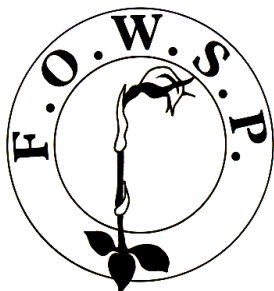


# Friends of Warrandyte State Park



## Newsletter

Website: [www.fowsp.org.au](http://www.fowsp.org.au)

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AT LAST, IT'S ALL COME TOGETHER  
**THE FOWSP EDUCATION CENTRE WILL BE LAUNCHED**  
ON SUNDAY **23RD NOVEMBER** RIGHT AFTER THE SHORT AND SWEET

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

AGM will be at 5:00pm at the Folly

And join us for the launch of our new Education Centre at the Nursery at approximately 5:45pm.

**HELP US CELEBRATE!**

THE OFFICIAL RIBBON CUTTING WILL BE BY VAL POLLEY

FOLLOWED BY DRINKS AND NIBBLES FROM FOWSP

PLEASE **RSVP BY 20TH NOVEMBER** TO LINDA GILBERT email: [lynda.gilbert@aol.com](mailto:lynda.gilbert@aol.com) or phone 9844 0106

**BYO FOOD FOR THE BBQ FROM 6PM**  
**AND SALADS OR DESERTS TO SHARE**

### Editor's Corner

What exciting months October and November. First and foremost the Education Centre will be formally opened. It has taken many years to come to fruition through the efforts of many people. It has a small office for our staff and a larger area which will hold information, most of which is free, on plants and animals indigenous to Warrandyte. The funding for the building has come from memberships, donations and sales of plants and has been collected over a period of 32 years. So help us celebrate on Sunday the 23rd. of November.

The story of success, the FOWSP Sizzle at the local IGA, is told on p.2.

Joy Hick brings us news of progress in the Murundaka Wetlands via efforts by our close cousins, the Friends of the Yarra Valley Parkland also on p.2.

Local author, Mick Woiwod has sent FOWSPians an invitation to the launch of his book, *Wrath of the Myndie*. See page 3.

Are you the helper we are seeking? also see p.3.

Find out who coined the term "Cootamongrel" on p. 4; what's happening at the nursery on p.7 and see Annette's flowerful photos there. Ben's back with some lovely photos and observations p.8 and more.

Hope to see you all on the 23rd Nov. *Linda*



Photo by Peta See p.2 for the story

**Deadline for December 2014 edition newsletter is**

**Friday 21st November 2014**

contributions can be emailed to Linda Rogan [editor@fowsp.org.au](mailto:editor@fowsp.org.au)  
or posted to PO Box 220, Warrandyte 3113

## IGA, a great venue for FOWSP event



Sunday 12th October was a lovely sunny day and the weather brought people out in droves to IGA. It was a lovely opportunity for FOWSPians to get together and chat. We had a perfect spot for the fundraiser to help pay for the fit out of the education centre - right outside the front door to the supermarket. The smell of bbq sausages, as well as the healthy looking plants, drew in the crowds.

Thanks to all the willing helpers. Jan Falconer for her special buttery biscuits, all 17 packets sold, and thanks for sharing them with the volunteers. Jason and Peta kindly brought the trailer and John and Caitriona returned it to the nursery. Thanks to **all** the volunteers who spent their time setting up, selling plants and sausages and cleaning up: Jan Falconer, Jason Patton, Peta Cumming, John & Caitriona Young, Ken Crook, Lynda Gilbert, Diane & John Baird, John and Bev Hanson, Sarah Bond, Peter Kennedy, John Blake, Sybille Ims, Marion Thompson, Marjan Kiewiet, Jeff Cranston, Artur Muchow, Marion Thomson, Rachel Smith and Gloria Moore.

Thanks to Lyndy and Caitriona for this information and to Peta for the photos.

## Friends of Yarra Valley Parks (FYVP) working bee October 26 2014 Joy Hick

Murundaka Wetland 2 (Melways 32 K3) was the location for the Friends of Yarra Valley Parks, monthly working bee.

Parks Victoria Rangers, John and Cam, along with 13 volunteers, planted around 300 indigenous wetland plants, grown at both the Westerfolds and Warrandyte Nurseries, by FYVP and FOWSP volunteers.

