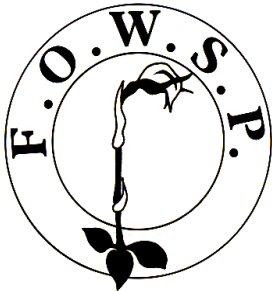


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Editor's corner

THE PREVIOUS NEWSLETTER was combined for July/August so it has been two months since the last issue. Those FOWSPians who didn't escape to warmer climes in the north have been busy through the colder and thankfully wetter, winter months.

In August we farewelled Martyn Hiley who has been a valued member of FOWSP and the committee for about five years. We can't blame him for moving to such a lovely spot as Mallacoota.

We are always looking for enthusiastic FOWSP members who would like to help WSP by joining the committee. Our constitution allows us up to ten members and as most of us spend some time travelling, we like to keep the numbers up. If interested, contact a committee member, (listed on page 6) and come along to a meeting.

FOWSP is one of many groups contributing to the work at Watson's Creek Biolink. This huge planting effort will create a wildlife corridor in Warrandyte-Kinglake Nature Conservation Reserve that will help Brush Tailed Phascogale, Common Dunnart, and other wildlife return to Kinglake National Park. (See photo right and p. 2)

Also on page two see the colourful results of the "Anti-litter campaign" poster competition at Warrandyte Primary School. These youngsters' enthusiasm and skill bodes well for our future. Further details are on our website.

See what Noel and Lee are up to on page 3 and then check out Lyndy's report of Professor Hopper's message on actions needed for the survival of our natural world.



FOWSP TAG crew at the Watsons Creek planting

Kelly tells us how FOWSP participated in National Tree Day on page 4 and on the same page we get to share an exciting visit to Badger Weir Park with Joan Broadberry.

New ranger Jennie Hellyer explains how she is utilising FOWSPians weeding skills: "Most Thursday mornings, volunteers who enjoy field work join me to do some pest plant management in the park. Typically we target woody weeds such as Sweet Pittosporum, Sallow Wattle and Cootamundras, focusing on sections that have been subjected to fuel reduction burns - which have promoted the growth of weedy acacias and the like."

This is just a sample of what FOWSPians have been up to. Please enjoy reading the newsletter and keep us informed about your activities.

Linda R

Deadline for October edition newsletter: Friday September 24, 2010
contributions can be emailed to Linda Rogan lindarogan@netspace.net.au
or posted to PO Box 220, Warrandyte 3113

School Competitions: Raising Awareness of our Environment

COPIOUS AMOUNTS OF RUBBISH dropped in Warrandyte is having an adverse impact on our wildlife and the Yarra River. Recently reported deaths of platypus by suffocation from rubber bands, plastic bags and fishing lines have raised some thought provoking discussion.

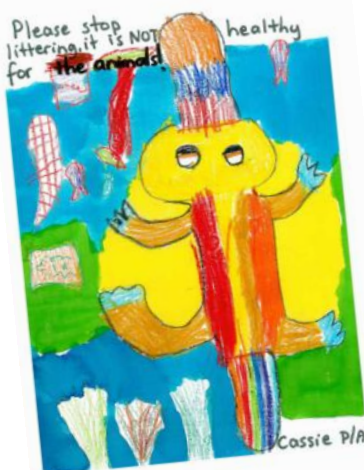
The Friends of Warrandyte State Park (FOWSP) Education subcommittee has been collaborating with Yarra River Keepers Association (YRKA) and Parks Victoria to raise awareness of the impact of litter on our environment in conjunction with competitions conducted through two local schools. Bendigo Bank Warrandyte kindly provided sponsorship of \$1600 for prizes and library books for Andersons Creek Primary School and Warrandyte Primary School.

Ian Penrose representing YRKA illustrated the damage to the environment with a wonderful presentation to the schools. This provided the background for the children's impressions. Students from both schools submitted over 500 colourful and thoughtful works of art depicting the effects of litter on animals and waterways.

