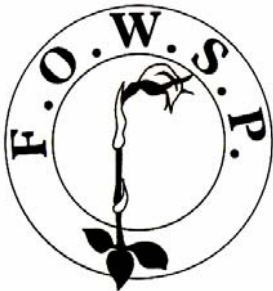


# Friends of Warrandyte State Park



## Newsletter

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### Editor's Corner

Linda and Peter Rogan are travelling for an extended period and once again I am filling in. The last email I had from Linda placed her at the small town of Richmond in Central Queensland. Brian and I visited Richmond a couple of years ago and I wrote about its wonderful fossil museum, Kronosaurus Corner.

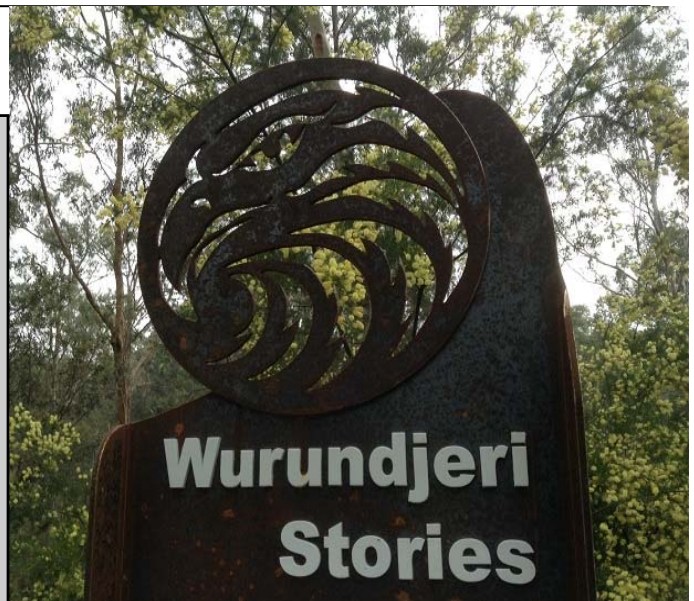
Despite the fact that I have been unable to get to the nursery most Thursday mornings, (I am attending a wonderful U3A geology class that unfortunately is at exactly the same time), this newsletter has almost written itself there is just so much happening in the Park. I have had fantastic help in gathering news from many people. In particular I would like to thank Lyn Meredith, Lyndy Gilbert, Jan Falconer, Jason Patton and Caroline Noel. Linda did a lot of the heavy newsletter lifting before she left, for which I am very grateful. Nevertheless a few FOWSP activities may have been missed over the two months.

Mega news stories are the arrival of the FOWSP Education Centre, p2 and the opening of the Wurundjeri Interpretive Signage Trail, p1 & 3. A visit to this trail at Pound Bend will take you on an unforgettable cultural and historical journey.

The planting on National Tree Day, held at the end of July was another huge success, p4. Nursery news appears on p7

The restoration of Frogland has been an ongoing project which is now complete. Pat Coupar was at the nursery recently

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and was thrilled at the result., 'its been transformed', she said. The before and after photos say it all, see p8

Caroline Noel writes about one of best tags ever . A big call. Turn to p9 to find out why. A recent TAG planted out the rare Cinnamon Wattle at Watsons Creek, Jan Falconer tells the story on p9. *Photo right, more pictures p11.*

FOWSP & Manningham TAGS, Seminars and Nature Walks programs, p5-7, plus two Riverkeepers events, p2, will have us all reaching for our diaries.

I wrote about the six seasons of Middle Yarra Timelines Calendar in the recent edition of the Warrandyte Diary. September places us in Early Spring. For we obsessional lovers of native orchid species this is a magical time of the year. Photos of our stunning orchids appear on p8, 10 & 11.

Most importantly there are two phone numbers on p8 which we should all save into our phones in case we need to find help for injured wildlife.

Best wishes to all

*Joan Broadberry*



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**Friday 26th September 2014**

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## EDUCATION CENTRE ARRIVES

Joan Broadberry

I gave a yelp of delight when I dropped into FOWSP on Thursday 14th August, parked my car and looked over to the nursery site. The long awaited building, the Education Centre had arrived. It was standing proud, firmly placed on its concrete stumps. A few days previously the building had been temporarily relieved of its roof and transported successfully through the Park without any difficulties or damage to vegetation. Fantastic job guys!!!!

