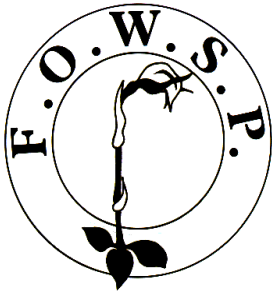


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Editor's Corner

While things have been as busy as ever around FOWSP this month, I have been away part of the time and found that I had little material for this newsletter. Therefore you will have to tolerate what I have been able to put together from my photos to fill the gap. As a result my name appears more often than desirable. I strongly urge members to give a thought to what news and photos you can contribute for the next newsletter.

A Frogland *Senecio* search for identity features on p. 2 while Lower Orchard Track and some new fencing is shown on p. 3.

What was the status of 'Wildlife' in Australia in 1938 to 1947? FOWSPians now have a rare opportunity to find out according to our librarian Gloria. See p. 4.

On p. 7, Carol's sharp eyes have recorded a moth event at the nursery and shares her findings with us.

Be sure you have marked your calendars for the AGM in November as listed below and check out the relevant resolution to be voted upon on p. 8. Also on this page the good news from the VCAT, thanks to Lyndy.

On p. 9 FOWSPians are invited to 'hear our dynamic Diary duo of Cliff Green and Jock Macneish talk about the early days of the Warrandyte Diary'. I hope you enjoy this newsletter and plan how to contribute to the next one.

Linda



Caitriona, Jan, Sarah and Michelle designing some more durable plant labels for individual species of nursery plants.

*Early notice AGM Sunday 13th November 2016
 5pm*

*See p. 8 for special resolution to be voted upon
 Followed by time to socialise with Friends
 Drinks and nibbles
 and BYO everything BBQ
 More information will be in the November newsletter*

See Stop Press news on p.9

Deadline for November edition newsletter is

Friday 21 October 2016

contributions can be emailed to Linda Rogan editor@fowsp.org.au
 or posted to PO Box 220, Warrandyte 3113

Senecio in Frogland

A NUMBER of *Senecio* plants have been appearing in Frogland stimulated by recent rains. Some unknown hand, no doubt kindly helping with the weeding, had pulled many up. Although I couldn't identify the particular species I felt sure they were indigenous; this was confirmed by Josh. Neither of us could put a species name to this plant (shown below).



I decided to see what I could find out with resources on hand. My first source often is the Flora of Warrandyte (FoW) data base on the FOWSP website.

Here I found 8 species *Senecio* listed in Flora of Warrandyte (see screenshot).

Of these I could eliminate

S. quadridentatus (a slender silvery annual herb that is food plant for the Magpie Moth)

S. linearifolius (a perennial plant with yellow daisy flowers that I had planted into Frogland)

S. minimus (that is aromatic)

S. runcinifolius (that is not hairy but rather glabrous);

S. odoratus (a larger perennial plant that I grow in my garden at home):

S. tenuiflorus (a very slender plant that has recently been renamed to *S. phellus*).

This leaves only *S. glomeratus* and two forms of *S. hispidulus*. As my photos show that the leaves of this plant are softly hairy, my guess as to species for this plant is the former as per the note in FoW seen below. I am happy to stand corrected however. *Linda*



Flora of Warrandyte

By Botanical Name

- **Return to Alpha list**
- *Sambucus guadichaudiana* - (White Elderberry)
- *Schoenoplectus validus* - (River Club-sedge)
- *Schoenus apogon* - (Common Bog-sedge)
- *Schoenus maschalinus* - (Leafy Bog-sedge)
- *Scutellaria humilis* - (Dwarf Skullcap)
- *Sebaea ovata* - (Yellow Sebaea)
- *Senecio glomeratus* - (Annual Fireweed)
- *Senecio hispidulus* var. *dissectus* - (Rough Fireweed)
- *Senecio hispidulus* var. *hispidulus* - (Rough Fireweed)
- *Senecio linearifolius* - (Fireweed Groundsel)
- *Senecio minimus* - (Shrubby Fireweed)
- *Senecio quadridentatus* - (Cotton Fireweed)
- *Senecio runcinifolius* - (Tall Fireweed)
- *Senecio tenuiflorus* - (Slender Groundsel)