The competition provides an outlet for children's artistic talent and positive reinforcement through prizes, plants and library books for their schools. The evident support and enthusiasm by staff and parents has been very gratifying and rewarding for the Education subcommittee.

FOWSP plans to continue this collaboration in 2011. A PowerPoint presentation of the winning drawings will be shown during the FOWSP November Annual General Meeting.

Lynda Gilbert



On the left is the prep winning entry. All winning entries are shown on our website. Check them out. They help me feel good about our future.

fowsp.org.au



WINNERS ALL - students from Warrandyte Primary School with their winning posters

WATSONS CREEK BIOLINK PLANTING DAY

ON THURSDAY 22nd July, nine FOWSPIANS (including Josh) headed for Buttermans Track where we were met by Kinglake Ranger, Natalie Brida.

Natalie explained that the property being planted is some 330 hectares that was acquired for the Kinglake National Park in 2006. Prior to that, the property had been cleared for farmland. It forms a link between the Kinglake National Park (badly burned in the 2009 fires) and the Warrandyte State Park.



There is a massive planting of the property underway in two stages. Stage 1, has a target of some 7,000 plantings, of which approximately 4,000 have been completed. Our efforts contributed another 150 to the total.

Deer abound in the area so a large deer proof fence has been erected to protect the new plants. It will be removed when the plants mature. Stage 2 of the project will commence in 2011.

Jan Falconer

Eucs attacked by seashells?



WHAT ARE the brown seashell shaped encrustations that are coating the leaves of many of our Eucs this year?

I was intrigued by this question early in the winter when not much else of note was worth photographing.

The answer is a tiny Psyllid that bears the hefty name of *Spondylaspis plicatuloides*.

(photo above) The sea shell-like covering or lerp protects the immature stages of this sap sucking insect. In years of heavy infestation, some trees may be defoliated. The lerp is high in sugar content and is a major food for native birds including pardalotes and noisy miners. Its all a matter of balance.

Linda R

And what is attacking the seedlings?



Noel and Lee are busy on a new project; making protective screens to fit on top of the seedling trays. Nursery staff have found many of the young plants are being eaten by something???? There is a larger model of the screen in production which can cover three trays.

Newsletter team this month were:

Linda Rogan

Joan Broadberry

Mel Coupar (Line drawings)

THE NATURAL WORLD - SURVIVAL OR DESTRUCTION?

Over 300 people attended a lecture on the on 12 August 2010 at the University of Melbourne. Professor Stephen Hopper, a Fulbright Senior Scholar and current Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens in Kew, England gave a public lecture regarding the destruction of wild vegetation and the impact of climate change on our plant life. Professor Hopper startled us all by claiming that the world is at a turning point in history as we are now unable to feed the planet without threatening the remaining wild plant systems. Over the next decade, emissions need to be stabilised and global warming reduced.

Plant-based solutions could play a major role in mitigating climate change. They are necessary for clean air and water, shelter, food, medicines and fuel. Planting provides positive social and health benefits for people, yet humans are destroying their natural world through overpopulation and clearing of land for cropping. He claimed 25% of carbon emissions are due to ongoing deforestation and burning of wild vegetation. The global inventory of biodiversity is still incomplete, so the impact of global warming on plants cannot be reliably predicted. Currently, only crude tools exist to measure this impact. However, recent studies show that stress on habitats from human invasion and new diseases are causing an extinction cascade of wild vegetation which will increase dramatically over the next ten years if no action is taken to reduce global warming. Whilst food and water security cannot be underestimated – 12 major crops provide 80% of the food consumed in the world - we need to strive for a balance between city and country, need and greed.

There is still hope for our wild vegetation in Warrandyte, because our wonderful FOWSP volunteers have been collecting and storing seeds, mapping and recording existing and new plant species, propagating plants, clearing woody weeds, restoring degraded habitats and regenerating the parks with new seedlings over the past 25 years. Wattles and wildflowers make a splendid, colourful show in spring, attracting botanists, artists and day trippers alike. We are indeed fortunate to have such dedicated people in our midst. Thank you for all of your efforts to save our parks and reduce carbon emissions.