The next weekend, a dedicated team spent Saturday and Sunday working to reattach the roof. An enormous thank you must go to volunteers Jason, Gray, Brian, Josh and Kelvin, ably assisted, fed and watered by Peta, for the skill and energy they gave to completing this task. The weekend weather gods smiled and by Sunday afternoon the Education Centre was more or less waterproof. There is still more to do both in finishing the roof and fitting out the building. Eventually FOWSP will have a secure place to store and work with its many resources and a kitchen.

Late on Sunday afternoon, I am told, instead of going home for a well earned rest, the team actually stayed on to extend the Frogland path. I am lost for words to describe such a wonderful crew!!

Last communication from Jason (August 23rd) was—“Kelvin and I are back down at the Nursery today. We sealed-up one gable-end yesterday and got the gutters done. Should get the ceiling re-attached and the other gable-end done today.”



Photos: above—L-R Josh, Kelvin and Jason.  
below—Peta.

## RIVERKEEPER EVENTS (free)

|| **Upper Yarra bike ride.** Join the Yarra Riverkeepers for a guided ride along the beautiful Upper Yarra River on Sunday, 21 September. The ride starts 11 am at the Upper Yarra Museum in Yarra Junction (Melways 288 D7) and follows the historical railway line to Warburton, approximately 20km return. Experts will speak about the river, its wonders and stories. For information and registration, contact Todd Holman at [todd.holman@hotmail.com](mailto:todd.holman@hotmail.com) or phone 0425 217 921.



|| **Waterway wander and wonders.** Come for a stroll along a picturesque section of the Yarra in North Warrandyte on Sunday, 5 October. The walk starts 10.30 am in front of 42 Osborne Road, North Warrandyte (Melways 23 K10) and follows a narrow, unsealed bush track, duration 2 hours. Learn about the wonders of the river from the Yarra Riverkeeper. For information and registration, contact Ian Penrose at [info@yarrariver.org.au](mailto:info@yarrariver.org.au) or phone 0409 510 766



## Wurundjeri Stories, interpretive signage trail launch - Lyn Meredith

The Wurundjeri stories signage in Pound Bend Reserve was launched on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August. Eli Pachacz, Manningham City Council's Cultural Development Officer, managed the project to ensure a strong Wurundjeri Tribe participation by provision of consultation work and ensuring Wurundjeri decision making. Other contributors and stakeholders include Parks Victoria, Office of Aboriginal Affairs Victoria; Reconciliation Manningham and local historians Mick Woiwod, Jim Poulter and Val Polley. The signs were funded by the Federal Government, Department of the Environment grant.

L—R Working group field trip February- Mandy, Bill and Alice.



Wurundjeri Tribe artist and cultural advisor, Mandy Nicholson, and elders Aunty Alice Kolosa and Uncle Bill Nicholson provided leadership and expertise for content. They ensured that the Wurundjeri Tribe was duly consulted for cultural accuracy.

Initial consultations with Wurundjeri determined that the signs were best placed on the historically and culturally significant Pound Bend. The themes for each of the six signs, and the participants of each of the working sub-groups soon followed. Signage design was chosen to accommodate Mandy Nicholson's artwork. Her striking coin shaped cut out of 'Bunjil' atop the iron foundation is symbolic of the rich Wurundjeri spirituality and connection to Country – past and present – a symbol of spiritual currency emanating confidence and strength into the future.

Over 150 people attended the launch on what turned out to be a glorious sunny winter afternoon. Elder Uncle Colin Hunter Junior performed the Welcome to Country fanning ceremonial smoke by eagle feathers to envelope the crowd. A didgeridoo sounded in the back ground as Colin spoke. Councillor Meg Downey acknowledged the importance of the signage trail before inviting us to follow the trail. Colin and Wurundjeri women Aunty Alice, her sister Aunty Kitty Coombs and Mandy Nicholson then shared the role reading the signs to us. At each sign 'Bunjil' was unveiled from behind the flowering Golden

Wattle decoration. Whilst Bill Nicholson was unable to attend the day his leadership role in the project was gratefully acknowledged.

The informative signs take the reader on a historic journey. Children are encouraged to consider Wurundjeri history and culture with a 'Bunjil's challenge' located at the bottom of each sign. The signage trail will prove to be a valuable resource for school groups and the broader community to understand Wurundjeri culture past and present. A seventh sign marking Witton's Reserve as a Wurundjeri Women's sacred space is an upstream reminder of Wurundjeri Country.

Uncle Colin Hunter Junior



Welcome ceremony



The chorus of raucous cockatoos jostling and screeching for attention as the signs were recited added to the great ambience of this special day. They were obviously barracking for the Wurundjeri to be out on country, making smoke and sharing stories.

