus' Melbourne Parks with a view to acquisition" he said.

We are encouraged by recent developments, but feel the situation will need to be monitored on a regular basis. In the meantime the bottle of champagne remains on ice.

# FOWSP THURSDAY PROGRAM

## SEPTEMBER 19TH Eltham Copper, Orchid Reserve MORNING ACTIVITY

*Meet on site at 10.00am*

Known for its rare butterfly, this reserve also boasts a great diversity of orchids many of which will be in flower when we visit.

**Leader** Cathy Willis. Meet at the Eastern Colony at the end of Diosma Rd (Melways ref. map 22 E5)

## SEPTEMBER 26TH One Tree Hill planting and discovery walk

*Leave the Depot at 1.00pm or meet on site at 1.30pm*

Another chance to visit this unique Reserve. Some planting will be followed by a walk.

**Leader** Diane Silveri. Meet at Watson's Ck car park off Yarra Glen- K G Rd (Melways ref. map 265 C12)

## OCTOBER 3RD Timber Tour

*Leave the Depot at 1.15pm or meet on site at 1.30pm*

A walk through Timber Reserve. This area has some of the best wildflowers in Warrandyte and with all the winter rain we've had they are simply spectacular.

**Leader** Ant Owen. Meet at the end of Wattleblossom Rd (Melways ref. map 35 H1)

## OCTOBER 10TH Beat the Briza MORNING ACTIVITY

*Meet on site at 10.00am*

Some of Warrandyte's best orchids are being threatened by some of Warrandyte's worst weeds. *Briza* or Quaking Grass as it is often called is fortunately very easy to pull out, but we need a concentrated effort to remove as much as possible from this special area of Fourth Hill. The weeding will be followed by a walk.

**Leader** Ranger David Van Bockel. Meet at the end of Tunnel St (Melways ref. map 35 F1)

## OCTOBER 17TH Professors Hill Walk

*Leave the Depot at 1.15pm or meet on site at 1.30pm*

This is an area that is so rich in wildflowers it should have been added to the State Park years ago. It remains, however, a flora reserve of great value.

**Leader** Shirley Mandemaker. Meet at the car park on the corner of Research Rd and Professors Lane (Melways ref. map 23 D8)

## OCTOBER 24TH Attention Frogland MORNING ACTIVITY

*Meet on site at 10.00am*

This specially created wetland has been given a grant of money by Melbourne Parks and Waterways for weed control and planting of rare species. It deserves a morning a month of our time.

**Leader** Jenny Hoskin. Meet at the Depot Pound Bend Rd (Melways ref. map 23 C10)

## OCTOBER 31ST Seed Bagging on The Common

*Leave the Depot at 1.15pm or meet on site at 1.30pm*

Many of our seeds from the Pea family are released explosively and we are not there to catch them! So before they are ready we will be putting stockings over the seeds we want to collect.

**Leader** Pat Coupar. Meet at Haslams Tk the first car park on the left (Melways ref. map 36 A4)



**Note:** A list of these activities will be written on a board and kept in the Folly

## Don't Forget

Copies of leaflets on the identification of WSP eucalypts, wattles and sedges are available from the FOWSP stall at the Warrandyte market

# A Golden Morning

By Pat Coupar

The timing was perfect - both for weather and wattles. On the morning of Thursday August 15th a group of Fowspians assembled at Fiddler Gully car park on Fourth Hill to learn about Warrandyte's wealth of wattles.

Cathy Willis, organiser of this wattle extravaganza, had brought along samples of most of the 16 indigenous species of wattle as well as one or two of the aliens. From a clear blue sky a golden sun illuminated the golden globes of the wattle flowers as they lay spread, in a startling contrast of colour, against the red bonnet of Cathy's car.

Cathy explained, as she handed out 'cheat sheets', that what appears to be a single wattle flower either as a ball or spike is actually a collection of tiny, individual flowers made up of hundreds of yellow stamens (the male parts), petals are absent and sepals are so reduced they can only be seen with a hand lens. She also pointed out other features such as leaf shape, veins, glands and arrangement of flowers, which help in the identification of this diverse group of plants