Lynda Gilbert



GROWING CLOSER on NATIONAL TREE DAY

FRIENDS of Warrandyte State Park hosted a National Tree Day event which took place at Boys Road, Warrandyte, on Sunday 1st August. It was part of Australia's largest community tree planting event in a campaign to plant a million new native trees and shrubs across Australia. National Tree Day attracts more than 300,000 volunteers around the country each year. With a big thanks to Cathy and the twenty five and a half, (11 week old Ahri came along for his first tree planting), keen helpers came from near and far with many new faces. It was a good chance for everyone to get their hands dirty.

This was an opportunity to assist the local environment in several of ways: One was to continue the plantings to rehabilitate the old Boys Road house site (which is now Parks Victoria land). Planting of *Eucalyptus* and *Acacia* species was designed to bring back some biodiversity to the area. Secondly, according to Planet Ark planting three trees is all that is needed to offset the average size home's annual lighting output, *"Over its lifetime a single tree will absorb over 268 kilograms of greenhouse gas emissions. The average Australian home's annual lighting needs will emit 770 kilograms of greenhouse gases."* Thirdly, Planet Ark spokesperson Rebecca Gilling says *"National Tree Day brings communities together to learn, grow and care for Australia's unique environment and is a great opportunity for families to experience the wonders of our natural surroundings."*

Despite a formidable forecast, keen helpers experienced the typical Melbourne weather of a minute of hail then bright blue sunny skies. The day was deemed a success as more and more calls were made for stakes and trees with Cathy, Justin and Col doing a amazing relay to a from the nursery for more supplies. Over 200 plants went into in the ground. A warmup around the folly fire after with some tasty treats, thanks to Lyndy and Ken, was well deserved and appreciated. Thanks to all whose efforts made this day a success.

Kel

ONE OF MY FAVOURITE PLACES

by Joan Broadberry

ONE OF my very favourite places is the historic Badger Weir Park. This small reserve is a part of the Yarra Ranges National Park. The area is still a working section of Melbourne's water supply. Its aqueduct relays water from the surrounding catchment to the Silvan Reservoir. The first Badger Weir was constructed in 1908. There are of course no badgers, but "badger" was a old name for the wombats which are still found there. Badger Weir is well signposted as you head towards the Healsville Sanctuary. The drive from Warrandyte takes less than an hour via Kangaroo Ground/Yarra Glen or through Lilydale.



Photo: Reiner Richter

Entering the park is like driving into a magnificent, green cathedral. The towering trunks of stately Mountain Ash soar towards the sky. The road tunnels through a lush understory of mosses, ferns and shrubs. Filtered light streams softly through the leafy canopy. A network of walking tracks lead away from the landscaped picnic area. Most of the walks are quite short and a round trip is easily planned. All routes eventually head down into cool temperate rainforest gullies. Ferns piggyback on ferns. Along the banks of Badger Creek, the trunks of the Soft Tree-ferns are crowded with delicate fern species. The entire spectrum of the colour green is on show; its many shades and tones blending and merging from light to dark.

This special place contains many treasures. I will mention only a few. The damp, protected environment at Badger Weir Park is perfect for fungi and this is a wonderful place to enjoy their fascinating variety of form and colour.

However, the jewel in the crown is the undoubtedly the Lyrebird. Badger Weir is a spot where they can almost be guaranteed, especially when they are calling and counting in autumn. The picnic area can be a little crowded on weekends but try a weekday, early morning or late afternoon when all the picnickers have left. King parrots, Crimson Rosellas, Sulphur Crested Cockatoos and other parrots have become semi-tame. Unfortunately, although this is bad for the birds, some visitors still feed them. The observer with sharp eyes and ears can observe many other rain-forest species such as Gang Gang Cockatoo, Lewin's Honeyeater,

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Thursday Activity Group (TAG)

JOIN US on the first and third Thursday of the month from 9 am to 12.30 pm. Either meet at the depot (sharp at 9 am), or on site by arrangement. LEARN some vegetation management skills and help improve some special sites in the Park. Just tag along with the Thursday Activity Group (TAG).