Botanical name
Common name
Family name
Area of Park
District Abundance
District Status
Search
Help

Flora of Warrandyte

Senecio glomeratus (Annual Fireweed)

- Main
- Conservation
- Notes
- Photos

- Distinguish from *S. hispidulus* var. *hispidulus* by soft cobweb-like hairs on the underside of leaves and at the base of flowers.

Fencing progress in the Lower Orchard Track

A RECENT WALK down to Lower Orchard Track revealed a very showy display in the revegetation area. Most showy of all were the blooming *Acacia verticillata* (photo below) and also *Olearia lirata*.(inset).



These plants are amongst a few of those planted that resist damage by browsing deer. The result, while lovely at the moment, is not as diverse in species as is desirable. The use of taller plant guards on vulnerable plants had only been partly successful.



Two views from inside the new exclusion fence in the Orchard Track area. Photo by Linda

Therefore it was a pleasant surprise, to me, to find that a new enclosure fence has been completed in part of this area. This will allow for planting and survival of many of the less common indigenous plants in this area. Watch for news on what will be planted here and thanks to all who have contributed to the building of this fence. *Linda*

Bookchat with Gloria

BOOKCHAT – OCTOBER 2016

“A RARE COLLECTION”

FOWSP member Ken Crook has very generously donated to the FOWSP library his rare collection of “WILD LIFE – Australian Nature Magazine” dated from 1938 to 1947. The collection comprises nine bound volumes, each consisting of a year’s worth of magazines, commencing with Volume 1 No. 1 through to Volume 9 No. 12 – a complete set except for a few missing editions in years 1942 and 1943. The continuous publication of the magazine throughout the years of the Second World War when paper and other resources were scarce and expensive bears testimony to its popularity and success.



“WILD LIFE” was a magazine which fostered interest in Australia’s natural history and conservation. Its Editor was Crosbie Morrison, Australia’s best known naturalist during the 1940s and 1950s, who played a key role in promoting the establishment of National Parks in Victoria. Some FOWSPians may remember his regular national nature study broadcasts to schools.

Ken has cared for the collection since it was given to him by the late Mr. Ted Rotherham (a well known local naturalist, photographer and educator and a founding member of the Warrandyte Historical Society) about fifteen years ago, and he has now made the decision to pass it on to FOWSP for safekeeping and posterity. The magazines are a treasure trove of information on all phases of Australian nature - national and local. They make fascinating reading – e.g. a photograph of a hundredweight mainland wombat captured at Yarraville (Volume 1 No. 1), an article about the impact of the 1939 Black Friday bushfires (Volume 1 No. 5). It’s disturbing to note that many of the environmental and conservation issues that were expressed in these publications are just as relevant and much greater today, seventy years on.

We are grateful to Ken for making these magazines available and thank him for his generosity and forethought. The FOWSP library is for the use of all members, so why don’t you borrow a volume from this “WILD LIFE” collection to take home for a browse? Reference numbers are JM72 - JM80 inclusive. Whether you are reading for research or for pure pleasure, you’re sure to find some items of special interest to you. Even the old advertisements will bring a smile!

TAGS (Thursday activity groups)

TAGS meet at the nursery at 9.00 am for a 9.15 am 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 and slippery surfaces present.