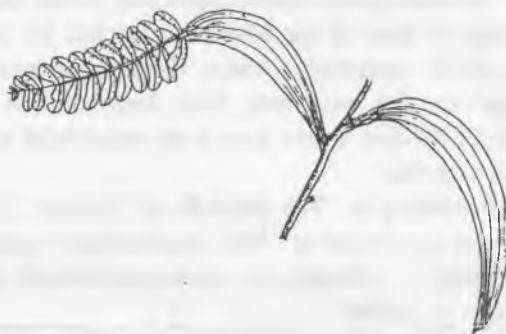


The walk began on a dry ridge dominated by Golden Wattle - the floral emblem of Australia - and why not, the bunches of fluffy yellow balls are one of the biggest and brightest of all wattles. Co-existing with the Golden Wattle, but less spectacular was Spreading Wattle, a somewhat sparse open shrub. Thin-leaf Wattle, also known as Snake Wattle - I guess because of its ground-hugging habit - was there as well.

We saw two other species which were not in flower. Black Wattle, one of only two indigenous wattles that have bipinnate (feathery) foliage, and Lightwood which can be distinguished from the

similar looking Blackwood by its generally smaller size, sickle-shaped leaves (phyllodes) and the fact that it flowers in summer.

As we followed the track downhill the vegetation began to change. We came across a stand of Hedge Wattle easily identified by its sharp thorns and deep orange-yellow flowers. Prickly Moses was also there with its whorls of tiny spiky leaves and cylindrical flowers.



As we reached the gully Blackwoods took over, the flowers of this sturdy tree are the palest of the local wattles - a delicate creamy lemon. After a search we finally found a young tree displaying both characteristics of feathery juvenile, and flattened adult, leaf form. This is not the only species to exhibit these schizophrenic leaves, they are commonly found on Lightwood wattles as well.

We were nearly back at the road when we saw our final species for the morning - a compact little shrub, the buds of which were yet to open fully. It was Gold-dust Wattle, not surprisingly, a species of the goldfields also common in Central Victoria.

Apart from Silver Wattle, which predictably we didn't see as it occurs along the river and creek banks, we saw the 9 most common wattles in Warrandyte. Our thanks to Cathy for a most enjoyable walk and also for all the preparation she did compiling the notes and collecting specimens.

If you missed out and would like one of the 'cheat sheets' they are available from the Depot or at the monthly market stall.

## Wattles referred to in this article are as follows:

- Golden Wattle (*Acacia pycnantha*)
- Spreading Wattle (*A. genistifolia*)
- Thin-leaf Wattle (*A. aculeatissima*)
- Black Wattle (*A. mearnsii*)
- Lightwood (*A. implexa*)
- Hedge Wattle (*A. paradoxa*)
- Prickly Moses (*A. verticillata*)
- Blackwood (*A. melanoxylon*)
- Gold-dust Wattle (*A. acinacea*)
- Silver Wattle (*A. dealbata*)

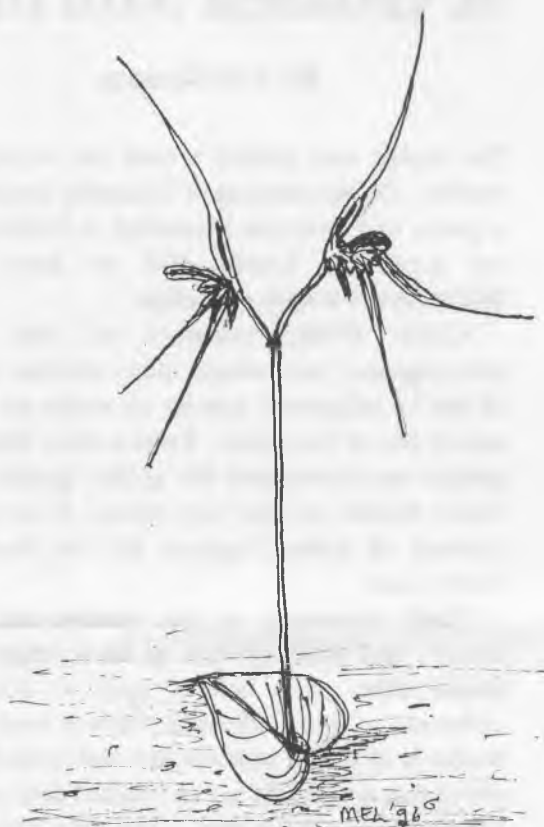
## New Orchid Record for WSP

A species of orchid, not previously recorded in the Warrandyte State Park, has been found on Fourth Hill. Three plants - 1 in flower 2 in bud - of Mayfly Orchid (*Acianthus caudatus*) were discovered recently by a local orchid guru on a sheltered southerly slope of the Reserve.