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

Watsons Creek Biolink	Thursday 2nd September, at 9:00 am
Rifle Range Weeding	Thursday 16th September, at 9:00am
Watsons Creek Biolink Planting	Saturday 18th September at 10:00am
A morning of weeding	Thursday 7th October, 2010 at 9:00am

Additional activities:

Kangaroo Ground Walk. Wednesday 22nd September, 2010 at 9:00am **book** with Ken Crook VNPA 9844 0106
Nature Walk. Thursday 23 September, 2010 at 1:00 pm with Cathy Willis Contact nursery phone as above
Water Watch Morning. Thursday 30th September, 2010 at 9:30am Contact nursery phone as above

All activities are cancelled on Total Fire ban Days
Further details of these activities are also on FOWSP website

Manningham City Council Environment Seminars

Held on the **1st Wednesday** of the month at 7.30 pm at will continue this year at a

Currawong Bush Park- Mel 34 H6

For details check closer to the time on 9840 4405



6th October *Saving Australia's Threatened Wildlife* with Shauna Chadlowe, Australian Wildlife Conservancy
3rd November *Restoring Connections: We are all ONE* with Adriana Simmonds, Wildlife Victoria

Seminars are FREE. No bookings required *Supper provided*

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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 -

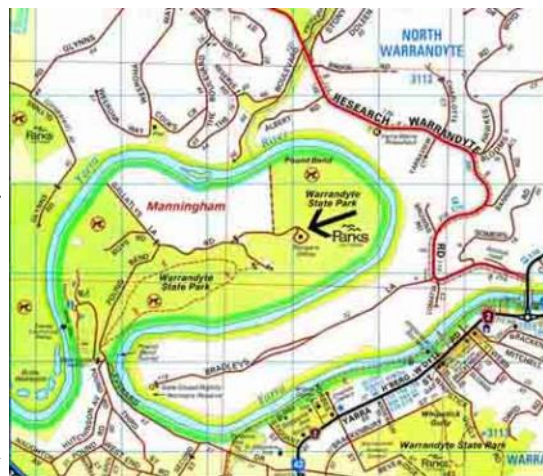
There is always someone available to show you the ropes.

NURSERY OPENING HOURS

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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NEW PRICES

Members \$1.50

Non-members \$2.00

From Sunday 1st August Friends of Warrandyte State Park nursery will be raising their prices. Its been about 3 years since prices last went up, and the cost of running the nursery have risen considerably in that time.

The new prices will NOT apply to plants that are currently on order.

Prices for orders of over 100 plants will be negotiable depending on quantities and species.

The new prices WILL APPLY to TUBESTOCK previously priced at \$1 for members and \$1.50 for non-members

Spring Outdoors in



Saturday and Sunday 11-12 September, 10 am - 4 pm Australian Plants Expo 2010 – Native Landscaping, Bush Food and Wildlife Information: Elaine on 9435 7786 or email apsyarrayarra@gmail.com, or visit home.vicnet.net.au/~sgapvic

Sunday 12 September, 10 am-12.30 pm Wildflower Walk and Discovery Day at Yirrip Reserve
Bookings: Georgia Ramsey, Nillumbik Shire Council on 9433 3210

Thursday 16 September, 6 pm-7.30 pm Frog Discovery Night at Challenger Street Wetlands
Presented by Melbourne's Healthy Waterways Waterwatch
Bookings: Georgia Ramsey, Nillumbik Shire Council on 9433 3210

Friday 17 September 7 pm-9.30 pm Training for the Melbourne Water Spring Frog Census
Presented by Sam Harrison, Melbourne Water . Bookings: Manningham City Council on 9840 9348

