

# Friends of Warrandyte State Park



## Newsletter

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### Editor's Corner

Hi everyone, by the time you read this we will be enjoying spring. Have you noticed the profusion of Clematis in flower?

Linda and Peter Rogan are off travelling for a couple of months. I believe they have gone to some of Western Australia's most remote areas. Linda sent me a few beautiful photos of her favourite subject, bees. One of them, Dawson's Burrowing Bee, appears on p10. I know it was high on her list of 'must sees'.

Meanwhile, I am valiantly trying to hold the fort. This newsletter covers two months of FOWSP activities, July and August. As well as the nursery and market, several other events have taken place. On July 13th a publicity and fund raising sausage sizzle was held at the Warrandyte IGA—see photo (top-right). Story and more photos p7 plus a word from Lyndy, our treasurer.

There was also a fantastic Warrandyte turn-out for a special planting at the Lower Orchard Track to celebrate National Tree Day. It was great to have the help of so many children— (see right). Photos and details on p2 & 11. Artur has provided a history of the area for us, p3.

Artur also organised funding for a very successful day of intensive first aid training, attended by several FOWSP members at Currawong Bush Park on Saturday 10th August. FOWSP would like to extend our thanks to him for his great work in arranging this.

I will have to admit one of the tasks I found most difficult for this issue was tracking down details of the activities run by nearby Councils. Then I stumbled upon the definitive pamphlet, *Spring Outdoors, September—November 2013*.



It brings together environmental activities run by Banyule, Manningham and Nillumbik Councils. I have selected only a few to advertise here, but try to get hold of the booklet or look on the internet, there is so much happening in spring. Book early, these wonderful events fill fast.

P6 Adriana reminds us to be extra careful this time of year of wildlife on our roads and most importantly, who to ring.

Cathy shares some of her usual great advice on what to plant in wet areas and Sybille relates the story of her hate-love relationship with Common Bronzewing on p8. Finally I am delighted to welcome, I SPY investigative columnist, Ben back for a cameo appearance.

*Joan Broadberry*



**Deadline for October 2013 edition newsletter is**

**Friday 21st September 2013**

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## NATIONAL TREE DAY SUNDAY 28th JULY

### *Getting back to the grassroots*

What a glorious turn out for our annual National Tree Day event with over 50 people from near and far in attendance! It was great to see some of our regular volunteers and members assisting alongside a diverse array of others, including a corporate group from a dental office in Box Hill and an abundance of city dwellers.

The Sunday morning event took place at the Lower Orchard Track which is now looking like a sea of green tree guards after being planted out with 1800 *Poa lab* grass cells and 200 tree species including *Acacia melanoxylon* and *Eucalyptus tubestock*.

Some of the previous plantings are doing well but many others have suffered from the pressures of grazing from the resident Kangaroo mob. With this in mind the recent plantings have had extra tall tree guards applied and a mini-stake fortress built to protect the grasses.

Many comments were made about just how fertile the soil was looking. It had a rich brown, crumbling structure and many worms to boot. I don't think I have ever seen this when digging holes for planting in the Warandyte State Park. It gives a good start for the plants put in on the day. The damp soils of the July alluvial river terrace are in strong contrast to what we saw in May when attempting to plant into heavy, rock hard clay at the same site.

It was a wonderful sight to see so many picks digging, hammers hitting and helping hands getting involved with lots of kids running around (and some digging and planting too). Familiar faces were seen but so many new ones. A relaxing BBQ, face painting and chats were enjoyed after all the hard yakka of the morning's work.

This (record breaking?) number of plants would not have got into the ground without a great effort from FOWSP volunteers. A big thanks goes out to Annette,

Cathy and Artur for their work in the field. Jason and Michael for directional efforts, and Mum Sandy for cooking! Not to forget Lyndy, Ken and Sarah for helping out, Many thanks. It couldn't have happened without your assistance. *Kel*

*Ed. Thanks to Brian James for great photos—more p11-email version only.*



*Extract from an email from Artur Munchow, Middle Yarra Landcare Network, (MYLN), to FOWSP.*

“Thank you so much for helping us to revegetate the Lower Orchard Track in Warrandyte State Park. There were more than 60 volunteers planting and organising on National Tree Day plus the rangers who transported the plants. You have planted 200 trees and 1800 grasses which were than sprayed by 2mm rain in the evening, good timing. Well done!

