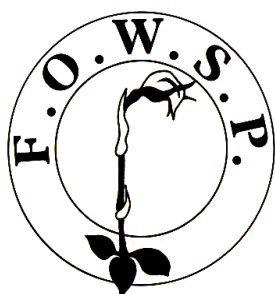


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Editor's corner

The FOWSP nursery crew as seen below, seem to have been transported back to their school days. The same cheeky grins and Josh, our leader and teacher in pride of place front of centre. All that is missing is someone sitting cross-legged on the ground with a "class of 2010" notice-board.

This month has seen many activities. There was a new member's morning tea and TAGs seem to have been organized nearly every Thursday. This is great as it reflects the increased number of volunteers attending the nursery. Important details of changes in TAG scheduling are outlined on p2 with photos and details of some of the work undertaken recently.

I couldn't resist publishing a little more about *Candlepark*, a linear section of park accessed from the north side of Fitzsimmons Lane bridge, as it is one of my favourite areas. (p3)

Pat Coupar has gathered to-

Thanks to
James Johnson
www.Photoartgallery.com/ARTIST/JCJP



gether 17 years of her Warrandyte Diary columns in printed and disk form. She has generously offered the disk (in the library) for FOWSP members to copy for free, or she can organize a hard copy to buy. Her lovely piece on the leaf-curling spider is also on p4.

Kel Wooster has sent in some school holiday busting ideas p7. Steven shares another of his favourite places with us, Blue Lake in Yellow Gums Park p8. Our spy Ben is in great form p9. Plus our bonus photo page 11.

Don't forget to make a habit of checking the FOWSP MYLN, Friends of Yarra Valley Parks and Manningham websites to keep up with the news. Linda will be back from China next month. In the meantime, best wishes from

Joan B

Deadline for July/August edition newsletter is Friday 25 June, 2010
contributions can be emailed to Linda Rogan lindarogan@netspace.net.au
or posted to PO Box 220, Warrandyte 3113



FOWSP/STRATHEWEN LANDCARE

On Thursday the 13th of May a keen group of eight Fowspians took the ever so scenic drive up to Strathewan to assist the Strathewan Landcare Group with some woody weeding of the Cootamundra Wattle on private property.

The area is looking quite lush with the regeneration occurring, (photo left), with many native ground covers, shrubs and trees coming up which has been assisted by recent rains and abundance of sunlight due to the loss of tree canopy above. Although more time could have been spent up there a large amount of Cootamundra, (photo left), was tackled with many being cut and painted before the Acacia species tried to take over and dominate the area.

Even though it was not raining up there the vegetation was very wet ensuring volunteers got a good soaking which a nice warm cuppa quickly fixed, although I am hoping Sybille's brand new car survived the muddy boot episode.

Kel Wooster

Photos: K. Wooster



BIGGER AND BETTER TAGs

It is good to report that the Thursday Activity Group (TAG) has been attracting more and more helpers so FOWP will now be able to schedule TAG activities twice a month. In future TAG will no longer be coordinated by a FOWSP committee member but by a nursery staff member. See committee minutes p7 and June Program p5.

Leaving the nursery after 9.30 am and traveling allows limited time for the work to be carried out. From now on TAG volunteers will assemble at the nursery at 9.am and leave at 9.15 am sharp. Latecomers must make their own way. TAGs will generally aim to be back at the nursery around noon. A Nursery staff person will be the contact person for TAGs on Thursday mornings via the Nursery mobile phone (0408 317 327). The phone will be on by 8:45 am.

Its all very easy really JUST TAG ALONG.



Photos are by Vicki Hooper taken at recent TAGs:—boneseed weeding near the old miners cottage and at Pound Bend. More of her pics on our special email page 11

Candlebark Park

The May FOWSP newsletter contained a report of the April planting in Candlebark, Templestowe —p7. In November 2009 (vol 27.9 p3) we published “Candlebark, my Favourite Walk.” This extract from our sister organisation, Friends of Yarra Valley Parks’ newsletter *Birrarrung* tells us more about this beautiful riparian area. (Mel 21G12) Web address for more information and activities is boxed below.