Sunday 26 September, 10 am-2 pm Temple Ridge Reserve Community Event – Connect with Your Environment
Presented by Nillumbik Shire Council . Bookings: Georgia Ramsey, Nillumbik Shire Council on 9433 3210

Sunday 3 October, 10 am-2 pm Discovery Walk Warrandyte State Park *Presented by Manningham Council*
Join Cathy Willis to discover one of the less visited and least accessible sections of WSP. for experienced and able walkers. Limited to 15 participants. **Bookings:** Essential, Manningham City Council on 9840 9124

Saturday 9 October, 9 am-10 am Ecology of the Rosanna Parklands *Presented by Banyule City Council*
Naturalist Michael Cincotta. **Bookings:** Banyule City Council on 9490 4222

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Satin Bowerbird or Rufus Fantail.

.....In winter an amazing plant can be seen. Small, native helmet orchids with flat, green leaves and tiny red-dish flowers thrive on the trunks of the Soft Tree-ferns. Their normal habitat is the sheltered forest floor, but as Lyrebirds constantly rake the leaf litter, in these gullies, evolution has favoured the survival of those orchids which have learned to climb.



Photo Reiner Richter

The inviting emerald green picnic area has all facilities. It is a park for all seasons. But I especially love its cool shade and flowing channels of water as a refuge in high summer. I hope I have wetted your appetite. Go and explore for yourselves.

Many Thanks to the July and August Market Volunteers

Diana & John Baird (both months)
Marie and Wolfgang Krause
Alison Thom
Sybille Ims

Brian James and Joan Broadberry (both months)
Linda Gilbert and Ken Crook (both months)
Peter Curry (delivery & return of trailer)

Next markets: Saturday September 4th, Saturday October 2nd



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*

News from the Committee

- Redesign of the Nursery - Plans have been drawn up and will be submitted to Council.
- The cost of the Imperial Blue Butterfly DVD has been covered. Some local secondary schools will be given a copy
- The need for an increase in plant prices was confirmed as explained p.6. This is still less than other indigenous nurseries for tube stock. .
- Thanks to Cathy, Kelly & Lyndy for the success of the National Tree Planting day on Sunday 1st August.
- More nest boxes are needed and will be built
- Jason, Kelly, Ken, Peta and Lyndy are working on the redo of *Discover Warrandyte*
- Thank you to Martyn Hiley for his work with the committee and our best wishes for life in Mallacoota.

• Nursery Report

- 450 plants for the Pound Bend area TAG
- Green Corps students and Swinburne students are coming to the Nursery.
- FOWSP has developed a good relationship with Jennie Hellyer the new PV ranger. She is planning TAG type activities each week.
- With the number of new people coming to the Nursery parking is becoming a problem.

Rangers Report

- The Warrandyte work centre has been successful in obtaining some money through a State Government Initiative: Urban Weed Initiative Program. It is a partnership between DSE, Nillumbik Council and Parks Victoria. The funding will be used to control weeds in the Bushland Reserves around Kangaroo Ground, Panton Hill, Christmas Hills and St Andrews. .
- Justin Welander was successful in obtaining a Senior Ranger position at Warrandyte, in place of Dave Van Bockel, who is now a Team Leader.
- Rangers have been working with volunteers from the Correctional Services Program, removing old fences in the Park, this has proven to be a successful program. Rangers have also started working with a Green Corp crew of 20 volunteers who are working at Caitlins Retreat in Laughing Waters Rd (a Parks Victoria leased property).
- Phil Ross, our Chief Ranger is on secondment to the City Office for 6 months, Faye Williams be Acting Chief Ranger for the 6 months. Faye has held various roles with Parks Victoria, mainly in the City Office, and more recently, with the Victorian Bushfire Reconstruction Authority.