I have attached a history of the place and a photo taken after the planting.”

## ***Pound Bend has come full circle***

The river flat at Pound Bend is being revegetated with indigenous plants. Friends Of Warrandyte State Park, a volunteer group of approx 350 members, aims to restore the area as closely as possible to its original, natural state. This is being made possible through a grant from Melbourne Water, and the hard work and dedication of FOWSP members.

This area has seen major changes throughout its history.

The Wurrundjeri people originally used the land and oral evidence suggests that it was part of the Walkabout and Dreamtime routes and a traditional trading and meeting place for larger corroborees. In 1841, 460 hectares were set aside at Pound Bend for an Aboriginal reserve, but it was not gazetted. The gold rushes in 1851 and the increasing white settlements disrupted the aboriginal way of life and destroyed many traces of their history. In 1861 the remaining 40 aborigines were relocated to Healesville.

During the gold rushes, much of the vegetation was cleared to prop up the mineshafts or to fuel the gold crushes. The early settlers also saw the value of using the land for growing fruit and vegetables. The names of Henry Stiggant, Old Bill Houghton and the Day family are associated with the area at Pound Bend.

The circle continued turning. In 1932 Love-day Ellen and Maximillium Wagner acquired the 60 acres at the bottom of Pound Bend from the Lands Department. Hardly any of this land was cleared. With hard manual labour, the Wagner family cut Burgan and black wattles for a wood-fired bakery and for a market garden. Twenty years of hard work was spent clearing the land by hand, with only axes, picks and shovels to develop the orchard. Ruby Bone, nee Wagner, recalls that it was her younger brothers, Walter and Roy Wagner who were the orchardists and worked hard to produce a Wagner peach, developed to match the conditions. They “produced fruit with a determination and persistence that carries the spirit of the Wagner family”, is a

quote from Ruby Bone from a collection of discussions with Glen Jamieson and published in the *Warrandyte Diary*.

The circle is turning again. In 1984, the orchard was purchased by the Victorian Government and added to the State Park. Hard work began again as the process of restoring the land to its original state began. The old orchard has been removed and has become the grazing area for many kangaroos. FOWSP has planted copses of eucalypts and acacia to provide shelter and habitats for native animals.

Now the circle is almost complete. The river-flat revegetation process has begun using the knowledge base of Parks Victoria, the tremendous support of its local Parks officers, the Melbourne Water grant and the efforts of FOWSP. FOWSP have collected and propagated the seeds, nurtured the indigenous plants and will participate in the planting of the area.

The circle will then have been completed. *Artur*

*Information for this article was obtained from Glen Jameson from his collection of articles written about Ruby Bone, his mother-in-law.*

**For more information please contact  
myln@netspace.net.au**

## **Bushcare's major day out**

**Sunday 8th September 10 am – 12 noon**

Join groups across Australia in spirit –  
act locally think nationally!

The final planting of the year at Orchard Track Pound Bend with Friends of Warrandyte State Park. Meet:  
**FOWSP** nursery carpark.

RSVP to Artur [myln@netspace.net.au](mailto:myln@netspace.net.au) or  
0415 383 328





## FOWSP IN THE HEADLINES

It is not often I pick up the Manningham Leader (17th July) and find FOWSP has taken over the front page. The page 1 headline was “**From little things.**” with a large photo of Matthew and Jack busy potting up some plants at the Thursday nursery. The report with another photo of the boys was on p13. Oh to be young and photogenic! The story focused on the Planet Ark National Tree Day.

It is never easy to convey facts clearly and concisely to a reporter, but ‘spokeswomen’ Kel did us proud and she did not forget to start off with that vital, human interest, personal touch. Great work JB

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## Manningham/FOWSP Walks— Leader Cathy Willis



Please wear appropriate clothing for the weather including a hat and sturdy footwear. Bring a water bottle and snack. Walks paced to appreciate nature. *Meeting place will be given at the time of booking.*

### **Friday 6th September 9.30 am—2.30 pm. Yarra Brae—Trek through the Heart of the Gorge**

Follow the Yarra River downstream through one of the most remote and least accessible parts of the Warrandyte Gorge. This walk involves a creek crossing and off track walking but the reward is well worthwhile.

