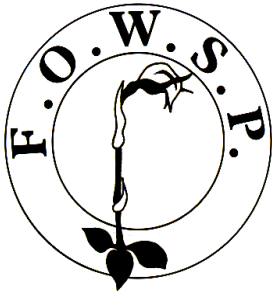


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WHAT motivated these medical students from Doctors for the Environment Australia to take time from their busy schedules to come to Warrandyte State Park? See page 3

From the Editor

RETURNING to FOWSP in late September, I learned many things that give me much hope for the future. One is definitely the commitment shown by the Doctors for the Environment Australia who enthusiastically worked with us on August 7th (page 3)

This positive trend was reinforced by Bushcare's Major Day Out and also the eager students from Camberwell High School seen on page 2.

New life and learning is always a major upper for me so I have shared some on this with you in a photo essay on page 4. Just follow the arrows.

Get a hint of what Josh and Cathy were up to in Spain on pages 7 and 9.

Welcome back to Ben, original ISpy page 9.

Please keep up all the good positive activities for our local environment, keep us informed through the newsletter and enjoy this issue.

Lastly mark you calendars for the **AGM on 15 November** and the Light trapping night with the **Entomological Society on 13 December**.

Deadline for November edition newsletter is Friday 21st October, 2011

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Participants in FOWP'S inaugural BMDO.

Photos provided by Lyndy

Bushcare's Major Day Out 2011

ON SUNDAY 11 SEPTEMBER, FOWSP volunteers and 2 nursery staff, Belinda and Annette, welcomed newcomers to the Warrandyte State Park. They had come in response to marketing on the internet and a 2 page flyer in the Age newspaper. Much to our delight, families arrived from Glen Waverley, Mordialloc, Blackburn and Ivanhoe to plant some 300 plants, assisting in the revegetation of the Orchard Track. A total of 16 adults and 6 children turned up, despite the threatening weather and the heavy fall of hail at 10am when the planting was due to start.

It is the second year that Bushcare's MDO has gone interstate, and we were one of few localities in Victoria. This is one day of the year where we can all have a go at bush care, or simply come along and celebrate the part that the bush plays in our nation. It is an opportunity for each of us to join with others in the community and participate in the regeneration of our bush.

At 12pm everyone enjoyed the barbecue provided by Lindy and Ken. Thanks to all participants for such a successful outcome and to Manningham Council who kindly provided support for this great initiative. *Lyndy*



Belinda enlightens students from Camberwell High School. See Environmental Education P.9





ON SUNDAY AUGUST 7TH, students from Doctors for the Environment Australia (DEA) met at Warrandyte State Park to plant trees and raise awareness about the effects of global warming on human health.



DEA spokeswoman Prashanti Manchikanti said “planting trees was not enough to combat climate change but hoped more attention would be brought to the issue.”

“The message of Code Green Week is that climate change is a serious health issue for Australians, and that medical students and doctors have a responsibility to inform the public and policy makers of this.” said Ms Manchikanti.

“If people understood how climate change would affect their health they would be more willing to take to the cause and push the government to do the right thing.” She said “climate change could affect public health both directly and indirectly. So when we talk about direct impact, we’re thinking of things like a rising spread of infectious diseases. The commonly cited example is malaria or dengue moving further south in Australia or things like bushfires and heat-related diseases that we unfortunately saw in Victoria only a couple of years ago. But then we also see a lot of indirect effects as well and when we talk about this, we’re thinking of conditions that may be just exacerbated by worsening air pollution. Things like asthma and other medical conditions will (also) be significantly higher as a result of just the environment increasing in temperature. These sorts of things will just increase with climate change and we really want to make sure that Australia

is protected”

“As a future Doctor, I am excited about the many potential health benefits that Australians stand to gain from putting a price on carbon, including lower rates of respiratory and cardiovascular disease and avoidance of deaths and injuries associated with natural disasters.”



“We are delighted to be working with Friends of Warrandyte State Park to create a healthier future for all” Ms Manchikanti stated.

Fowspians were also delighted these students took time out from their busy schedules and thank them for assistance with this important revegetation project.

Information taken from the Monash University website and media release.

Newsletter team this month :
 Linda Rogan
 Peter Rogan
 Mel Coupar (Line drawings)

Eggs to Eggs a photo essay by Linda Rogan

The Spotted Clear-winged Snout Moth

Genduara punctigera

Can you follow the arrows?