Next Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday 14 September 2010

Venue: Ranger Station, Pound Bend

Time: 19:30 pm sharp

A Word, A Photo from Members

"IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL SUNNY DAY, in mid July, and I was accompanying two friends who were previewing a walk for the Melbourne Bush-walkers. We set off for Blue Tongue Bend from the Jumping Creek car park... Graeme stopped about ten metres from the car park, looked up and was rewarded by a wonderful view of a Powerful Owl, only about 3 metres above the track. How did Graeme know to look up? He'd seen a big patch of white faeces on the track as well as lots of brown fur and a few very slim bones. We stayed, fascinated by it's lack of fear as well as it's magnificent eyes and beautiful plumage. We came back about three hours later and yes it was still there."



kind regards from Joan M



Ben took this photograph of Olive. Ben says she's been a member for about as long as he has, maybe 19 years. She has a place on Coochie Mudlow off Brisbane where she spends the winter months. A keen bird and nature observer, Olive was herself observed at the Birds Australia Congress and Campout near Townsville in August 2010.

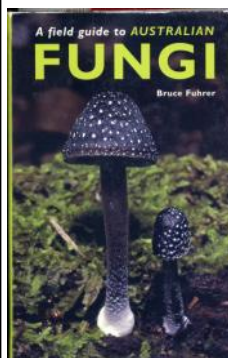
Correction: Bruce Fuhrer has noted that the fungus that appeared in Jeanette's arms on p.9 of the previous newsletter has been renamed



and is now:

Phlebopus marginatus. To help us keep up to date with fungus names Bruce has donated a copy of his updated book (shown left) for the FOWSP library.

Thank you Bruce, for the book and for all the knowledge you so willingly pass along.



HAVE YOU CONSIDERED JOINING THE 2010 FOWSP COMMITTEE?

With the AGM coming up at the beginning of December we need FOWSP members to seriously consider joining the committee. No special skills are required, just a desire to work for the improvement of the Park. We can promise you the company of like-minded people and a great deal of satisfaction and fun along the way. "Many hands make light work." So how about it? If you are not sure, come along and try us out. Phone or email any committee member as listed on p5.



Our spy Ben, interviewing former FOWSP committee member and treasurer Ray Clarke. Ray visited the nursery in July, with his son Nigel. See *I Spy*.

"I SPY"

By B.G



Greener and Greener

Judy Green was seen last June, thoughtfully looking at plants for **Mary Green**. Mary, a teacher at Glen Katherine Primary School needed the plants so that her grade 5 pupils could do some indigenous planting.

Pivotal People

- **Annette** has visited Thailand and returned.
- **Belinda, Josh and Annette** often make announcements Thursday at morning tea. E.g.. "Please put gloves and used tea bags in the bins, or the mud-larks will get them". "There is a koala count on 11 November"" "When putting labels on plants (pricked out from base stock to tubes) if the plant comes from a white label source then use white labels for the tubes. If it comes from a red label source use red labels on the next step" (red means NOT Warrandyte provenance)"

Ranger Roo

Ranger **Emma Trotman** from "Bourke Street Information Office" has been at WSP for a time. Emma will be going to "education" as an administrative assistant which includes looking after the Ranger Roo Club. Emma has worked as a Park Ranger at Melany, Noosa, Fraser Island and Rainbow Beach.

Ray Returned

Ray Clarke, a previous treasurer with FOWSP arrived with son **Nigel** (a Broome resident) Ray told a "joke", did a visual audit of our activities and led Nigel around the facilities at the depot. (Both Nigel's children are qualified psychologists) *Photo p.8*

John's Journey

Ranger **John Rush** (a local) has just returned from 8 weeks travelling in Asia. When seen John was "holding the fort" in the depot office whilst all the other rangers were out on a variety of duties. John was at Westerfold Park for 34 years.

People planting and pricking

Kevin Maguire(s) has science qualifications majoring in genetics. He was a primary teacher and was involved in the establishment of the Minus Children Faculty at Kew Cottages. Kevin has also been involved in "information technology at Latrobe"

Late July **John Young and Sybille Ins** were pricking out *Lomandra longifolia*.