**Distance:** 8 km **Time:** 5 hours **Rating:** *Difficult*\* Car shuffle required. **Places limited to 20. Booking 9840 9124**

### **Tuesday 1st October 8.00 am—10.30 am. Breakfast with the Birds**

Over 90 bird species have been recorded at Pound Bend. See how many you can spot with the Friends of Warrandyte State Park. Walk along the river track for morning tea (provided) at the 'Folly' and then back along the ridge.

**Distance:** 3.5km. **Rating:** *Moderate*\* **Places limited to 15. Contact Natalie: 9840 9124**

**Thursday 24th October, 9.30 am—The Common Circuit**—The ridge at the Common is the watershed between the Jumping Creed and Parsons Gully catchment with views up towards Mt. St Leonard. Its 50 hectares of bushland forms the bulk of the Haslams Track Biosite. **Distance** 3 km. **Bookings 9840 9124.** **Book early, these events fill fast.**

\***Easy** – Flat or undulating well formed tracks/paths with low tripping hazards.

\***Moderate** – May include some moderately steep or narrow sections or have higher tripping hazards.

\***Difficult** – Includes steep and/or narrow sections, slippery sections, or high tripping hazards.

## Nilumbik Environmental Events



### **Sunday 1st September, Wild Orchid Walk—10.30 am—12.30 am**

Join us on a walk in Bunjil Reserve to learn about, find and identify our beautiful terrestrial orchids and their habitat. Please wear suitable clothing and sturdy footwear.

**Bookings 9433 3316 or visit [www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/EnviroEvents](http://www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/EnviroEvents)**

### **Saturday 7th September, Indigenous Plant Pruning and Maintenance—10 am—12 noon**

Why is it important to prune local native plants? When should they be pruned and how? This workshop provides some practical experience on pruning and information on mulching, watering and improving soil condition. *(Cost \$25).*

**Where:** Edendale, 30 Gastons Road Eltham (Melway 22 A1). **Bookings 943 33711**

### **Sunday 29th September, Conservation Reserves Tour- 10 am—1 pm**

Join us for a tour of some of Nillumbik's most loved conservation reserves. At each of the three reserves we will hear about the history, wildlife and plants from some of our most experienced volunteers who work in these reserves. Bring your hat and wear sturdy boots. **Meet the bus** outside Eltham Library, 10 Panther Place Eltham (melway 21 J5).

**Bookings 9433 3316 or visit [www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/EnviroEvents](http://www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/EnviroEvents)**

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### **Manningham Environmental Seminars held on the first Wednesday of the month.**

Many of the seminars will be complemented with field sessions to facilitate broader education on the topics.

**No bookings are required for the evening talks however the field sessions must be booked and can only be booked at the seminar.**

*Seminars start at 7.30 pm in the Chandelier Room at the Grand Hotel, Warrandyte.*

*For further information phone Lyn Meredith 9840 9326*



**Wednesday 4th September: The Yarra River and its tributaries** support an interesting and diverse but little known freshwater fish community. Learn about human impacts; the unique freshwater fish community, their life-cycle and habitat requirement and the various ways humans have interfered with these.  
*Presented by Dr. Dan Borg Senior Aquatic Scientist.*

**Wednesday 4th October: Wetland Restoration** learn about factors affecting establishment and management of wetland plants, focusing on restoration decisions. *Presented by Damien Cook, co-director of Rakali P/L*

**Wednesday 16th October 9 am - 12 noon.** Join Cam Beardsell, who will showcase the successes of works between 2011 and 2013 that secured the establishment and success of new permanent wetland communities in the Yurak Tamboore Wetland. *(Can only be booked at the October 2nd seminar)*

## **FOWSP MARKET TRAILER**

Many thanks to those who helped out at the July and August markets

**Peter Curry for his regular transportation of the FOWSP trailer.  
Diane and John Baird, Marion Thomson, Louise Clear, Christine Andell, Marie Krause, Lynda Gilbert, Ken Crook, Jan Davies, Kim Cope and Marjan Kiewiet.**



The Warrandyte market is 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 host the FOWSP information trailer for just one hour. If you are interested in being on the market roster for 2013 please contact **Sybille Ims 9844 1335/0405 500 278**  
imsbs@netspace.net.au *First timers are always paired with someone more experienced.*