“...friends groups have been planting in Candlebark Park continuously since 1985. The area was once a group of cow paddocks with only a small amount of remnant bushland. Since then it has been transformed into a large area of bushland filled with native trees, shrubs and grasses. Candlebark Park is now a conservation and recreation area which is enjoyed by walkers and also supports wildlife such as eastern grey kangaroos. Anyone who is familiar with what the area used to look like is amazed at how well it has developed over the years.

A Botanical Report for Candlebark Park was written by Damian Cook in 1992. For each 50m x 50m grid in the park, he recorded a species list and assessed the vegetation quality in terms of the per cent cover of indigenous species versus weed species. The percent indigenous cover was expressed on colour-coded maps which clearly showed “the good, the medium and the ugly” areas. The combination of species lists and relative indigenous cover has guided our revegetation work since then.

The overall principle has been to preserve the best areas, extend the good areas and control the worst areas. Guidelines include helping good areas regenerate naturally by removing weeds, joining up neighbouring good areas by upgrading the links between them, and expanding good areas by improving the medium areas next to them. In the bad areas weeds are kept under control by mowing, spraying and planting heavily with fast growing natives to suppress exotic grasses.”

New Members' Afternoon Tea

Some 35 invitations were sent out to new members inviting them to afternoon tea at the Folly on Sunday 2 May. It was a delightful afternoon, the weather was kind, the fire welcoming. The new members were very interested in talking to the committee and exploring the nursery.

Thanks to Linda Rogan, Jason Patton and Lyndy Gilbert.



Newsletter team this month were:

Joan Broadberry

Linda Rogan

Mel Coupar (line drawings)

Special thanks to Kel

Wooster



Friends of Yarra Valley Parks

Now that our rangers' management area extends as far south along the Yarra as Fitzsimmons Lane, we have a mutual interest with Friends of Yarra Valley in that part of the Yarra Parklands. The Friends Group's next working bee is **Sunday 27th June 2010, 10 am to noon** - details can be found on their website in early May: www.yvfriends.org.au



The Art of Curling Leaves and Spinning Wheels

By Pat Coupar

THE TIME HAD COME for the leaf curling spider to find a new home. Her dead leaf shelter was damaged beyond repair, but there were plenty more to chose from littered across the forest floor.

Under the cover of darkness the spider abandons her ragged leaf and sets out in search of a suitable site for her new residence which, like a kit home, she would have to assemble herself. Finding a desirable location, between low vegetation on a narrow foot track, she spins a silken scaffolding onto the foliage. Then, abseiling down to the ground, she selects a fallen leaf, attaches a thread and hauls it up pulley-wise to the woven frame, tethering it in position with ropes of silk. The leaf, now slung like a hammock between the two bushes, must next be curled.

Once again this ingenious spider makes use of her unlimited supply of silk by spinning threads from one side of the leaf to the other. As the silk dries it shrinks, thereby pulling the two edges of the leaf together to form a cylindrical refuge. With the home building complete she retires for the day into the deepest corner of her brand new abode.

As darkness returns and the temperature falls the leaf curler goes to work on construction of the wheel web. First come the radials, the spokes of the wheel—over sixty of them. These are painstakingly followed by the cross threads. To avoid getting trapped by her own sticky spiral, the spider builds a platform of non-adhesive silk suspended from the scaffolding. Unlike some orb weaving spiders, the leaf curlers web is a messy affair, incomplete due to the presence of the leaf shelter which adds security and sophistication at the expense of symmetry.

With the last strand of her snare in place, the spider returns to the curled leaf, positioning herself just inside the entrance of the hideaway. Her spindly front legs protrude through the small opening - tarsal claws, like fingertips remaining in contact with the

gossamer filaments ready to detect the slightest vibration which could mean a meal or even a mate.

The first meal arrives - a fly has blundered head-long into the net. The nimble spider sprints out to confront the struggling insect and, panning out reams of silk, swaddles it in silver-white ribbons. Once the fly is immobilised the spider bites it, injecting venom through her needle-sharp fangs. The unfortunate victim is then dragged back to the security of the retreat to be eaten at leisure.