1. Female moth with eggs 13th Feb 2011s

2. Newly hatched caterpillar 1st instar 24 Feb 2011 fed on Exocarpus .



3. Later instar with red and yellow markings 14 March 2011

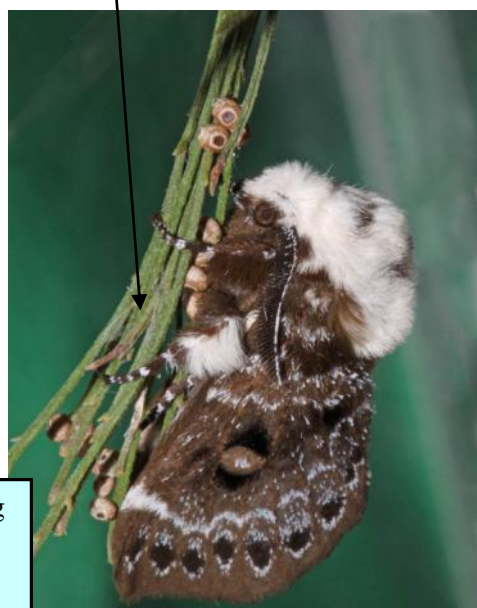


4. Another instar, now red markings ,31 March 2011

5. Cocoons and pupa , large female on the right. 2 May 2011 (pupated first on 17 April 2011)



6. "Smiling face" of first emerged female (Actual face is below see photo 9 for eye) 16 Sept 2011

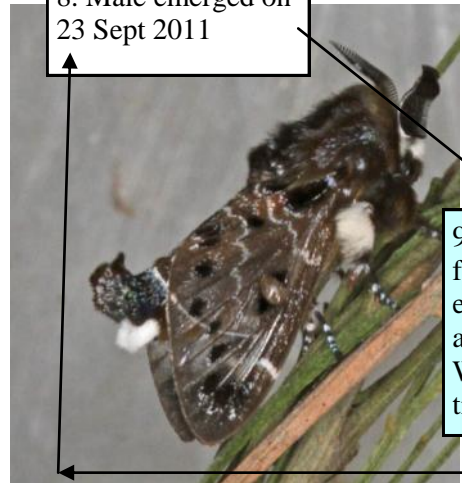


7. The first emerged female laid eggs almost immediately, although not fertilised as no mate available.

8. Male emerged on 23 Sept 2011



9. ...and mated with 2nd emerging female within 3 hours after he emerged. She laid eggs prior to, as well as after ,mating. Will there be another generation?



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Thursday Activity Group (TAG)

JOIN US on the first Thursday of the month from 9 am, (TAG workers only), to 12. 30 pm. Either meet at the depot, (sharp at 9:00 am for 9:15 start), 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).

Activities are cancelled on Total Fire ban Days

6th October Water Watch at Pound Bend Grade: Easy

20th October Woody weed removal Orchard Track slopes Grade:Moderate-steep sections

3rd November Koala count Pound Bend Grade:Easy

0408317327 for information

Fowsp/Manningham Thursday nature walks

Leader: Cathy Willis

Please wear appropriate clothing for the weather including a hat and sturdy footwear. Bring a water bottle and snack. Meet 9.30 am **at the venue**. Walks held on the 4th Thursday of each month

These walks are paced to allow us to appreciate the natural history along the way.

Call or email Natalie 9840 9124 or eepadmin@manningham.vic.gov.au

9.30am Thursday 27 October The Common

This is a less visited block of Warrandyte State Park. It is landlocked by private properties, some of which provide valuable habitat links to the creeks leading down to the river. We will be looking out for several rare plants, as well as the resident kangaroos.

Distance: 2.5km Time: 2.5 hours Rating: moderate

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL as places are limited: request meeting place information at booking.

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 Saturday of every month, 9am to 1pm (to coincide with the Warrandyte Market) and

the first Sunday of each month

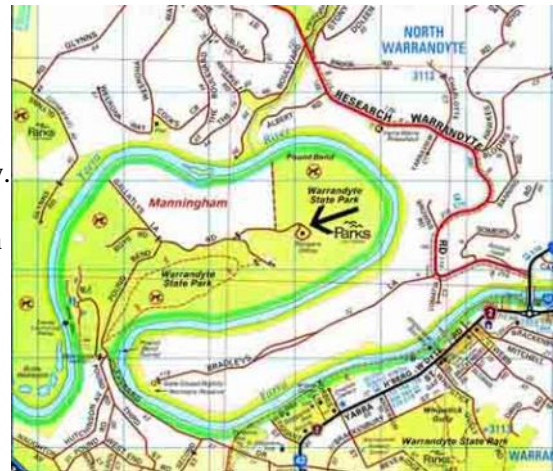
2 pm to 4 pm.

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

Prices 2011

Members \$1.50


Non-members \$2.00



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Early notice 2011 **AGM** will be held on **Tuesday 15th November** from 6 pm.
 Look forward to an excellent presentation by "Jane" and Mike Coupar.