**Next market date: September 7th.**

## 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

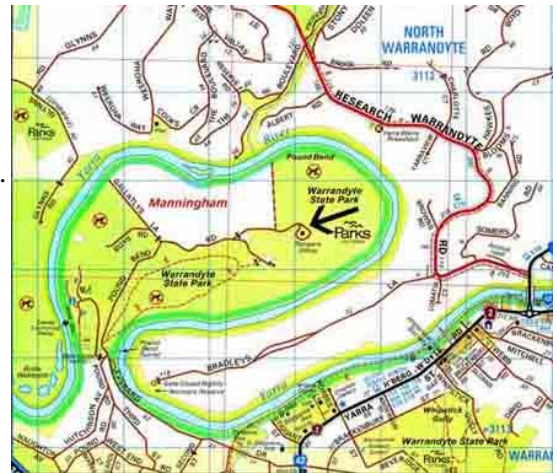
2 pm to 4 pm.

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

### Prices 2013

Members \$1.50

Non-members \$2.00



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### TAGS Thursday activity groups

**TAGS meet at the nursery at 9.15 am for a 9.30 pm departure. Please remember to wear appropriate footwear and clothing for the weather, and please bring your own filled water bottle. Contact number: 0408 317 327**

**Difficulty Ratings Easy:** Even terrain, some light lifting, kneeling and bending involved. Few tripping hazards.

**Moderate:** Uneven terrain, light to heavy lifting, kneeling and bending involved. Tripping hazards present.

**Difficult:** Steep terrain, light to heavy lifting, working in over-grown areas and lots of bending. Many tripping hazards

Day	Date	Time	Site of Activity	Activity undertaken	Leader	Difficulty rating
Thurs.	05/09 2013	9.15 am to 12 noon	Fourth Hill	Woody Weeding	Park Ranger	Moderate
Thurs.	19/09 2013	9.15 am to 12 noon	Historic Queenstown Cemetery, Smiths Gully	Wildflowers and Weeding	Land Man- ager	Easy
Thurs.	3/10 2013	9.15 am to 12 noon	One Tree Hill	Woody weeding, target- ing <i>Pittosporum</i>	Park Ranger	Moderate

### Message from Adriana Simmonds– *“Please be more aware of wildlife on the roads.”*

It is always important when you are driving to be alert to the possibility of wildlife on our roads especially early in the morning or at dusk. At this time of the year our native animals are even more likely to be on the move, seeking mates and territories. Adriana is at present caring for 19 possums, 2 baby wombats and a kangaroo joey, almost all of which have been hit by cars. So please, be particularly vigilant and keep speed down, particularly on back roads

This is also the time of year when many of our marsupials will be carrying young, so it is important to check the pouch in the event of there being an accident.

**One of the best ways to get help is to ring the RACV’s roadside assist number 13 11 11**

They can immediately connect you to three of Victoria’s wildlife help groups.

**A good way to remember this is to put the number into your phone using a tag such as**



***Wildlife help 13 11 11***

### 2013-14 Report from your Honorary Treasurer— *Lyndy Gilbert*

The annual accounts are ready to be audited. This has been an exceptional year financially: we have made an investment of \$35,000 in the infrastructure for the FOWSP nursery. The financing has come from funds built up over the past 30 years by Friends of Warrandyte State Park and is the largest expenditure in our history.

The 2012/3 results show that in order to cover the costs of running the nursery in 2014, we will be obliged to raise plant sale prices. The committee has also determined that membership for concession holders will rise to \$15 in January 2014 - the equivalent cost of 4 cups of coffee. The full membership will remain the same at \$30 per annum.

To all those generous people out there - thank you for your kind contributions towards the protection of our environment. We have received in excess of \$500 from our Fowspians and the general public to date. Our barbecue in July outside IGA in Warrandyte raised \$430. We really appreciate your support.



We are also grateful to Manningham City Council for grants totalling \$3950 and Parks Victoria for \$1000 towards tools.

I am pleased to report that the first donation has come in from Aussie Farmers. Our thanks to all those who are purchasing their produce direct from our farmers and nominating FOWSP as the charity.

FOWSP in Warrandyte plays a major role in so many important areas - environmental, educational and social. It is comforting to see the continuing levels of support for our aims and aspirations. Every individual in FOWSP makes a difference!



### Fund Raising/Publicity at the IGA

Total raised was \$430

FOWSPians are not only great at propagating indigenous plants and caring for the environment, but also at putting on a BBQ.