The dark green heart-shaped leaf of the Mayfly Orchid is similar to that of the Mosquito Orchid (*A. pusillus*) which occurs in scattered colonies throughout most of the Park. However, the extremely long deep maroon sepals of the Mayfly Orchid flower give it the superficial appearance of a spider-orchid.

According to 'The Orchids of Victoria' (Backhouse and Jeanes) the species is "Not a particularly common orchid (in Victoria) although not often encountered, it appears to be secure at present."

In WSP the Mayfly Orchid is far from secure. Like many other species in Warrandyte which are teetering on the edge of extinction, its future management will be yet another challenge for the Flora Management Team (FMT).



## Spring Camp at Majors Creek

October 11th and 12th

**Directions:** From the Goulburn Valley Highway turn left on the Michelton Rd (approx. 10kms before Nagambie), cross the Goulburn River and continue on passed Michelton Winery (ignore all roads on left), cross over wooden bridge and the camping is on the right, proceed to the far end and look out for FOWSP sign. Map published in last months newsletter.

**What to bring:** Fresh water, camera and binoculars. Canoe small boat (if you have one).

If you are interested in coming - put your name on the list on the noticeboard in the Folly or Ring a Contact person.

## Volunteers Needed

The annual Eltham Copper larval count is on again and people are desperately needed to help with counting caterpillars. No experience is required just bring a torch and you will be instructed on the day (or rather the night).

Counts will be held at regular intervals between 23rd September and 11th November usually on a Tuesday and Thursday night weather permitting. In all, 5 reserves will be monitored.

If you are interested and would like more information, ring Anna Richtarik on 9411 5158

# A Farewell to Steve

By Ron Taylor

Most members would be aware that Stephen Anderson has left Warrandyte State Park and has taken his talents over to Kinglake National Park, a move which will certainly be a loss to our Park.

Steve has been at Warrandyte for several years. Having worked for the Shire of Diamond Valley, he started at Warrandyte as a C & M (Construction & Maintenance crew), working his way up the ladder until he became a fully fledged Park Ranger. Steve decided to make the move to Kinglake for more experience and maybe a little bit more money! Along with his studies who knows where he may end up. Steve is working, what seems to be all hours of the night, towards getting his Associate Diploma in Applied Science and National Park Management.

The Friends group has gained a lot from Steve's experience in most areas and activities of the Park. We can now (almost) take on rabbit-proof fencing thanks to Steve's instruction and help in the past.

Steve always seemed to be calm and mild mannered, only once did we see him loose his cool, that was down at Stiggants Reserve about a year ago when he got rather political. I had Steve as a neighbour up until the time that the Ramgers

house in the Park was pulled down. He seemed to give that little bit more security to Pound Bend and even turned out one night to help send home an over jealous boy friend of my daughter's.

As Steve will still be living in Warrandyte, we will no doubt see him and Angie running about town in that little yellow truck (Suzie). Besides, he won't be able to keep away from our Park!

We wish you well Steve in your new position and as the Friends Group we say thankyou for your help, dedication and commitment to the Warrandyte State Park.



## *It's Twilight Time*

**Date:** Sunday 27th October

**Time:** 4.00pm onwards

**Place:** Stane Brae. (Proceed through the gate at the end of Stane Brae Crt and meet at the end of the track Melways ref. map 24 C9)



These long spring evenings are a perfect time for a barbeque and what better setting than Stane Brae. This secluded area of Warrandyte State Park is not often visited, but it offers so much - mighty Manna Gums, koalas and of course the river. The Stane Brae beach is one of the best swimming spots in the Park.

Just to work up an appetite there will be a few boxes of grasses to plant out first - but no tiresome rabbit guarding is required as wire coupes are already in place. As dusk descends we will scan the skies for bats and other silent creatures of the night.

Just bring along food and drink for the barbeque and a chair to sit on.

# River Survey Surprises

By Cathy Willis

Monday the 26th of August dawned fine - a good omen for the FOWSP canoe's first big outing. A few weeks before, Ant Owen and Ross Coupar had taken the canoe on its maiden voyage from Mt Lofty to Wittons Reserve.