The species planted included:

***Carex fascicularis*** (Tassel Sedge)

Common raspswort

***Juncus flavidus*** (Gold Rush)

***Carex tereticaulis*** (Common Sedge)



The FOWSP nursery grew 100 common raspsworts, which were planted around the fallen logs in the swamp, to give the plants protection from the grazers, kangaroos and rabbits. Thanks to Ben, the Clydesdale, for his efforts in dragging logs into position.

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### Note to FOWSPians from local author Mick Woiod



Wittons Reserve across the Yarra from Bend of Islands as in the summer of 1923-4. Arthur Witton had farmed it and Mt Lofty had been cleared of all of its trees by Capt. Payne a decade or so earlier. Courtesy of Margret Doring

*Wrath of the Myndie* — my forthcoming book is scheduled for launch in the green world of 'Edendale Farm, Eltham — Details below

Here is a story that all FOWSPians, with an interest in furthering their understanding of the local ecology, ought have on their book-shelves. Add the dimension of time to the store-house of knowledge you have accumulated over the years and compare the land you know today with how it had presented back in the 1840s.

*Wrath of the Myndie* takes a ten year slice of the local Yarra Valley story [1841-1851] and portrays it as seen through the eyes of a young Wurundjeri hunter uneasy about news of a strange white race moving out towards them along the middle reaches of the Yarra .

Told within the genre of historical novel, its story moves up and down the Yarra country and out into wider Victoria. It's a narrative about land and how it had been understood and resourced and subsequently lost by its traditional owners in the 1850s.

Some FOWSPians may recognise the story as it had first been told many years ago in my 1997 work, *The Last Cry*, cobbled together when I'd only just begun getting my head around the local Aboriginal story and the complex nature of the local ecology. Read it as a cautionary tale warning today's people of what might conceivably happen to those amongst us today who refuse to treat the bush with respect; it's the story of a people who'd known their land intimately but had, nevertheless, still had it taken away from them; the story of a people who'd successfully pleaded with Bunjil to rouse up the Myndie to punish those who'd refused to share the land with them.

*Wrath of the Myndie* provides its readers with the answer to how a land relatively free of wildfire had, after a mere sixteen years of *white-fella* mismanagement, been confronted by a conflagration recognised by today's fire-ecologists as the most widespread ever to have impacted upon Victoria. Black Thursday 6th February 1851 had been twenty times as widespread as the Black Saturday of February 2009. With the temperature in Melbourne peaking at 120 degrees F, the Myndie had brought to heel just about every sheep and cattle station between Gariwerd and the Strzelecki Ranges.

**Launch by the Hon. Jenny Macklin MHR**

**2:00- 3:00 pm Sunday 16 November at Edendale Farm**

**30 Gastons Road Eltham ((Mel. Ref. 22A2**

**Free Entry — Light refreshments served —Songs by Robbie Greig & Sebastian Jorgensen  
Signed books available for \$30.**



We are seeking to set up a roster of volunteers to transport the market trailer (pictured p. 2) to the Warrandyte market on the first Saturday of each month in 2015.

The trailer is picked up from the FOWSP nursery on the Saturday morning and towed to the market at approximately 7am. FOWSP has privileged access to the market area and so there is no waiting in line.



The trailer is collected between 2-4pm on the same day and returned to the FOWSP nursery.

If you can help in any way, please contact Jan Falconer 0419 872 096 email [janece5@bigpond.com](mailto:janece5@bigpond.com)



## Woody weeds give way to wonderful wildflowers

October's first TAG was a 'follow-up' woody-weeding in the Fourth Hill section of the Park. We had the help of Noah and Zayn, who were up from South Gippsland, visiting Kelvin. Both boys worked very hard, showing persistence and a good eye for the enemy - bone-seed, cherry plum, cotoneaster, sallow wattle, pittosporum [of course] and Cootamundra wattle. Just by the way, ranger Colin Bromily calls this wattle 'Cootamongrel'!

Sometimes it was hard to keep one's mind on the job because there was a good number of wax-lip orchids(1 below), still a few tall greenhoods (2 ), love-creeper (3) and coral pea.



Photos from Linda's archives

Lyndy's delicious morning tea went down very well, and while the so-called grown-ups drank their cuppa, the boys entertained them with nimble rock-climbing in the now disused Warr's quarry.