On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July FOWSP held a sausage sizzle, including hamburgers and veggie burgers, outside Quinton's IGA from 10 am to 2 pm. Cupcakes and biscuits baked by Lyndy, Jan and Sybille were also on the menu along with bottled water. A free plant was available with each sale and fridge magnet promoting the nursery's opening hours were handed out. New members were signed up and *National Tree Day* was promoted. Some people also took the opportunity to purchase plants.

A special thank you to Lyndy Gilbert (photo above) for her tremendous work in organising the event with Julie Quinton's IGA and also setting up, cooking and packing away. Thank you to Jason Patton and Peta Cumming (photo above) for delivering the trailer to the car park, assisting with setting up, packing up, and working on the stall.

The following volunteers helped make the day the great success: **Kelly Wooster, Ken Crook, Cathy Willis, Frank & Gloria Moore, Sarah Qualtrough, Marjan Kiewiet, Peter & Nietta Curry, Tracey and Jack Gayden, Bev & John Hanson and Sybille Ims**

A big thank you to Julie Quinton and IGA for providing the bbq, marquee and location. Also thank you to the Blue Tongue Café for providing coffees for the early workers.

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Newsletter this month was edited by Joan Broadberry with lots of help from everyone. Special thanks to Brian, Sybille & Jason. Line drawings by Mel Coupar.

## Swamp Gum, Tree Everlasting & Bulbine Lily

### Moisture-loving Plants

by Cathy Willis

We have had below average rainfall in the Melbourne area over last 12 months, but the last three months have been above average, with some particularly heavy falls. So it's a great time to look around your garden or block to assess where the water gathers or flows, and think about what might happen if climate change kicks in harder and we keep getting sudden inundations. Sometimes hard landscaping measures are the only answer to big problems. In many situations though, using the right plants to slow flow or soak up boggy spots can be an attractive and cheap way to prevent erosion and bigger problems in the future.

This month the nursery has a big, a medium and a small plant each perfect for the job.



Swamp Gum, *Eucalyptus ovata* is a tall, (to 20m) stately, white gum barked eucalypt with a 'sock' of rough bark on the trunk. It has large, glossy, ovate leaves with distinctive wavy margins, and creamy white flowers in autumn. Given a bit of space it's a terrific specimen tree, but if you need to soak up water fast you can plant them 3-5m apart. It loves having wet

feet. Very fast growing when planted in the right spot. You will find it growing along all the major gully lines and depressions on drainage lines on the river flats around Warrandyte and Wonga Park.

Tree Everlasting, *Ozothamnus ferrugineus* is an open, rounded, medium shrub about 2-4m. It has long, narrow, shiny, dark green leaves that are pale beneath. Its numerous white 'cauliflower' type flowerheads in late spring to summer, dry and stay on the bush, hence the "everlasting" in its name. It can be used in a mixed planting or as a background plant, while regular light pruning of a mass planting will result in a nice hedge. People often confuse it with Shiny Cassinia which is aromatic and grows on upper slopes and ridges, but Tree Everlasting hugs the valleys and has no smell.

The locally rare Leek Lily, *Bulbine semibarbata* is a cute little clumping lily with a 'tussock' of bright green, round, fleshy leaves to about 30cm. The literature often describes it as an annual, but in a garden it usually acts as a perennial and if massed its fibrous roots will help stabilize the soil. In good conditions it readily self-seeds and in my garden forms mats that look like brilliant green grass. It produces a spike of yellow flowers held above the leaves in late spring through summer.

## The Bronzewing Affair

Sybille Ims

November 2004 was the first time I noticed the Bronzewing. Working from home, I heard a continuous droning outside. Initially I thought that it was a ducted vacuum cleaning system nearby. The droning continued but now came from different directions. As we had building renovations happening, I mentioned the droning to my builders who were able to point out the cause. It was a "pigeon with a beautiful wing" that made the drone as it bobbed its head up and down - ALL DAY. Researching "What Bird Is That?" identified the Common Bronzewing as the culprit.

My Bronzewing affair continued. It liked to slow me down on our long driveway. As my car approached it would flutter a small distance in front, appearing too lazy to fly. It would do this a few times until it realised that I was still following and only then would flutter off. Frequently when in a rush, the delay gave rise to negative thoughts about Bronzewings in general.

The Bronzewings came to stay and I began to enjoy watching their lazy bathing techniques in my birdbaths. Whilst other birds wash thoroughly, ducking their heads in the water and tossing water over themselves, the Bronzewings just stand in the water, raise a wing, flutter it, change wings and waddle out of the water.