Ranger David van Bockel wanted to survey the river to assess possible damage after the recent floods and suggested the 'Friends' come along. The river was still very high but had dropped about 2 metres from its recent peak, the highest in seven years. With Justin (the Park's trainee Ranger) and Pat Coupar in the FOWSP canoe, and David and I in the Park canoe, we rather gingerly entered the river at Blue Tongue Bend. We soon discovered that despite the speed of the water flow, canoeing was actually quite easy with the high water level and no rocks to dodge.

Our first stop was at a riverbank planting done by FOWSP in the Koornong. A large Mountain Teatree (*Leptospermum grandifolium*) had been washed horizontal by the flood, totally changing the shape of the riverbank and taking half of the planting with it. However some plants and guards were gamely hanging on. Our next stop was near the mouth of Jumping Creek where a large willow that had been home to our one and only plant of a particular species of Starwort (*Stellaria caespitosa*), had been uprooted and washed somewhere downstream.

It was awe inspiring to be on the river and to imagine the power of the water as it pushed through during the peak of the flood - two metres above us. Even more so to imagine the power of a flood before the river was dammed. David took photos of the piled debris on bends, and of large uprooted trees which included Silver Wattles (*Acacia dealbata*), Manna Gums (*Eucalyptus viminalis*) and Willows (*Salix* spp.).

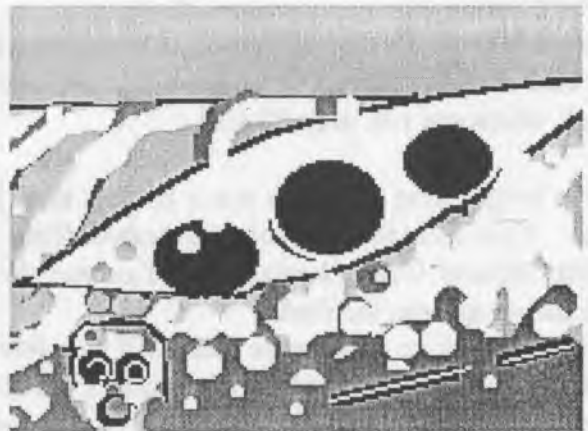
At Black Flat we were amazed to find Autumn

plantings of semi-aquatics surviving. Among others, tiny River Buttercups (*Ranunculus inundatus*) were popping up through 6 centimetres of silt dumped on them during the flood. Continuing downstream we paddled into The Island backwaters - the 'Warrandyte Everglades' and not an alligator in sight. Along the town river frontage we noted small patches of very bad erosion, but not where there was good vegetation to hold the banks together. Gliding through Pound Bend we saw several koalas above us, and chased a large cormorant for a while.

Peace and tranquillity on the river, for the moment. A little downstream of Galatly's Lane we rounded a bend only to see yet another Manna Gum downed, this time lying right across the river. David and I decided to hold back (we held onto a willow actually) and watch Justin and Pat blaze the trail. Underneath the now horizontal branches was the only way to go, and despite serious wobbles and shipping a lot of water, they made it. No details are necessary, I'll simply say that David and I didn't. Luckily we were both wearing wetsuits as the river was rather cold. Slithering up the canoe ramp at Pound Bend I was relieved our dipping had come towards the end of the trip.

It was a worthwhile morning, sometime in the future the records and photos will be valuable historical data, and meanwhile will assist staff in management decisions. I've come to respect the river's power and beauty a little more and hope to be able to assist in similar ventures in the future, but I think I'll next volunteer when the river is a few degrees warmer!