This quarry looks rather small by today's standards, but it was the source of all the well-known Warrandyte Stone - a popular and attractive building material in an earlier Warrandyte. The loud explosions in the quarry used to be an amusing distraction from my classes when I was a boy at Warrandyte State School - School No. 12!

As we were leaving the site we spotted two big 'pittos' and a very large cherry-plum - so we left the site [well littered with deceased 'woodies'] rather later than planned.

*Gray*

### **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>	6th Nov	9am-12pm	Blue Tongue Bend	Track Maintenance and clearing	FOWSP	Difficult
<b>Thurs</b>	20th Nov	9am-12pm	One Tree Hill, Osheas Rd	Weeding agapanthus	Ranger	Moderate
<b>Thurs</b>	4th Dec	9am-12pm	Fourth Hill	Seed Collecting	FOWSP	Easy

#### ***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.

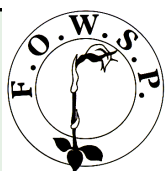
**Difficult:** Steep terrain, light to heavy lifting, working in over-grown areas and lots of bending. Many tripping hazards and slippery surfaces present.

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.**

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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 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 call 9840 9124 or email [eeepad-min@manningham.vic.gov.au](mailto:eeepad-min@manningham.vic.gov.au)



## 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

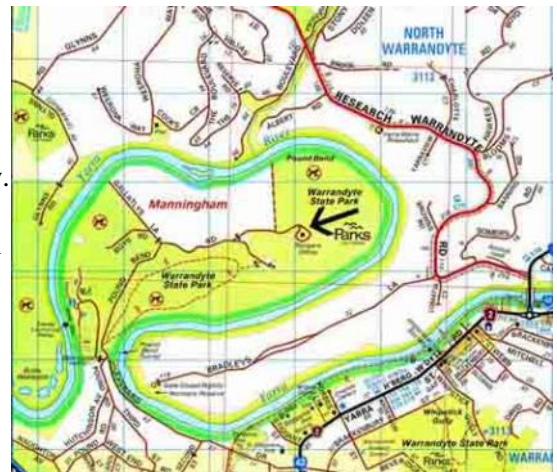
2 pm to 4 pm.

**Nursery is closed to customers and volunteers on days of severe weather and on Total Fire Ban Days**

Members \$2.00

Non-members \$2.50

**Note: Nursery will be closed Christmas and New Years days.**



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## Manningham City Council Environment Seminars

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; however, RSVPs must be provided for the field sessions. Due to popularity of the field trips, bookings are limited to 3 field trips per person. Bookings open now. You must attend the corresponding seminar to keep your field trip booking.



**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 5th November** *Living with fire in Manningham* presented by Owen Gooding. Owen is the Vegetation Management Team Leader for the CFA and will discuss fire in Australia with social, cultural, ecological and historical themes. He will touch on fire behaviour; house loss, what is and is not worth doing; approaches to vegetation management; and planned burning to maintain ecological processes and protection of significant plant species

**Thurs 6th Nov.** Field Trip Visit a regenerating "autumn prescribed" burn site in Manningham with Owen Gooding. Observation and discussion will address how plants and ecosystems respond to fire, recognising fuels and how topography influences fire behaviour. Bookings are essential as places are limited.

**Wed 3rd December** *Wurundjeri* presented by Uncle Bill Nicholson. Wurundjeri man Uncle Bill Nicholson works as education manager for the Wurundjeri Tribe Council. In this presentation Bill will discuss traditional uses of food, fibres and tools. Past present and future projects that connect Wurundjeri to country and culture will also be discussed

**Sat 6th Dec.** Field Trip *Aboriginal Culture* with Uncle Bill Nicholson and Dave Crawford. Dave Crawford is an educator of ecology and traditional Aboriginal culture. In this field trip Dave will join Uncle Bill on a walk and provide a workshop opportunity for participants to try their hand at some traditional skills such as string making. Bookings are essential as places are limited.

**Sunday 30 November, 2.00 pm – 3.00 pm**

Tour of Kalparrin Gardens Stormwater Harvesting Project Presented by **Banyule City Council**

Join Banyule employees on a tour of Kalparrin Gardens Stormwater Harvesting Project. Learn how stormwater is collected and treated and discover the environmental benefits of this award winning project.