The spider's venom contains digestive fluids which break down the tissues of the prey - spiders are not equipped to eat solid food, their diet is strictly liquid. Using the base of her fangs she squeezes the internal juices from the fly's body. A row of hairs on her lower lip act as strainers to filter out solid particles of food as they are siphoned through the mouth into the stomach.

Her suitor, when he comes, approaches cautiously, he does not want to be mistaken for her next dinner. For some spiders mating is an unavoidable act of suicide, but the leaf curler tolerates her mate better than most, she may even invite him into her leaf shelter for a brief honeymoon period. But his days are numbered anyway, they are a short-lived species and even the females do not live much beyond a year.

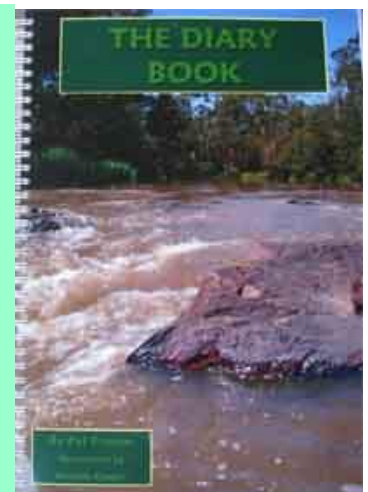
The leaf curling spider is one of the commonest spiders of suburban gardens and open forest, although the spider itself is seldom seen. Sometimes their rolled dried leaves will catch onto our clothing as we walk through the bush. We brush them off unaware, for the most part, of the arachnid hiding inside. The best way to see these spiders in action is by going out after dark with a torch, only then is it possible to appreciate the mastery of the weavers as they carry out their craft of curling leaves and spinning wheels.

First published in the Warrandyte Diary April 2000

The Diary Book

Pat's articles from the Warrandyte Diary over 17 years have been bound, with an index, into what is called *The Diary Book* - available in the FOWSP library. For \$25 you can buy it for yourself.

This beautiful book is also on disk and can be copied for free. See Joan Broadberry 9846 1218.



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Thursday Activity Group (TAG)

TAG, Thursday Activity Group activities are being held twice a month this year. Either meet **at the depot 9 am to leave at 9.15**, (Note this is a little earlier than previously advertised) or on site by arrangement. LEARN some vegetation management skills and help improve some special sites in the Park. Just tag with TAG. Activities are cancelled on Total Fire ban Days. See also p2

Thursday 10th June -Boys Road, Melway 23C10. Revegetating of an ex-homestead site in the park.

Thursday 24th June -Boys Road Melway 23C10

Contact is the nursery phone 0408 317327—phone on Thursdays from 8.45 am.

MYLN (Middle Yarra Landcare Network) activities for June

Sunday 6th June 10 am—1 pm: Hillcrest Road, Melway 36B3 JCCLG (Jumping Creek Catchment Landcare Group) Contact Tracey 0403 739 938

Saturday 19th June 1 pm—3 pm: Gold memorial Road Carpark, Melway 35E2 ACCA (Anderson's Creek Catchment Landcare Group). Contact Fritz 0439 443 703

Manningham City Council Environment Seminars 2010

Held on the **1st Wednesday** of the month at 7.30 pm at

Currawong Bush Park- Mel 34 H6

For more details check closer to the time on 9840 4405

Wed 2nd June Australian National Antarctic Research Expeditions

Wed 7th July The Genetics of Kangaroos and their relatives

Wed 4th August Graeme Hamilton from *Birds Australia*



Seminars are FREE. No bookings required Supper provided

FOWSP THURSDAY PROGRAM

We meet for propagation and other nursery activities every Thursday morning at 9.30 am at the Warrandyte State Park depot, Pound Bend Road, Warrandyte (Melway 23 C10), unless otherwise stated below. Propagation takes place from 9.30 am to 12.30 midday.

No prior experience necessary -

There is always someone available to show you the ropes.