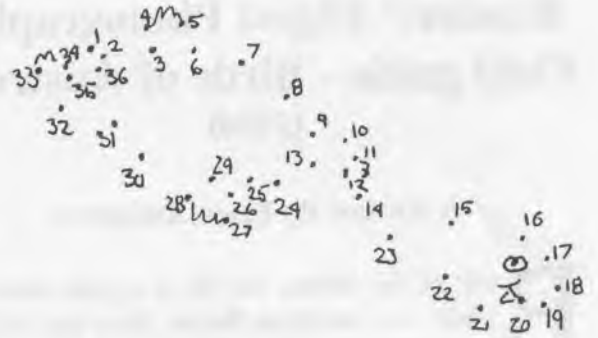
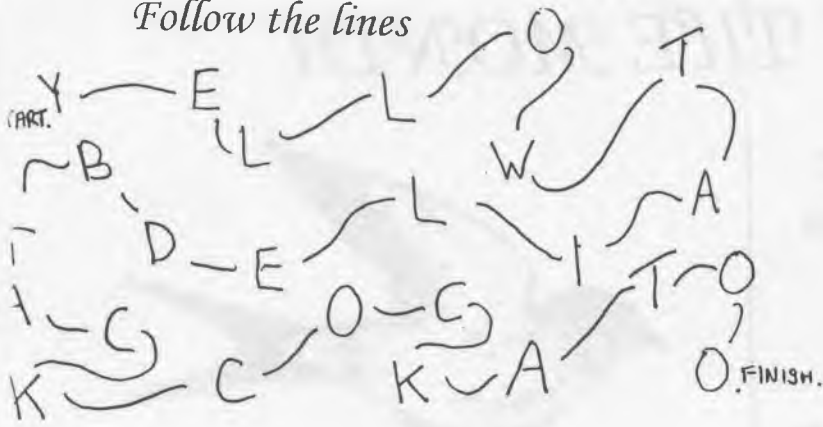
If any other 'Friends' are interested in doing a canoe trip, just contact Ron Taylor who has custody of the canoe in his shed at Pound Bend - Ron's phone number can be found on the back of the newsletter.



# PUZZLE PAGE

Follow the lines

Join the dots



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## Wildflower Walk

**Date:** Sunday September 29th  
**Time:** 1.00pm  
**Place:** Fourth Hill

(Meet at the end of Tunnel St Melways ref. map 35 F1)

The walk will be followed by traditional billy tea and damper.

For more information ring Pat Coupar on 9844 1650



## Request

If you feel inclined to put pen to paper or finger to keyboard, contributions to the newsletter will be most welcome. You may like to express your opinion in a letter to the editor; articles on environmental matters relevant to Warrandyte are particularly welcome; likewise any information on our local fauna including interesting sightings. Perhaps even an illustration.

Deadline for next issue is  
**October 3rd**

## WANTED



FOWSP new treasurer requires house to let or purchase. current rental premises (\$823pcm) up for sale too high at \$160,000. both working, two young kids & a house dog. Call Ant or Linda 9844 1344

# BOOK OF THE MONTH

## Readers' Digest Photographic Field guide - Birds of Australia (1994)

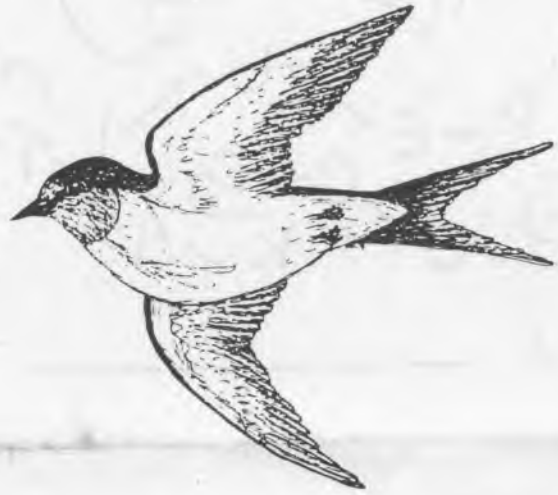
A Review By Flora Anderson

**B**ook of the Month will be a regular feature in which we introduce books from the FOWSP library which are available for borrowing by members. We will also review new books which 'Friends' may like to purchase for themselves.

Field guides are designed to be carried about and so are compact and portable. If weight is a problem you may choose the 'Slater Guide' and if you prefer to identify birds from photographs, the 'Readers' Digest Guide, may be your choice. But remember, an artist is able to illustrate details not caught by a camera and can include the many variations in plumage of some species eg Brown Falcon, as well as illustrations of immature birds.

However, the photographs in this guide, the work of many people, are truly beautiful. 760 individual species which breed in, or regularly visit, or pass through some part of Australia, are represented. Each bird is photographed in characteristic habitat and there are a few extra photographs showing variation eg breeding plumage in waders.

The main guide contains the photographs of the birds with detailed descriptions and maps showing distribution. Symbols representing habitat follow the description. eg the widespread Sulphur-crested



Welcome Swallow

Cockatoo has 8 habitat symbols. So, you can see at a glance how specialised the habitat of the bird you are observing may be.

I recommend also the final section on choosing and using field equipment such as binoculars - valuable information if you are about to buy. There is an outline of the current status of conservation in Australia which is also well worth reading. The author calls for conservationists, farmers and developers to work together, pool resources of expert knowledge so that serious mistakes are avoided.