L-R Aunties Kitty, Alice & Mandy





## National Tree Day - Sunday 27th July

Information and invitations were distributed to volunteers, kindergartens and primary schools in Warrandyte and Wonga Park. National Tree Day advertising and our Facebook page also brought the message to computer savvy attendees. The weather was spring-like and a total of 52 participants turned up.

We were delighted to see at least twenty children, including a number from the first Warrandyte Joeys. Some 400 plants were put into the soil. A BBQ luncheon sponsored by Manningham City Council went down a treat. There was plenty of food to go around and it disappeared. Sarah Qualtrough demonstrated her face painting expertise, much to the delight of the kids. Our committee members were well represented and staff members, Sarah, Bond, Annette, Kelly and Josh also turned up. Thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of the day.

Photos by Lyndy Gilbert.

Below: Sarah Q ,the face painting expert.



Above: Eighty able hands were planting shrubs and grasses.

### Thanks from us all

Grateful thanks to Brian and David for their hard work in tidying up the garage shed a couple of weeks ago. What a difference you have made.



Above: Lyndy and Ken are serving hard –working helpers.

### Thanks for your generosity

Quintons IGA in Warrandyte recently set up a points system to benefit individuals and all community groups who purchased groceries at our local store. A number of FOWSPIANS have kindly donated their points to FOWSP. As a result of this system, FOWSP has now collected nearly 60,000 points since the inception of the program. Your kind support means that \$600 of the running costs of the FOWSP nursery can now be covered by this points system.



Thank you to Julie Quinton and our wonderful members for your ongoing generosity.

Lyndy Gilbert, on behalf of the FOWSP committee

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## Manningham City Council Environment Seminars 2014

### The Environmental Seminars are 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; but field trips must be pre-booked. This can be done before the talk, bookings are open now, however you must attend the corresponding seminar to retain your field-trip booking. Due to popularity of the field trips, bookings are limited to 3 trips per person per year.



**Venue:** Bull and Bush Room at the Grand Hotel, Warrandyte **Time:** 7.30 pm

**Enquiries:** For more information, please phone Lyn Meredith on 9840 9326. **Bookings:** Natalie on 9840 9124.

**Wed 3rd Sept: Butterfly and Moth Larvae** presented by Steve Williams. Everything loves moths. A huge range of creatures eat them at any stage in their life. There are more moth species in Victoria alone than all the vertebrate animal species in Australia. Despite this crucial role in the local ecosystem many researchers ignore them, partly because they are difficult to find and research. Hence many are little known. Steve will talk about the biology of these fascinating creatures, their wonderful adaptations and show some new, previously unrecorded, lifecycles.

**Thur 4th Sept: 10.00 am – 12.00 noon field trip: Life Histories of local Moths** with Steve Williams  
Steve will lead this walk along the Mullum Mullum Trail and will discuss some of the fascinating life-histories of local moths while showing how well adapted species are to their hosts and bushland setting. Be prepared to get close and personal with a caterpillar. Bookings are essential as places are limited (see above) and **you must attend the seminar on 3rd Sept.**

**Wed 1st October: Snake Awareness** presented by Sean McCarthy. We have been told that we live in a country of the deadliest snakes. What is the truth? Come along to an information session about these wonderful animals, find out what to do when you see them, how to avoid them and what to do if you do get bitten. Live animals will be present, with all venomous snakes in locked enclosures. If you wish, you can pet harmless pythons and lizards. This session will go for one and a half hours. Sean is Director of Snakehandler Pty Ltd.

### Next Committee Meeting

<b>Date:</b>	Tuesday 9th September
<b>Venue:</b>	Ranger Station, Pound Bend
<b>Time:</b>	19:30 pm sharp

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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.

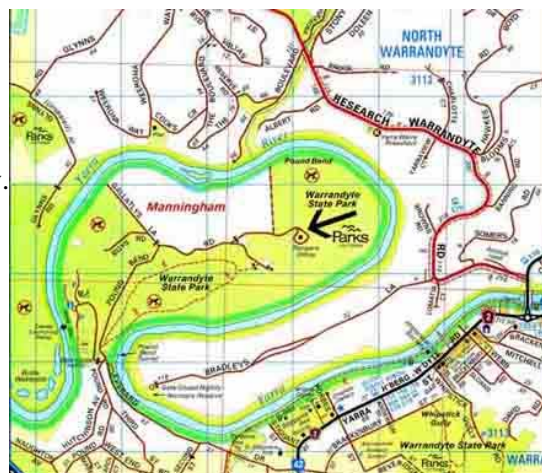
9.30 am to 12.30 pm and

the first 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 days of severe weather and on Total Fire Ban Days**