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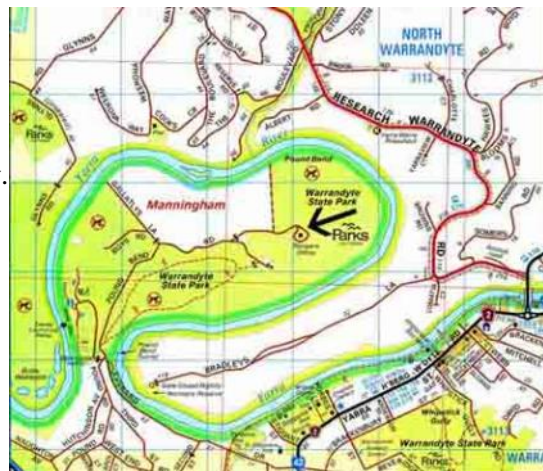
The nursery is open for plant sales (by donation) every Thursday.
9.30 am to 12.30 pm and the first Sunday of each month
2 pm to 4 pm.

**Nursery is closed to customers and volunteers
 on Total Fire Ban Days**

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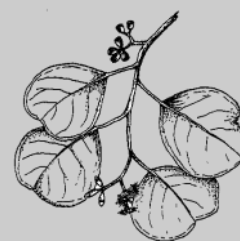
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Important Nursery Notice— return of tubes and trays

Would all members who have obtained plants from the FOWSP nursery please make sure they return the empty forestry tubes and more importantly the **black plastic tube holder trays**. These trays are specially made and have been bought by FOWSP at considerable cost. This request is especially relevant to those who have purchased plants in large quantities. They can be returned to the nursery any weekday between 8 am and 5 pm or on the first Sunday of the month between 2 pm and 4 pm.

Many Thanks to the May Market Volunteers

Diane & John Baird
 Brian James
 Alison Thom
 Sybille Ims
 Joan Broadberry
 Linda Gilbert & Ken Crook
 Peter Curry (delivery & return of trailer)



Market dates coming up are Saturday **June 5th, July 3rd**

Markets are held on the first Saturday morning of the month from 8.30 am to 12.30 pm. Volunteers are rostered on in pairs for an hour. If you are interested in being on the market roster for 2010 please email Joan Broadberry: joan.broadberry@optusnet.com.au or ring anytime on **9846 1218**. *No knowledge assumed*

HELP FOR INJURED WILDLIFE

RACV Wildlife Connect **13 11 11** Same number
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 Wildlife Victoria **1300 0WILDLIFE /**
1300 094 535
 Local Area—Adrianne or Julie see p5

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 thors, and do not necessarily reflect
 those of FOWSP

To the Editors— FOR KIDS

– Kel Wooster

I just thought I would send in some online games which we learnt about at school. I originally sent them out to my cousin and her four kids for something to entertain them with over the holidays, and as it is coming up to the cooler and wetter (hopefully a bit of rain anyway) June/ July holidays I thought it may be a good one for something environmentally focused to do for members kids or grandkids if they get bored!

A couple of water saving games from Melbourne Water:

http://education.melbournewater.com.au/content/rivers_and_drainage/our_drainage_system/floods_explorer/floods_explorer.asp
http://education.melbournewater.com.au/content/water_supply/saving_water_at_home_and_school/every_drop_counts/primary/primary.asp

Your ecological footprints:

<http://www.epa.vic.gov.au/ecologicalfootprint/calculators/personal/page1.asp>

Here are some websites where the kids can identify the noises of frogs or go searching:

<http://museumvictoria.com.au/bioinformatics/frog/>
http://flyaqis.mov.vic.gov.au/cgi-bin/texhtml?form=bio_frogg

You need a printer but this one is a great for younger kids, colouring in birds from the Bird Observers Club!
<http://www.boca.org.au/stickybeak-kids/bird-colouring-sheets>



It was Alwynne's poets eye, which spotted this evocative subject. Would any of our readers like to supply a caption.? Best of, will be published in the next issue.