What is needed, says the author, is increased political pressure by concerned people as well as the knowledge of birdwatchers."

If the 'concerned people' are the birdwatchers, all the better.



As M R is away in NSW and QLD for 3 weeks we will follow up on a couple of items from last months "I Spy".

### *Suspicious or Suspicious*

The large red gum box referred to last month is now complete and has a name - 'Don's Box'. Its purpose still remains a mystery to some people. What we can tell you is that the box is lined with carpet underlay and black plastic, has a layer of sand on the bottom, and has filled up with water.

### *Pound Bend Bog*

It was reported in last months issue that a certain Land Management Officer got bogged in the Pound Bend lower orchard. A photo of the person in question became available for this issue, but unfortunately (or fortunately for the LMO) it was considered too dark to print. However, if anyone is interested in discovering the identity of this person the photo will be pinned up on the noticeboard in the Folly.



# Spider Bites

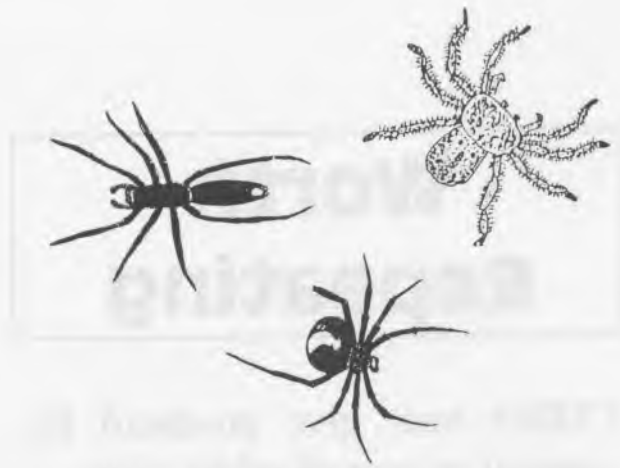
## *Who are the Real Culprits?*

There have been 1 confirmed and 2 suspected cases of spider bites amongst Fowspians and Park staff in recent weeks.

Trainee ranger, Justin Welander, was bitten on the hand while moving logs and debris near the river at Pound Bend following the flooding that occurred in early August. He suffered redness and swelling around the bite site which lasted for a couple of days.



On the same day Pat Coupar was bitten on the knuckle while climbing up from the river bank through debris left behind by the flood at Black



Flat. Almost immediately her finger began to swell and in less than an hour the whole hand was inflamed and swollen. Several hours later the redness and swelling had travelled halfway up Pat's arm. Over the next couple of days, with help from a fingertip to elbow bandage, the swelling subsided. This type of reaction is almost certainly the result of a spider bite.

Only a couple of days later, Ross Coupar was bitten while putting on a pair of gardening gloves and this time the culprit was seen. Aware of the possibility of spiders he had first given the gloves a shake before putting his hand inside. However, he obviously didn't shake hard enough because when putting his fingers into the glove he felt a sharp prick, he quickly withdrew his hand along with a medium-sized spider. Fortunately the bite was mild and Ross suffered only localized pain and swelling.

Are these isolated incidences or have more Fowspians suffered a similar fate? If anyone has been bitten recently let us know, so that we can track down these hairy 8 legged creatures and hopefully discover just who the real culprits are.

## Diverse Disclosures

- **Congratulations.** A beautiful daughter, safely born to our former secretary, Kym Dowcra and Brad Reid on the 13th August. Named Zoe Kaitlyn-Louise she has been "officially" welcomed by The Friends with gifts of a sleeping bag and track suit.
- **Welcome** to our new member Ann Williamson of Box Hill North.
- **A marvellous** new surface of scoria has been placed in the community hardening off area. We tried using mulch but it couldn't cope with this incredibly wet winter and just was not draining well enough.
- **Book organiser** needed. We really need someone who loves books to keep an eye on our extensive library. Very little work is involved we just need someone willing to take responsibility.

# Worth Repeating

## CSIRO tests give go-ahead for national release of rabbit virus

By BEN MITCHELL  
Canberra

The Federal Government has approved the nationwide release of the rabbit-killing calicivirus in spring after scientists at the Animal Health Laboratory in Geelong found it would not harm native wildlife.

The Minister for Primary Industries and Energy, Mr John Anderson, said the calicivirus had met all safety requirements for the introduction of a biological agent in Australia and New Zealand following exhaustive tests by the CSIRO.