Thurs	6 Oct	9:00-12:00	Gold Memorial	Woody weeding with ACCA	Moderate	FOWSP & ACCA
Thurs	20th Oct	9:00-12:00	Lower Orchard	Woody weeding on the slope	Moderate	FOWSP
Thurs	3rd Nov	9:00-12:00	Koornong	Woody weeding	Moderate	FOWSP
Thurs	17th Nov	9:00-12:00	Whipstick Gully	Woody weeding	Difficult	FOWSP

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

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

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<p>Newsletter Team this month: Linda Rogan, Gloria Moore Mel Coupar (Line drawings)</p>
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Next Committee Meeting	
Date:	Tuesday October 11th 2016
Venue:	Education Centre, Pound Bend
Time:	19:30 pm sharp

Manningham City Council Environment Seminars

The Environment 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 the popularity of the field trips bookings are limited to three field trips per person. You must attend the corresponding seminar to keep your field trip booking. **Bookings now open.**

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

Enquiries: Lyn Meredith, 9840 9326



Wednesday 5th October - A tool for Good not Evil with Rob Gratton Technology is playing a greater role in how we collect biological information. The cost and size of electronic components have decreased considerably over the last five years. The latest piece of equipment getting a lot of attention, often for the wrong reasons, is Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA), commonly referred to as 'drones'. Drones come in the form of multiple rotor helicopters, fixed wing aircraft and watercraft.

Drones have been used to count waterfowl, whales and seals, to monitor nesting activity, to assess vegetation health and to map surface water and vegetation, to name but a few of their uses. Rob Gratton will provide project examples of this technology and discuss the benefits and limitations.

Saturday 8th October Drone Monitoring Field Trip Bookings are essential for the field trip and you must attend this seminar to keep your 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 every Thursday.

9.30 am to 12.30 pm

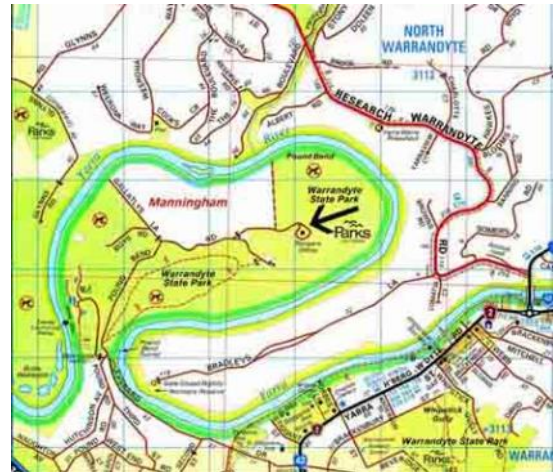
The nursery will no longer be open on weekends from November though to March inclusive.

Weekend openings are expected to resume on Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd April 2017.

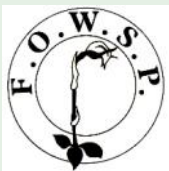
- the first Saturday of every month, 9am to 1pm (to coincide with the Warrandyte Market) - April to October only.
- the first Sunday of every month, 2pm to 4pm - April to October only.

Also closed to customers and volunteers on days of severe weather and on Total Fire Ban Days

Prices: Members \$2.00 Non-members \$2.50



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FOWSP/Manningham Thursday nature walks

Leader: Cathy Willis



This series of free nature walks will explore various sections of the Yarra River from the eastern end of Manningham in Wonga Park downstream to Templestowe.

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.

9:30 am Thursday 27 October 2016 Yarra Brae to Jumping Creek Through the Heart of the Gorge Nature Walk 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

9:30 am Thursday 24th November Grass Identification Nature Walk at Pound Bend Do grasses all look the same to you? Would you like to be able to tell a grass from a rush or a sedge? On this walk learn how to tell the common indigenous grasses apart.

Distance: 3.5km **Time:** 3 hrs **Rating:** Difficult

Note that this walk will involve a four kilometre shared car shuttle as the walk is one way.

All distances and finishing times are approximate.

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 can be made online and are essential as places are limited. Bookings open 2 months before the walk date. www.manningham.vic.gov.au/nature-walks

The meeting place will be provided at the time of booking.