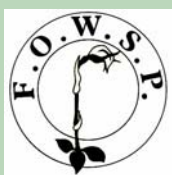


**Prices 1st Jan..2014 note change from 2013**

Members \$2.00

Non-members \$2.50

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## FOWSP/Manningham Thursday nature walks Leader: Cathy Willis



*This series of educational and interpretive nature walks explores some of Manningham's most inspiring and interesting bushland. During the first half of 2014 we walked sections of the Yarra River through Manningham. In the second half of the year we will explore some of the tributaries on both the north and south sides of the river.*

*Each walk is paced to allow participants to enjoy and appreciate the natural beauty of the area. Please wear appropriate clothing for the weather including a hat and sturdy footwear. Bring a water bottle and snack. All distances and finishing times are approximate.*

### **9:30 am, Thursday 25th September: Mullum Mullum Creek - Mullum Mullum Park and Yarran Dheran.**

The Mullum Mullum Creek flows to the Yarra River from the hills that separate the Dandenong and Yarra Valleys. The Park contains remnant Valley Heathy Forest saved by the freeway tunnel, while Yarran Dheran demonstrates how an old tip site can be restored over time. **Distance:** approx 3kms **Time:** approx 3hrs

**Rating:** moderate (some steep sections. Meeting point will be provided at the time of booking.

**9:30 am, Thursday 23rd October: Watsons Creek - Happy Valley Branch.** The Watsons Creek originates in Kinglake National Park. One of the tributaries flowing in as its heads towards the Yarra River is Happy Valley Creek, which dissects the One Tree Hill section of the Warrandyte-Kinglake Nature Conservation Reserve.

**Distance:** approx 6kms **Time:** approx 4hrs **Rating:** difficult

**9:30 am, Thursday 27th November: Koonung Creek - Donvale to Doncaster.** Much of what was once the creek valley floor is now the Eastern Freeway. Surrounded by orchards and paddocks in the first half of last century, and subsequently developed as medium density housing, it still has valuable natural assets including relatively intact stands of vegetation. **Distance:** 5 kms **Time:** approx 2.5 hrs **Rating:** easy

### **Ratings:**

**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.

**Bookings are essential as places are limited. Bookings open 2 months before the walk date.** Meeting points will be provided at the time of booking, to book contact Natalie by calling 9840 9124 or email [eeadmin@manningham.vic.gov.au](mailto:eeadmin@manningham.vic.gov.au)

## **TAGS** (Thursday activity groups)

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

<b>Thurs</b>	4th Sept	9am-12	Hochkins Ridge Resv.	Sallow Wattle removal	FOWSP/ Ranger	Moderate
<b>Thurs</b>	18th Sept	9am-12	Mullum Mullum, Beckett Rd.	Planting spring flowers	FOWSP/ Ranger	Moderate
<b>Thurs</b>	2nd Oct	9am-12	4th Hill, Whipstick Gully	Woody Weeding	FOWPS/ Ranger	Difficult
<b>Thurs</b>	16th Oct	9am-12	Rifle Range	Weeding Floribunda	FOWSP/ Ranger	Moderate

### ***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 and slippery surfaces present.

**Check the website for any changes at <http://fowsp.org.au/activities.php>**

**Please note TAGS and WAGS will be cancelled on Total Fire Ban days or when weather conditions are deemed hazardous.**

## **FOWSP MARKET TRAILER**

Thanks to those who helped out in July and August

**Diane and John Baird, Jan Davies, Jeff Cranston, Peter Kennedy, Jan Smids,  
Caitriona Young, Lyndy Gilbert, Ken Crook**



Thanks to **Carolyn Noel and Don Vincent** for transporting the trailer to and from the market for June, July and August.

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 (man/woman) the FOWSP information trailer for just one hour.

**If you are interested in being on the market roster for 2014  
please contact Caitriona Young 9844 2842;; 0411478410; thefouryoungones@yahoo.co.uk**

**First timers are always paired with someone more experienced.**

**Future market dates are: Saturday September 6th, and Saturday 4th October**

### **Did they say 91, Happy birthday Marion King.**



Thanks to Caroline Noel  
for these items

FOWSP gets a special helper. Dean is on holidays from his usual endeavour at Merrimu in Bacchus Marsh....He joined us at the nursery on Thursday 10th July. We put his particular talent of sorting to good use.