"The further studies on non-target native fauna and human health ... have been completed and I am satisfied that there is no evidence of Australian native animals or people being harmed or infected," Mr Anderson said.

He said the virus would be released once federal, state and New Zealand agriculture ministers were satisfied with the CSIRO tests.

The Victorian Agriculture Minister, Mr Pat McNamara, said the Agriculture Department had prepared a plan to release the virus at 50 sites. The plan would call on farmers and Landcare groups to monitor its spread.

The federal Science Minister, Mr Peter McGauran, said the CSIRO had tested the virus, known as RCD, on more than 30 wild and domestic animals.

But two international scientists have warned against the release of the virus, saying it is capable of jumping species and infecting humans.

Dr David Matson, from the Centre for Paediatric Research at the Eastern Virginia Medical School in the United States, and Professor Heinz-Jurgen Thiel, a German authority on the rabbit strain of the virus have warned of potential trouble if RCD is released.

"You have many more animal species in your country than we have here, and it has to be clarified whether that virus can infect other species," Professor Thiel said.

The virus was accidentally released last October when it escaped from a South Australian island where it was being tested.

The chairman of the National Farmers Federation's environment committee, Mr Harry Bonanno, has urged the Government to release the virus as soon as possible.

*Source: The Age 29th August 1996*



## Follow Up

In last months issue we published an article entitled 'Melbourne the weed capital, research finds'. As a reaction to the findings reported in this article we have since learnt that Marie Tehan, Minister for Conservation and Land Management, has initiated an enquiry into pest plants. Submissions have been called for. FOWSP committee members will be getting together to write a submission on what we

consider to be the major problem pest plants in the State Park. However, if any other members would also like to write a submission on the pest plants they feel are a particular problem in their area then don't hesitate to do so.

The closing date for submissions is 16th September, although an extension could be obtained if requested.

Anyone seeking more information should ring Flora Anderson on 9722 1776

# Dates for your Diary

**SEPTEMBER 19TH Thursday. Eltham Copper Orchid Walk** (see thurs. prog. for details)  
Contact: *Cathy Willis* 9844 1841

**SEPTEMBER 26TH Thursday One Tree Hill planting and discovery walk** (see thurs. prog. for details)  
Contact: *Diane Silveri* 9710 1331

**SEPTEMBER 29TH Sunday. Wildflower Walk** (See ad. this newsletter)  
Contact: *Pat Coupar* 9844 1650

**OCTOBER 2ND Wednesday Koornong Sub-group**  
Contact: *Cathy Willis* 9844 1841

**OCTOBER 3RD Timber Tour** (see thurs. prog. for details)  
Contact: *Ant Owen* 9844 1344

**OCTOBER 5TH. Saturday Warrandyte Market**  
Contact: *Betty Oke* 9844 3763

**OCTOBER 6TH Sunday Fourth Hill ParkCare Group 10am-12.00pm**  
Contact: *David Van Bockel* 9844 2659

**OCTOBER 11TH & 12TH Friday and Saturday Spring Camp at Majors Creek** (See ad. this newsletter)  
Contact: *Pat Coupar* 9844 1650

**OCTOBER 10TH Beat the Briza** (see thurs. prog. for details)  
Contact: *David Van Bockel* 9844 2659

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Contact: *Shirley Mandemaker* 9844 1895

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Contact: *Jenny Hoskin* 9808 9231

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Contact: *Ron Taylor* 9844 4285

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Any sub-group or individual who would like to advertise an environmental activity in this newsletter please ring Pat Coupar on 9844 1650

## Not to Blame

While on an orchid survey at One Tree Hill, Diane Silveri co-ordinator of the 'Friends of One Tree Hill', discovered a small black slug apparently attacking the leaves of a greenhood orchid (*Pterostylis sp.*).

The slug was collected and later identified by Adrian Daniels, mollusc expert at La Trobe University, as a native species of slug called *Cystopelta sp.* It seems that the slug had not been chewing the orchid leaf at all, but was in fact after bacteria on and around the orchid. According to Adrian, the grazing was probably caused by an introduced slug.

## Singles from the 60's

Over 100 old singles and some E.P.'s are being offered by Cecilia Le Duc for next to nothing, together with a record player to play them on. Artists include Elvis Presley and The Beatles. If anyone is interested ring Cecilia on 9722 1926, she is even prepared to give them away if necessary.

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