**Cost:** Free **Where:** Kalparrin Gardens, Greensborough, (Melway 20 H1). **Meet** at the car park at the corner of Kempston Street and Pinehills Drive, Greensborough.

**Bookings essential:** Places are limited to 30. Call 9457 9816 or email [clayton.simpson@banyule.vic.gov.au](mailto:clayton.simpson@banyule.vic.gov.au)



## Nursery Report

Josh thanks volunteers: for Spring and market sales. Three Bridges planting, work done on the Education and Resource Centre, and nursery signage.

Seed collection starts soon.

Sowing will be commenced by the end of November

Consideration is being given to where to relocate stock plants, a new igloo needs to be purchased and some shade cloth needs replacing.

It is proposed that plant prices are not increased this year.

Kelvin is researching some options for a better watering system for the nursery.

Photos of flowers at the nursery were provided by Annette Lion and are as follows clockwise from upper left:

Pink Bells *Tetratheca ciliata*,  
Yam daisy *Microseris lanceolata*,  
a *Senecio* species,  
Common Flat-pea *Platylobium obtusangulum* and  
Spur Velleia *Velleia paradoxa*.



**Newsletter Team this month:** Linda Rogan,  
Peter Rogan, Mel Coupar (Line drawings)

### Next Committee Meeting

**Date:** Tuesday 11th Nov 2014

**Venue:** Ranger Station, Pound Bend

**Time:** 19:30 pm sharp

## FOWSP MARKET TRAILER

Thanks to those who helped out on Saturday 4th October

Diane and John Baird, Gloria Moore, Jeff Cranston,  
Tony Oliver, Kim Cope, Caitriona and John Young.

Special thanks to John Young who transported the market trailer.

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 the future please contact :Jan Falconer 0419 872 096 email [janece5@bigpond.com](mailto:janece5@bigpond.com)

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

**Future market dates are:** Saturday 6th Dec 2014 and 7th Feb 2015.





## "I SPY"

By B.G..



### **Filing Failure Fixed?**

Apologies to people who should have been mentioned in I SPY previously this year:

Lauren M. who was in the nursery " helping for fun. I like working with plants." Lauren is studying a wildlife and Conservation degree (2nd year) at Deakin.

Oliver H., who was starting a conservation and land management course at Swinburne is interested specifically in revegetation and regeneration.

Thomas M. (2 1/2yo) was supervising his parents Sally and Derek buying a range of plants to revegetate and get rid of the weeds.

And there were many others.

### **Scout Scene**

Ryan, Alana and Henry all aged twelve, were three young volunteers from the First Maroondah Scout Troop. they were doing independent work as a community activity around the Frogland area. They were using the plant hole digger (Hamilton tube planter), planting and watering in.



*They were also removing the weeds prior to planting and helped me dig out some monstrous tubers of bridal creeper amongst Frogland's native plants. I checked the grasses they planted 2 weeks later and they were looking great. Thanks from Linda, Ed.*

### **Preparing Plants**

Early October Lynda S. was helping Caitriona prepare plants for the next Sunday stall at the IGA to raise money for FOWSP projects. Lynda like helping at the park for the "peace and quiet".



### **Grandparent Guardian**

Oliver, 2 1/2 y.o. was escorting grandparents Pop and Pam at the nursery late September. He was also supervising a toy truck parking area next to the nursery potting mix storage.

### **Pot Person**

Three y.o. Kyen was seen holding a potted plant while Lianna was holding younger Davan at the nursery shelter in late September.



Photos R and above-column by Ben



### **VicRoads in rescue mode**

At Waverley Community Hall on Sat 27th September 2014 at the Australasian Native Orchid Show:

Our own FOWSP member Dick Thomson gave an address and video show about the relocation of native orchids where airport and road works had the potential to destroy thousands of local native orchids.

- A freeway was being built near Taradale and the local community wanted to save the orchids. Dick had praise for VicRoads for the help they gave, securing the land and digging holes in the relocation area so that the orchids could be quickly transported and replanted.
- In East Gippsland the local community saved about 1,000 Purple Donkey Orchid, *Diuris punctata* by shifting the orchids away from the airfield runway which was about to be widened.
- Dick also played a video of the fungi gnat like fly pollinating the greenhoods. Each greenhood species of orchid appears to have a different gnat species which is its pollinator.