Photo: J. Broadberry

## FROGLAND

Frogland was weeded and planted on 26<sup>th</sup> June. Plants included: *Pomaderris elliptica*, *P. vacciniifolia*, *P. lanigera*, *Derwentia derwentiana*, *Clematis aristata*, *Austrofestuca hookeriana*, *Danthonia mixed*, *Microlaena stipoides*, *Dichondra*, *Lythrum salicaria*, *Solanum laciniatum*, *Vittadinia meulleri*, *Leptorhinus nitidis*, *Lagonia albiflora*.

The basic construction of the path is weed-matting, with borders using rock from local spoil-heaps filled with metres of State Park Euc mulch from the PFF fuel reduction works. Cost to FOWSP \$0.00.

Thanks to Caroline Noel for the photos



Above: Frogland in summer 2013 during a dry spell.



## HELP FOR INJURED WILDLIFE

**Wildlife Victoria 1300 094 535**  
**Help for Wildlife 0417 380 687**

These numbers are staffed by volunteers who can direct you to the most suitable place to find help for the particular creature you have rescued.

**PLEASE SAVE THEM INTO YOUR PHONES NOW**

## Newsletter preparation this month

Joan Broadberry  
 Jason Patton  
 Brian James  
 Mel Coupar (Line drawings)

Could not resist a few orchid photos, all taken in the bush in the last few days. JB



*Cyanicula caerulea*,  
 Blue Fingers



*Corybas diemenicus*, Veined Helmet



*Pterostylis curta*,  
 Blunt Green-hood



## Tagging at Pound Bend

Carolyn Noel

You would think that the last place it would be fun to be on a cold winter morning would be weeding and planting in a chilly tag down by the river. Not so...

On our way to the tag site we stop to take a photo of the sun shining through the mist rising off the long grass. The early morning at Pound Bend is truly beautiful. Faye spotted a powerful owl on his way home with his breakfast - a whole magpie/currawong?

Plus met the best tag team ever.... 168 plants before (a delicious) morning tea.



**Editor:** Since examining the dead 'breakfast' bird photos I believe it to be a White-winged Chough. Note the tail, long legs, beak and slight traces of white under the wing.



Powerful Owl photos taken 10th July a by Kelvin Watkins

## TAG - Watson's Creek Bio-link Project - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August

On a magnificent late winter's day, nine FOWSP volunteers and five Warrandyte Rangers met with Kinglake Rangers at the Watson's Creek site for a planting session. Our task for the day was to see 450 Cinnamon Wattle plants (*acacia leprosa*), and just one tray of *lomandra longifolia*, safely and securely planted as part of the revegetation of this site. Cinnamon wattle is a rare and endangered species that is indigenous and endemic to the area, but was largely wiped out during the 2009 bushfires. Seeds from remaining trees were collected and nurtured in the FOWSP nursery and today's exercise completes the cycle.

Originally cleared farmland, the Watson's Creek site was purchased by Melbourne Water in the 1960's, and later by Parks Victoria in about 2003/04. Parks had long recognised the need for a revegetation program of this important site in order to create a wildlife corridor between the Rifle Range section of the Warrandyte State Park and the Kinglake National Park. However it wasn't until after the disastrous bushfires of Black Saturday in 2009 which destroyed most of the Kinglake National Park, that the need for the revegetation of the corridor became imperative. Government money and funds from the Bushfire Relief Program became available to allow this to commence. Today, thanks to many volunteers, over

30,000 plants have been planted and thanks also to the vigilance of the Kinglake Parks staff in keeping wildlife out many of these plants are thriving and the site is barely recognisable as the bare and empty farmland it was. Additional good news is that the corridor seems to be working as intended. Recently tree goannas and tiger quolls have been found in the area, and the number of phascogales, which have been the subject of a 15 year program in the area, have been discovered to be increasing.

Thanks to many willing hands, and soft well-watered soil, the 500 plants were very quickly settled in and an enjoyable barbeque lunch was enjoyed by all.

More photos p11, email version. Jan Falconer





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**Early Caladenia— *Caladenia praecox***

Small white hooded flowers, with purplish highlights. Significant, as it is usually the first finger orchid to flower in early to mid August.

Grows to about 15cm tall with up to four flowers on a stem. Reasonably common around Warrandyte.

*JB*



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## Email photo bonus page

## MORE NATIVE ORCHIDS



Jason Patton



Caroline Noel

**Challenge:** These three orchid photos were taken either at the nursery or in Warrandyte State Park in the last few weeks. Can you identify them? Common names are fine but Latin names are better!



J. Broadberry



## TAG at Watsons Creek

Thanks to Jan Falconer for photos

Above: Alana (my granddaughter) found a casemoth while she and I were weeding on 3<sup>rd</sup> July - Linda Rogan



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