Please note that nature walks will be cancelled on a day of Total Fire Ban or extreme weather warning as Parks Victoria will close all local parks.

A moth emerges at the FOWSP nursery



Newly emerged moth with wings partly inflated.



A few hours later with wings fully developed.

I SPOTTED THIS moth at the nursery early one Thursday morning at the beginning of September. It was very still, and an ideal candidate for a photograph which I did indeed take. It was 1.5cm in length.

Hoping for further pics if it repositioned itself, I placed it into a jar for safe keeping and carried on with my non onerous tasks. I had no idea of its identity but as it didn't have feathery antennae, I assumed it was a female

Fortunately, a few hours later it was showing sufficient features for me to confidently send the images on to a friend and ask for help in the identification.

The answer was *Diarsia intermixta* or Chevron cutworm. See the link--- <http://lepidoptera.butterflyhouse.com.au/noct/interm.html>.

The website says it is a pest on Turnips in Tasmania and that it is found in

- Fiji, and New Zealand,
- as well as in Australia in:
- Queensland,
- New South Wales,
- Norfolk Island,
- Australian Capital Territory,
- Victoria,
- Tasmania, and
- South Australia.

It certainly pays to keep an a watch for insects at all times, especially now it is Spring in the four season calendar or True Spring in our Middle Yarra Timelines Calendar

Carol Page

FOWSP MARKET TRAILER

Thanks to those who helped out on Saturday 3rd September 2016
***Diane and John Baird, Jeff Cranston, Marion Thompson
 Christine Andell, Jan Falconer, Lyndy Gilbert and Ken Crook***

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 December or in 2015
please contact Jan Falconer 0419 872 096 email trailer@fowsp.org.au
First timers are always paired with someone more experienced.

Next market dates are: *Saturdays, October 1st 2016 and November 5th 2016*



Resolution: ‘That Friends of Warrandyte State Park join Farmtree and Landcare Association Inc. (FTLA).’

Background information for this resolution:

Current cost for insurance AON \$ 2154.87 compared to \$ 1179 for insurance with FTLA which appears to be a more favourable option.

Overview FTLA, is an umbrella group for Landcare and other groups caring for the environment, which:

- advocate for Landcare in Victoria,
- provide advice how to operate groups,
- co edit the Landcare magazine (4x per year)
- and provide the insurance coverage to members

The FTLA has approx 600 member groups with approx 12,000 members.

To enjoy the lower insurance cost we would need to become members of that organisation and that requires that FTLA is provided with our members list with names and addresses as they become members of the FTLA according to the rules for incorporated associations in Victoria.

FTLA insurance offers:

1. Public and Products Liability Insurance

Covers personal injury or property damage arising from the negligent actions of a Member Group or its members

2. Voluntary Workers Insurance

Provides for payments where a volunteer or a member is injured while engaged in activities for a Member Group.

3. Associations Liability Insurance

- Professional Indemnity
- Directors & Officers Liability Insurance
- Association Reimbursement
- Entity Insurance

Provides protection for office bearers and employees in the course of carrying out their duties on behalf of their organisation.

Artur is currently a member of the FTLA committee through his role in the Middle Yarra Landcare Network.

Therefore the resolution to join the FTLA will be voted upon at the AGM.

**Thank you to FOWSPians who helped and encouraged the Warrandyte Character Protection Group
VCAT Decision - No Servo for Warrandyte**

The Friends of Warrandyte State Park, together with the Warrandyte Character Protection Group, Andersons Creek Catchment Association, the Warrandyte Community Association, the Warrandyte Historical Society as well as individual local residents worked with Manningham City Council at VCAT to oppose the proposal for a petrol station and convenience store at the Harris Gully roundabout. After eight days of deliberation spanning nearly a year, VCAT upheld MCC's decision not to grant a permit for this development.