News from the Committee

- There will be a working bee to replace the loose part of the roof in the seedling hot house
- The Permit needed for the nursery redesign is in the pipeline
- The Warrandyte primary school environment competition will finish in 3 weeks. This exhausts the Bendigo Bank funding. Grants to continue the program will be researched
- The AGM will be on November 30th 2010

TAGS

- A rostered, paid, Nursery staff person will prepare materials for TAG activities and keep track of schedule changes.
- The Nursery staff person will also be the contact person for TAGs on Thursday mornings via the Nursery mobile phone (0408 317 327). The phone will be on by 8:45 am.
- If there are any changes to Parks Vic sponsored TAGs, a ranger will contact the Nursery.
- Tags will now leave the nursery at 9.15 am

Ranger Report

- The Brush-Tailed Phascogale Trapping Program has commenced once again, starting on the 10 May for a week. This is a joint program with DSE. The Program has 20 trap sites in the Warrandyte Kinglake Nature Conservation Reserve, and another 20 trap sites in the Kinglake National Park. The Program is aimed at monitoring this rare species, and is particularly important now that half the trap sites have been burnt from the recent fires. As of the time of writing this report, we have only trapped for one day, and have caught one animal.
- The Jumping Creek Toilet's have had a major plumbing upgrade; this has been an ongoing issue, with much repair over the years. The latest overhaul is hoped to have fixed ongoing maintenance issues.
- Warren Murphy has been successful in obtaining an ongoing Ranger position here at Warrandyte, working within the Environmental Management Team. Warren was seconded from Albert Park for 12 months, working in the Visitor Services team, but is now permanent here at Warrandyte.
- Through the Melbourne Bushfire Protection Program, some of our seasonal fire fighters will be doing some work over winter in assisting with the Program planning.

Next Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday June 8th 2010

Venue: Ranger Station, Pound Bend

Time: 19:30 pm sharp

Picnic at Blue Lake

Steven Katsiniris, April 2009

One Sunday in late March my family set off for a picnic at Yellow Gum Park, situated on the Plenty River, part of the in the surrounding Plenty Gorge Parklands. The area used to be a dairy cattle property. It was subdivided in 1957, after severe bushfires. Initially, Reid Quarries purchased the site and then later Boral Australia bought it in the 1960s.

A key aspect of the park is Blue Lake, which turns a blue at times because of the mineral deposits in the water. The lake was once the site of an old stone quarry, but mining operations ceased in the early 1970s due to ground water seeping into the quarry hole. This ground water outflow formed what is now Blue Lake. Yellow Gum Reserve, which includes Blue Lake, was purchased by Parks Victoria in 1997 and opened to the public in 1999.

Yellow Gum Park is an environmentally important area, rich in biodiversity, with a high flora and fauna value. It is home to 25 national and state rare and threatened native plant species, including the rare, pale pink flowering Hyacinth Orchid and *Hakea decurrens*. There are 13 different vegetation groupings in the park with four main woodland communities and 508 indigenous plant species, including the Charming Spider Orchid, Bulbine Lily, Emerald Greenhood, Inland Pigface and Rosemary Grevillea (*Rosemariniflora*). Though they are not common elsewhere, Yellow Gums predominate in the reserve.

The park is inhabited by a wide diversity of wildlife; including threatened species like Phascogales, Tiger Quolls, Powerful Owls, Wedged-tailed Eagles and Peregrine Falcons. There have also been over 200 species of birds observed in Yellow Gum Park, including Black Swans, Wood Ducks, Grebes, Black Fronted Plovers and sometimes Japanese Snipe. In winter the rare Swift Parrot migrates from Tasmania, feeding on the nectar of the blossoms of Yellow Gum Trees. Eastern Grey Kangaroos, Sugar Gliders, Echidnas, Ring-tailed Possums, Platypus, Black Wallabies, Southern Warty Bell (Growling) Frogs, other frogs, bats, skinks and snakes can all be found there.

On a warm, sunny day with a cloudless, blue sky, perfect weather for a family picnic, we decided to visit Yellow Gum park for the first time. We drove along Yan Yean Road for until we reached the turnoff, into Memorial Drive and then Goldsworthy Lane. Yellow Gum Park is about 3km from the Yan Yean Road turnoff. (Melway 10 G4). We drove to the car parking area and gathered our bags and set out for the lake. There are barbeques, picnic tables, picnic shelters and toilet facilities near the parking spot. Several families were already picnicking.