Details in the November newsletter



Manningham Environmental Seminars

are held on the **1st Wednesday** of the month at 7.30 pm at the **Warrandyte Community Centre**,

168 Yarra Street, Warrandyte, 3113 Mel Ref. 23 F11

For full details check closer to the time on 9840 9124

Wednesday 5 October Protecting our Seas and Shores with Simon Branigan, VNPA

Wednesday 2 November The Mental Health Benefits of Nature with Jean Dind, Out Doors Inc.

Wednesday 7 December Mistletoes: indicators of ecosystem health and diversity with Anna Burns (re-scheduled)

Seminars are FREE. No bookings required *Supper provided*

2011 Spring Outdoors



Banyule
CITY COUNCIL



October and November are packed with outdoor activities available to all residents of Banyule, Manningham and Nillumbik :

Download a copy of the [Spring Outdoors 2011 program \(PDF, 400KB, new window\)](#) for details on all events. Copies are also available from Council offices, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster.

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WHAT'S WRONG with this photo? There's nothing unusual about Josh collecting Blackwood seed. Except this was taken in September in a "natural park" in western Spain. Cathy and Josh were shocked to pass through literally hundreds of kms of Bluegums, Blackwoods and Silver Wattles. In some places there were no indigenous trees left. It appeared that the Bluegums at least were originally in plantations but have become a major weed. (see page 8)

News from the Committee

- Joan Broadberry will no longer be able to coordinate the market trailer. Committee thanks Joan for all her efforts.
- Sybille Ims will assist with the trailer for Oct/Nov and will continue to do it for the time being.
- We plan to have clean up days for the Folly on the Thursday before the AGM and other evening events.
- AGM this year will be 15th November and Pat and Mke Coupar will regale us with fantastic photos from their recent trip. Why is Pat known as "Jane"?
- Thanks to Olive Walters for her donation of FOWSP newsletters complete from 1988.

Nursery Report

- Most people have been picking up their orders.
- Lots of people have been buying plants

Rangers Report

- Conrad is on leave. He will return as acting Chief Ranger. During his absence Naomi Taylor is Acting Ranger in Charge. She provided the following:
- Green Corp Team, that has been helping staff with weed work across the park system for the last six months, is coming to a close.
- New bridges/boardwalks, made out of recycled plastic have been put in at Pound Bend picnic area, others along the river walk have had new chicken wire put down.
- The viewing platform at Mt. Lofty has been closed due to vandalism (someone set it on fire).

Next Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday 11th October 2011

Venue: Ranger Station, Pound Bend

Time: 19:30 pm sharp

FOWSP MARKET TRAILER



Thanks to those who helped out on 3rd September- John and Diane Baird, Jan Falconer, Joan Broadberry, Mark and Margaret Hassell, Ken Crook, Lyndy Gilbert, and Artur Muchow
Trailer delivery and retrieval: Peter Curry

The Warrandyte market is always held on the first Saturday morning of the month from 8.30 am to 12.30 pm at Stiggants Reserve. Volunteers are rostered in pairs to man/woman the FOWSP information trailer for just one hour. If you are interested in being on the market roster for 2011, please ring Sybille Ims .9844 1335 or 0405 500 278 or email imsbs@netspace.net.au

First timers are always paired with someone more experienced.

Future market dates are: Saturday October 1st, November 5th





**Invitation to a light trapping event
at Pound Bend Indigenous Nursery
Warrandyte State Park
Tuesday 13th December 2011**

BBQ
Arrive from 6:30 for BBQ

At 8:00 a brief Ento meeting
will be followed by an evening of light trapping
and learning about some of the insects of WSP






Bring

- Own meat and drink for BBQ
- Torch for getting about at night
- Enthusiasm for insects
- FOWSP members will provide salads and dessert to share



RSVP Name and numbers
Linda Rogan 9435 5806
or lindarogan@netspace.net.au
before 11th December

See Melways maps
23 C 10 and 35
approach via Pound Rd or
Everard Drive

Pound Bend Road is narrow
so drive slowly

A combined event for Entomological Society of Victoria and
insect keen members of Friends of Warrandyte State Park and wider community

Postcard from Spain:

Revegetation plot
In the late 1990s a revegetation plot was cleared and planted with Birches, Irish Strawberries and Oaks. We spent a little time hand weeding the abundant Eucalypt and Wattle seedlings. Some maintenance must occur as these would swamp the trees if not controlled.



Cathy and Josh

“I SPY”

By B.G



Spring is Sprung

After being “absent” from FOWSP, it was a pleasant experience to slowly drive along Pound Bend Road to the Rangers Depot. Green bush and the sweet scent of varied yellow wattles greeted me, as did the pale yellow of the ever bush covering *Clematis microphylla*.