The conclusion to the 48 page Determination sums up the issues:

” This proposal primarily fails because the development features of this proposal for a service station would create unacceptable impacts on the area’s landscape and environmental qualities and would have adverse impacts on existing levels of residential amenity. We also find that the proposed on-site circulation arrangements are unacceptable.”

There is still a possibility that the developer, Platinum King, may go to the Supreme Court to contest a point of law.

I would like to thank everyone for your interest, support and donations which made it possible for the community to be represented at VCAT. Our Barrister, Daniel Epstein, who represented the community of Warrandyte is so impressed with our connected community and passion for the environment that he has recently got engaged and bought a house in Bradley's Lane where he and his lovely fiancée intend to have their wedding ceremony.

Lynda Gilbert

Stop Press - Team of elves weekend invasion leaves Frogland fenced

These elves named Jason, Kelvin, Gray and Don were also assisted by Peta and Carolyn and Tory. At present the identity of the photographer is unknown. Kelvin also spent some time helping me weed in Frogland, on Thursday, saying not a word. Would I notice the new fencing at the bottom of the area? Well no, and he wouldn't have said anything if I hadn't asked how the fencing was progressing.

Was I surprised and impressed when I inspected the work? You bet! I am in the process of doubling pay for all these sneaky achievers.

Linda



Invitation to FOWSP from the Warrandyte Historical Society

The next evening talk should prove both fun and entertaining. Come and hear our dynamic Diary duo of Cliff Green and Jock Macneish talk about the early days of the Warrandyte Diary. **For Catering purposes please email info@whsic.org.au or phone 9844 3086 by 14 October if attending.**



Warrandyte Historical Society

presents

The Diary Duo

An evening talk about the early days of the Warrandyte Diary.

The talk will be held in the
Balcony Room, The Grand Hotel,
Yarra Street,
Warrandyte 3113

7.15pm for 7.30pm
Thursday 20 October, 2016

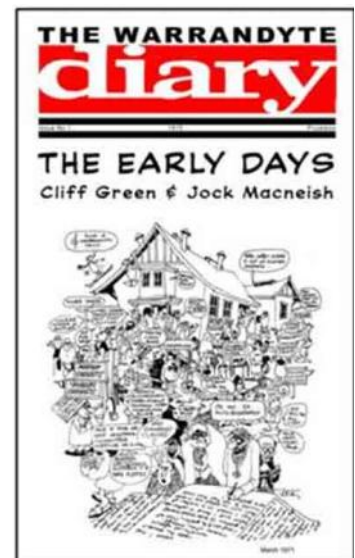
A light supper and chat will
follow at the museum.

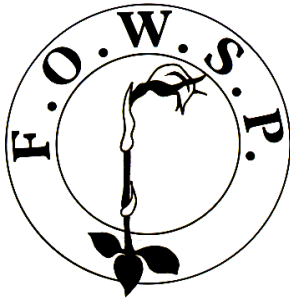
The Warrandyte Diary has played a pivotal role in the history of Warrandyte. It started in 1970 as a 12 page newsletter and celebrates its 500th edition in September 2016.

Come and hear about its early days and modest beginning and how it has become the Diary we all know and love today with-

Cliff Green – founder, writer, editor, mentor, and trustee.

Jock Macneish – cartoonist, contributor, mentor and trustee.





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Pterostylis curta or Blunt Greenhood with a
Diptera species.

This is Carol's photo taken at the nursery.
The fact that this insect has landed on the
orchid, may be totally coincidental but the
pollinator is thought to be a type of male fly
attracted by scent.
Have you noticed what a lovely display these
orchids are making in the nursery at
present?

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On the left above, the first blooming of *Goodia lotifolia* planted in Frogland. Will it soon make the gorgeous display that we have been seeing in the nursery garden shown above?



Another first blooming in Frogland, the Billy Buttons *Craspedia variabilis* photo left.

And lastly the spectacular blooming of one of the Pomaderris bushes in the garden.



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