We walked on a steep track wandering through the quiet bush with the creek below us in the deep gorge on one side and tall hills on the other. As we walked we could hear the constant high-pitched ting of several Bell Miners reverberating in the gullies, the sounds of Currawongs and the melodic calls of Magpies. Beside the track I noticed an Eastern Spinebill, a small, pretty honeyeater taking

nectar from the flowers of a Yellow Gum Tree. It was very close and I watched captivated for a few minutes, then left to catch up the rest of the family. We walked on for about 2km until we arrived at a lookout on top of high, sheer cliffs overlooking the lake. We continued on the walking track downhill and around part of the lake to place where there is a wooden walkway that leads to shore of the lake. There are about 25 metres of sandy beach located on the shoreline. We found a good spot in the shade of an old Eucalypt Tree in a grassy area close to the lake and had our lunch there.

The lake itself is mostly surrounded by high rocky cliffs; some of it blue coloured rock and with the reflection from the rock cliffs and the blue sky, the lake certainly looked very blue. In the surrounding bushland there were Eucalypts, Wattles, Burgan and Native Cherry trees growing, and other native trees, grasses and shrubs. In some places the rocky cliffs have collapsed and there are piles of fallen rocks at the lake's rim. Some of the rocks were broken and I could see a number of fossils in them.

After lunch, our daughter Lara and son Andreas went paddling in the muddy water and discovered there were lots of small fish about an inch long near the shore. The children caught some of the littlest of these and we took some photographs to try to identify them*.

A bit later Andreas and I went off for a stroll on a track that led down to the waters edge on the other side of the lake. Except for the spot where we had our picnic, this was the only other place with easy access to the lake. On the way Andreas and I saw some skinks sunbaking on rocks beside the track. Below the cliffs near the track were a lot of rocks, including some chalklike ones and some other very light weight stones. We also saw some ponds and wetlands in the gully below. When we got to the shore we saw dozens of Dragon Flies flying about above the water and we could see hundreds more small fish swimming around. After wandering and climbing around for sometime we walked back to the rest of the family.



The only disappointment was the amount of cans, glass and plastic bottles, paper and other rubbish strewn in and around the lake. I took home a plastic bag full of this waste. Despite that, with the pleasant scent of Eucalyptus, the stunning views of Blue Lake and white butterflies flitting everywhere and other wondrous sights, sounds and smells it is a beautiful, serene and peaceful place.

Yellow Gum Park provides easy walks in wonderful native bushland and is well worth a trip to explore and experience. My family and I certainly had a lovely, pleasurable day at Blue Lake and its wild surroundings and we will return again soon.

*I later found out from Parks Victoria, that there are two native fish species in Blue Lake, Galaxias and Yellow Belly as well as Red Fin.

"I SPY"

By B.G



I SPY A SPY

According to the *Antique Road Show* channel 9 1/5/10, the origin of the James Bond 007 name was from a James Bond who was an American ornithologist. Fleming, the author, had read one of the ornithologist's books and took his name for the 007 spy series.

KAFEE & KUCHEN

FOWSP committee member, Artur, was seen in the North Ringwood shopping centre, mentally savouring some delicious cakes on display in a delicatessen. Artur had been working near Anderson Creek at Gold Memorial Drive, removing privet and other non-indigenous shrubs from Manningham Council land and adjacent private land, (with the permission of the owner). Artur coordinates the Middle Yarra Landcare Network, MYLN.

ALSO AT ANDERSON

Fritz Uhl, a volunteer from ACCALCG (look it up!), was also working on the same project. The plants removed were being replaced with appropriate local plants. Fritz writes regularly for the ACCA newsletter and has been at the nursery growing plants to be used for the project.

HELLO HENRY

Late April, Henry Alger, resident near the local CFA station was obtaining *Microlena Stipoides* (to grow as a lawn). Henry, who used to work at the CTO? Is the proud owner of a 1935 Dodge tourer.

COUPAR'S COLOURS

Pat and Mike Coupar are working on a reprint, update and rehash of their book, *Flying Colours* with more emphasis on the conservation, collecting and rearing of *Lepidoptera*.