Definite Denial

“I Spy” (BG) would like to humbly deny that my absence was due to facing a parliamentary enquiry into telephone pole hacking in the local area.

Weeding Workers

At the depot entrance were several “found” subjects, Jan, Rob, Ken Sybille, Marie, Linda, Kellie and Brad, all energetically removing this-tles, flat weeds and other larger weeds.



Cleaning Camp

Rangers Justin Weylander and Colin Bromley have been working in the Longridge Camp area using the “kuboda” to assist to clear up”

CEO ex IUCN

Dr Bill Jackson is the new CEO for Parks Victoria. He has experience at the Western University (Sydney) and ANU (ACT) and amongst other things was Deputy Director of the International Union for Conservation of Nature. Has also been to Nepal.

Roving Ranger

Conrad was in FNQ and Naomi O’Byrne (ex Gembrook) has been at WSP for 5 weeks as ARIC. And Jodie may be taking some time off for the second time, at the end of the month.

Adern again

Gray Adern is back. In his own words “even my front is back, and I am not backward in coming forward.”

Bin Bashing

During her morning tea announcements Belinda said “we have lost a bin due to attack activity by rats – we need another bin. Ken Crook commented “you can tell Josh isn’t here, the rats are out of control!”

Small Snippets

Julie Bishop and Lynn Vary saw three brown quail in WSP on the Blue Tongue Bend Track

Ian Kilpatrick returned a larg black tube tray to the depot.

For other people, please remember to return any trays you have at home, ther are needed and are expensive to replace. Ian was also picking up an order for 90 plants Young Mikaelya was visiting with her “babushka” Zino. And who is their relative at the Park?

Environmental Education

A group of about 19 year 10/11 students from Camberwell High School spent at least an hour at the Depot and Nursery. Belinda Christie, one of our nursery workers gave them a short but comprehensive talk on FOWSP’s work at the Park then a look around the nursery.

The students were led by Peter Campbell (Geography teache and Skye Nichol (Biology and Drama teacher) at the school. The students were engaged in a wider study of the Yarra River and its features. (photos p 8).

(It is good to see real world education taking place with our young people) Congratulations to all involved.

Pen Portrait

Rob Littlewood helping as a volunteer, has just returned from Mackay where he was involved in “Traffic Patient Control”. Rob has completed the “Transport Officer” course and is currently looking for a job.

Robs varied interests include “competition archery” (may years ago), can play the didgeridoo, guitar and pan pipes (he taught and worked with several bands. And has recently completed a Certificate Course in Business.

Forests for Fibre

The State Governments logging company, Vic Forests burnt through \$5 million in cash last year....”accounts tabled in Parliament yesterday reveal.

Chief Executive of Vic Forest, David Pollard, said Vic Forests has been “discussing strategies to revivify the industry in Victoria” with the Ballieu government elected in November.

“This has included a range of related activities that affect the commerciality of Vic Forests and necessary changes in law and regulation”...financial results had improved “even though the global markets for wood fibre of all types remain problematic” Excerpts from The AGE, Business Day, Sept 15 2011 Page 5

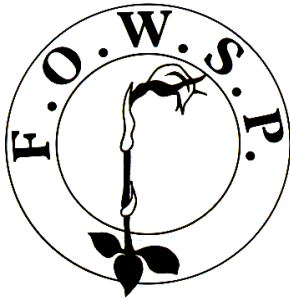
Market, Mark and Margaret

Mark and Margaret Hassell whose names are often on the FOWSP Market Stall list of helpers, recently celebrated their 57th Wedding Anniversary.

Mark is from Bellingen NSW and was Captain of the local High School and played rugby. Margaret cam from Bellingen NSW as well

Lith from Lysterfield

Bernie Van Lith is a new ranger at WSP (ex Lysterfield) He has the cultural values (heritage) responsibility.



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Wallflower Orchid *Diuris orientis*
*Previously *D corymbosa**

This one was brightening up the nursery in mid September 2011.
Although not uncommon state wide, this orchid is localised and
endangered in the Warrandyte District.
The two petals at the top of the flower, lead some to call this
one of the Donkey Orchids.

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Email photo bonus

On a cool spring day, I observed and photographed some native bees tucked up in blooming Yam Daisies. They may stay inside when the flower closes up for the night or in dark chilly weather.

The larger bee on the left looks like a male (13 antennal members) of a Paracolletidae bee possibly *Leioproctus* sp. T

The smaller bee below is a Halictidae female, certainly *Lasioglossum* sp., likely subgenus *Chilalictus*.

Although the photos are mine, the information about the bees comes from Bernhard Jacobi, a German school teacher who has extensive knowledge of the Australian bee fauna. *Linda*



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