Brooke Boyer, 7 y.o. was at the nursery helping mum and dad buy plants. "I chose lots" said Brooke. "I'm called Gemma" said his 3 y.o. sister. Parents Belinda and Anthony from Warrandyte South explained "We're revegetating around the house."

Water Wise—Poor Pay?

"Water must be somehow valued whether you call it cost, or price, or cost-recover" said Usha Ra-Monari, a senior manager at the International Finance Corporation at the World Bank meeting (a high level private meeting in New York at the weekend). Days before the OECD issued three water reports calling for prices to rise. ...The biggest concern is the impact on the poorest households, say the experts"...The poor are forced to rely on expensive water vendors." (*Age*, page 14, 29 April 2010)

Photographic Future?

Johnny Nye, an ex Warrandyte High School student is currently doing second year in a biological science degree at Latrobe. He is very interested in photography, would like to be "aware of the wild world." Johnny hopes to eventually do his thesis on/in herpetology (perhaps on the Perentie Goanna). He has been swimming with whales and would like to do a shark cage dive for his 21st birthday. Favourite indigenous plant—the Sundew.

Bend of Isles

Stephanie Hullsman (ex Noosa nurse) and **Melanie Keely** (studied sport and recreation) were obtaining "grasses for planting around the house at the Bend of Isles.

Various VNPA

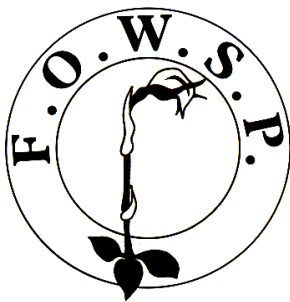
Ken Crook (9844 0106) will lead a 10 km medium walk from Kangaroo Ground to Panton Hills. (limit 15 people) Wed. 22 Sept 2010.

Geoff Durham (9523 5559) will lead a "gawk and walk" through WSP, a 10 km easy walk. (limit 15) Sunday 3 Oct 2010

For Williamstown walk, or exploring Mt Feathertop or a walking tour of Eastern USA. Check VNPA Email www.vnpa@vnpa.org.au or Website www.vnpa.org.au or phone (03) 93475188.

More Moroondah

The APS Maroondah Inc. is running a bus trip to Angair Wildflower Show, Anglesea
Website <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~apsmrdah/>
Email apsmaroondah@gmail.com



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Dainty Wasp-orchid *Chiloglottis trapeziformis*

Rare in Warrandyte State Park, it blooms in August in the nursery. The shiny black structure on the labellum deceives the male Thynnine wasp into thinking it is a female wasp. (She is wingless). The male is initially attracted by a volatile pheromone from the orchid. While attempting to mate with the orchid (pseudo copulation) the male picks up pollen from the orchid and if he hasn't learned by his mistake, he takes it to another one, thus pollinating it.. Linda R

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FOWSP Membership Renewal Form

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Address

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Concession \$10

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Send to: FOWSP PO Box 220, Warrandyte 3113 or existing members with unchanged contact details can use direct deposit. Details: BSB 633-108. Account: 136406907. Account name: friends of Warrandyte State Park Inc. Identify yourself by surname

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From up north

Joan Broadberry sent along this wonderful bit of scenery from her recent birding trip. It is not from the Bungle Bungles but is from a small NP called Mirrima that is near Kununurra in Western Australia. Ask Joan about the birds they spotted.

Near Warrandyte the wildflowers are stealing the show



The Pale Sundew *Drosera peltata* ssp. *peltata*

On a recent walk Josh told us that it can be recognised by the hairy buds.

Common Hovea *Hovea linearis* is eye catching but sadly seed collecting is very difficult and time intensive so it may be a while before we see it in the nursery.



Blue Fingers *Cyanicula caerulea* can be found in shades of blue and occasionally white (left)



The Grevillias at the nursery have recently come under scrutiny. We will hear more about this in the future. This photo was taken in Diamond Creek at the Ironbark Reserve

Your photos can appear on this page (subject to space available) if you email them as follows:
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