After the talk Dick enjoyed a spinach and ricotta "sausage" roll.

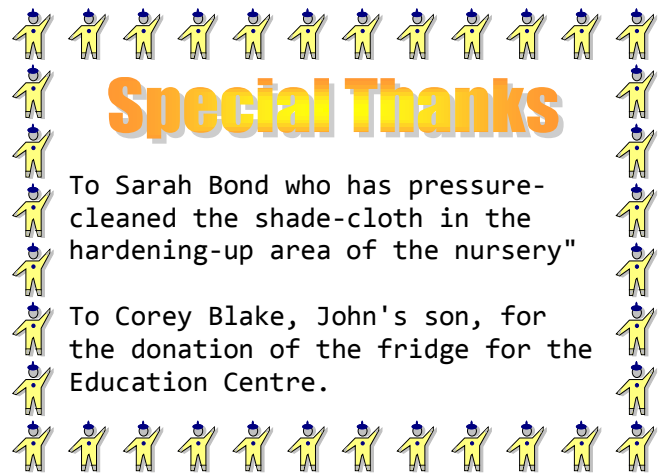
### **For Bushfire: A Last Resort**

A group of Swinburne engineers have spent the past four years on a state government funded project to design a simple, effective bush fire shelter that is suited to all ages and disabilities. With advise and consultation with a representative of Frankston Concrete Products and an ex-Chief Fire Officer of the MFB as well as others, an affordable bushfire shelter has been designed that can accommodate five people for one hour and withstand intense temperature. The prototype has successfully passed a rigorous fire test.

The shelter will be an above ground structure so that the elderly and disabled can enter easily. Occupants do not enter the shelter until they can see the fire; then they enter, close the door and close the vents on the inner chamber. The design specifically provides enough oxygen for five able-bodied people for up to an hour.

*The team points out the shelter should only be used as a last resort and all official fire alerts and warnings should be adhered to.*

For more information see *Venture*, a Swinburne Publication Issue 2 2014 or  
<http://www.swinburne.edu.au/magazine/21/370/shelter-from-the-firestorm/>



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Plants of special interest at Murundaka Wetland 2 include:

***Juncus flavidus***- a rare local rush.

***Carex tereticaulis***- used by the Wurundjeri for making fibre fishing baskets and for the gathering of Yam Daisies.

***Callitriche brachycarpa***- the largest population, in Melbourne, of this threatened plant of national significance, is located here.

***Juncus ingens*** (Giant Rush) occurs naturally in the Murray and Goulburn Valleys as well as in the Chandler Basin, Melbourne.



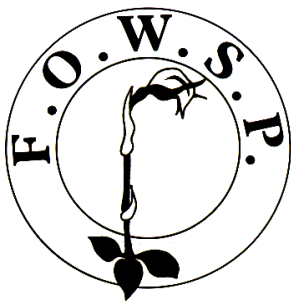
Murundaka Wetland

The *Juncus ingens* in the foreground, was 30cm tall and only had 3 canes in May 2014. Five months later it had increased it's size 6 fold.



Finally, whilst enjoying morning tea, Cam identified a Mistletoe bird, from it's call, and then spotted it on a distant tree.





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***Maratus sp. A Peacock  
Jumping Spider***

These little spiders are known for their colourful abdomen that they can raise and sometimes spread it, to attract a mate. I photographed this one at Langwarrin and show 2 views here.

To learn more about this spider group see <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2014-08-14/discovering-maratus-harrisi/5670424> or see *A guide to Spiders of Australia* by P. Zoborowski

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**Email photo bonus page****Made My Day, Kel says:**

(top left)

This is a picture I took one day last week at work in a sunny field of *Bulbine*, Chocolate and Vanilla Lilies with a carpet of *Microlena*. The site is hidden in the centre of War-randyte in an area managed by Manningham CC. I enjoy working when I can find places like this, although weeding grasses out of a mass of indigenous grasses is a lot like trying to find a needle in a haystack. *Kel*

**Where's Wally?**

(bottom left)

That's Wal (Wallace) Aby.  
Clue: see page 2.

**What's the creature below?**

The lacy wings are a clue that this creature is related to Lace-wings or a member of the Neu-roptera family; not related to the Praying Mantis but an ex-ample of parallel evolution. This one is a mantis lacewing species.

Photo by Linda at the Grampians.



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