JOURNEY FOR JAN

Your alternative Spy, JF is secretary of the Koonung Walking Club. Jan is currently in the early stages of planning a walk in New Zealand—our western neighbour.

LOOKING AFTER LINDA

Alana 5yo was at the nursery recently "because mummy said I had to come to look after Grandma Linda.

SHADEHOUSE SHEILDING

Lee (200,000/5000,000volts), and Noel (of photography fame) were assembling a frame for the shade cloth cover to go over the newly-built greenhouse.

Will this proliferation of indigenous plant growing never stop? Is our country being overrun by indigenous plants?

During this activity, phrases such as "I'll give it a whack" etc., were heard

TIPPING TIM TAMS

Not sure if it is related to his acting activities, but at a recent nursery morning tea Brian let a full packet of Tim Tams slip from his hands. Much excitement.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Every Thursday morning at the regular morning tea for the volunteers at the nursery there is always a series of interesting announcements e.g.

"There is a library in the Ranger's office and all members are welcome to utilize it." *Annette*

"There is a first-aid box under the desk here." *Josh, Belinda.*

"There is no epi-pen available here."

"Aloe vera is available to a good home."

The TAG group will be led by Cam Beardsell on 20th May."

PHOTO FUHRER

Bruce Fuhrer has recently received a much delayed award for excellence in photography from the Australian Photography Society. Our congratulations.

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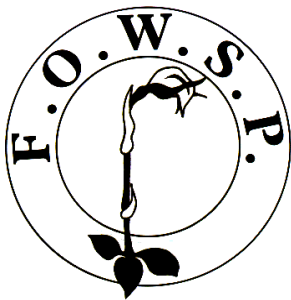
Tina Konstantinidis is studying Conservation and Land management at the Swinburne Lilydale Campus. After seeing an item on a notice board referring interested volunteers to get in touch with Josh, Tina arrived at the nursery as a volunteer.

"It looks interesting. I like plants", said Tina, as after a short introduction, she started picking out plants. Tina has to complete 100 volunteer/work experience hours as part of her course.

LOVELY LAND

An article in the 4th May 2010 *Maroondah Leader* referred to, "a one hectare haven for nature, flora and fauna", being sold in East Ringwood by Trevor and Beryl Blake. The property is part of the Wicklow Hills Ridgeline Environmental Overlay". Mr Blake was recently involved in the making of an *Encyclopaedia of Australian Plants*. "There are 3000 to 4000 orchids up there." Details 9876 9001





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Millipedes

The introduced Portuguese millipede has many body segments with two pairs of legs on each. Millipedes eat soft vegetation such as decaying leaf litter, mosses and pollen, thus helping to create soil. Portuguese millipedes are introduced pests because they invade houses. They are one of the few millipede species that are attracted to lights at night, and this behaviour explains why they are often found indoors. Once inside a house they do not breed and eventually die.

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PLEASE CHECK YOUR ADDRESS LABEL TO SEE IF YOUR SUBSCRIPTION IS DUE

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Telephone no.

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Concession \$10

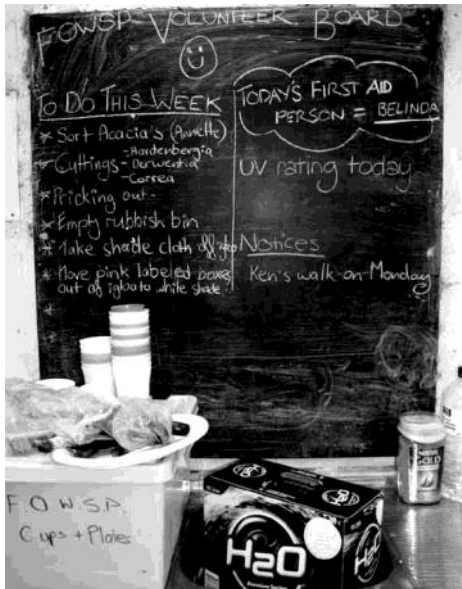
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Thanks to Vicki Hooper for these great photos taken on recent FOWSP TAG activities.



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