December 2011, my Bronzewing affair grew stronger. While looking out my kitchen window I saw a Bronzewing nesting in a neighbour's Wonga Vine. Binoculars were used constantly over the next few days observing any movement made by the bird. There did not appear to be a mate and the Bronzewing had my sympathy sitting there all day in the heat, no food or water. It became a habit to check first things in the morning and frequently during the day. Then early one morning, the nest was bare. I was concerned about any possible eggs or young ones. Later in the morning I went outside and to my utter dismay, there outside my back door lay a decapitated Bronzewing.

The nest remained bare, until last Tuesday. There in the nest in the Wonga Vine, sat a brave, defiant Bronzewing. This valiant bird was being bombarded by Noisy Miners and a Little Raven sat threateningly on a nearby branch. This Bronzewing was a fighter and I egged it on. It withstood the bombardment of the Noisy Miners who eventually gave up. It raised its wings each time the Little Raven came too near. I cheered it on.

Unfortunately the relentlessness of the Little Raven paid off and the defeated Bronzewing flew away. The Little Raven hopped into the nest, picked up an egg and flew off. The Bronzewing returned to the nest briefly, before departing again. The Little Raven came back to the nest, gave its awful call and left without any more bounty.

Hopefully my Bronzewing affair continues, and the nest becomes a home for a successful breeding pair of Bronzewings – fingers crossed.



# “I SPY”

By B.G



and Warrandyte Diary writer while Linda is away and hopes to make it down to the nursery when she can.

**Joshing Josh**—Sources outside of FOWSP reveal that Nursery Manager, Josh is aged between 33 and 53 years (a well kept secret) and that he has just returned from a visit to Turkey.

**Matters of Moment**—Seven months absence due to various medical procedures has ended and I SPY is able to return to such activities as driving, wiping dishes, writing, a modicum of gardening and all the other natural activities humans should be able to perform.

**Park Performance**—During the last quarter of cold weather (driven by chilling winds coming up from Antarctica), there has been a dedicated band of volunteers and workers carrying on the various aspects of the nursery. A new shed has arrived and has been placed on the previously poured concrete slab. It is currently empty, but how soon will it fill up, but with what?



**Windy WSP**—Recently, following severe winds there were “a lot of trees down in the Park”.

**Before the Burns**—A meeting was held between Conrad (RIC-WSP), David Van Bockel and Adam Hosek (fire team leader) to plan a burning program.

**Tidying up a hot-bed**—Josh and Jason (above), were seen carting the ‘old hot-bed’ into the corner of one of the igloos—there are also plans to move other presently unused items as part of a “tidy up”

**Jurassic and Triassic**—Did you know the world’s most primitive frogs are found on Maud Island in Marlborough Sound, New Zealand? According to Ben Bell who has been studying these nocturnal frogs for 25 years, “they go back to the Jurassic and even Triassic era”. They do not croak at all.

**Gone to the Grampians**—Irene said that husband Bruce is recovering well after a long drawn out compounded health problem and has been driven to Western Victoria.

**Editor Explains**—Joan, who has put together this newsletter, has joined a U3A geology class which meets on Thursday morning. She is filling in as newsletter editor

## News from the Committee

- Surveillance cameras are being used to monitor feral cats and help assist with trapping, and are also being used to assist with Parks compliance issues at Morrison’s”
- Lots of people attending/visiting nursery and showing interest. Nursery busy growing plants ready for spring
- Some Frost damage to eucalyptus that have now been put in the rehab area
- Libby Steeles and CAN have permission to distribute Jute shopping bags from FOWSP trailer.
- Reprinting of Indigenous Planting guide complete.
- Kaye tripped at the Nursery. Preventative measures put in place. Please inform nursery staff if you notice an occupational health and safety (OH&S) concern.

### Next Committee Meeting

**Date:** Tuesday 10th September

**Venue:** Ranger Station, Pound Bend

**Time:** 19:30 pm sharp



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Dawson's Bee, *Amegilla dawsoni*,  
sometimes called **Dawson's burrow-  
ing bee**, is a species of bee which  
nests by the thousands in  
arid claypans in Western Australia.  
*Photo send by Linda Rogan.*

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Planet Ark National Tree Day 28/7/13. Thanks to Brian James for the photos and thanks to all the volunteers who attended.



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