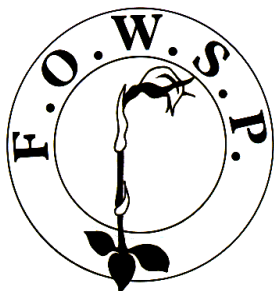


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Editor's Corner

Our mild Autumn seems to have given way to rather dry winter with just enough rain in May to tempt us to start planting. Of course it was also enough rain to give the *Ehrharta* or Panic Veldt grass and Sweet Vernal-grass a boost as well as start many weedy seedlings. So there is much to do in Frogland and elsewhere in the bush. Page 2 expands on what is happening in Frogland.

Those of you in the Warrandyte area may like to join the SHAG group on Scotchman's Hill. See Carolyn's words on p. 3 and yes it is PG not R rated.

The Australian Platypus Conservancy brings us and the platypuses good news from Victoria with information on p.4.

Three shades of Gray can be found on p.7.

Visitors and regulars at FOWSP nursery feature on pp. 8 and 9. The morning teas are unsurpassed. Lastly we receive a welcomed word from Olive Walters.

I will be away on an extended road trip for June and July and am depending on those of you who are remaining around FOWSP to supply me with news and photos of what is happening around the nursery, Frogland and out on Tags, SHAGS, STAGS and any other relevant activities.

In the meantime enjoy this newsletter and stay warm.

Linda



Marie thanks Taggers Bruce, Brian, Kelvin and Judd (Gray not shown) for installing the first bathtub in Frogland. (see p. 2)

**Deadline for August edition newsletter is
Friday 26 July 2018**

contributions can be emailed to Linda Rogan editor@fowsp.org.au
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When Taggers descend upon Frogland, things change!



On 17 February Gray found the Taggers had a gap in their schedule. Luckily this coincided with enough previous rain to tempt all to start the planting season.

Not content with just planting and weeding, Gray and team decided (with Josh's urging) to dig in one of the excess old baths for a permanent home for water plants now that the larger ponds are ephemeral wetlands.

Photos clockwise from upper left: Barry and Bruce plant *Olearia ramulosa*; Gray and Brian discuss what to plant where; Max carefully tucks in some *Brunonia australis*; David, Gray and Judd prepare the hole for the bath. See email p. 12 for list of plants for the day.



Update Scotchman's Hill Action Group (SHAG)

LAST YEAR I wrote an article about a new group that has started up in Warrandyte. The aim of the group is to use the Bradley Method of weeding to assist some of the local beauties that are present on Scotchman's Hill to thrive and propagate. After a recent visit to the Hill I am happy to report that we have had some wonderful success. There are no weeds currently growing in the patches we have weeded. Yes it's early days – because of the absence of autumn rains we didn't expect to see a lot of weed growth but despite agapanthus, bridal creeper, freesias and oxalis coming up in areas on the hill none have reinvaded our small areas. As soon as the rain begins the non-indigenous grasses will start to grow so the group will recommence meeting on the hill (at the end of Magpie Lane) between 10 and 12 each Wednesday morning as of mid-May (first Wed after Mother's Day).

Someone will be present to explain the Bradley Method, point out the more common weeds, and assist each participant to get started on their own small patch. If you can't make this time-slot due to other commitments but you would still like to be involved, or if you just want to know more, please ring Carolyn (SHAG coordinator) 0409 901 441 for a chat or to arrange another time to go to the Hill to enrol and get started.



Carolyn points out emerging Agapanthus

It is a great time to visit the Hill right now as the usual tall weedy grasses are not present so it is easy underfoot. It is interesting to visit the old mine site too and, what I am told, was a road running up to the diggings. When you consider that just a few years ago this site was inundated with huge pine trees, cape broom and blackberries it is wonderful to see. I highly recommend a visit to anyone who is interested in how the bush transforms itself after a bit of autumn rain. Come now to see it dry and crispy with no little wildflowers or orchids. Come again a few weeks after the rain has started and you will not be disappointed.

This year we hope to not only spend time weeding. We will do short walks around the Hill and tell as much history as we can whilst pointing out some indigenous species and identifying weeds.

We may also start a small area of revegetation.

To begin this year we might break free of our small pegged areas and attack a large patch of agapanthus that is getting a foothold. This is a bit more strenuous than our usual activities but very necessary and there will still be the important gentler stuff happening too. *Carolyn*

From Platypus News and Views May2018

VICTORIA BANS OPERA HOUSE TRAPS!

Victoria will ban the use of opera house yabby traps (OHTs) in all waters, both private and public, starting from 1 July 2019. State Minister for Agriculture, Jaala Pulford, announced that this change to Victoria's recreational angling regulations had been made to stop the by-catch deaths of platypus, rakali and turtles in OHTs and other types of enclosed nets. The new rules will only allow recreational yabbing methods that pose no risk to platypus and other aquatic air-breathing animals. These are expected to include hoop nets, open-top lift nets and the traditional technique of dangling bait in the water on a piece of (hookless) string.



We understand that a similar regulatory change is also currently under consideration in New South Wales, and that the ACT is generally inclined to act to keep its rules aligned with NSW. OHTs are already not approved for use in Tasmania and Western Australia. The remaining jurisdictions where traps continue to be used include Queensland (where legal use of OHTs is largely restricted to private waters in the east of the state though permitted in all western waters) and South Australia and Northern Territory (where OHTs can be legally used everywhere, in both public and private waters).

In other good news, Anglers Warehouse, Kmart, BigW and eBay have all indicated that they will discontinue stocking OHTs and Anaconda has decided to stop selling OHTs online. In announcing its decision, Anglers Warehouse noted that it had originally sold OHTs because its supplier claimed that the traps posed no threat to platypus because a rigid ring was fitted around their entrance funnels. However, this is not true: research has established that there is no such thing as a completely safe OHT from a platypus's point of view. At this point in time, BCF and Aussie Disposals are the only remaining major chains which have not yet fully committed to removing OHTs from all sales outlets.



If you run across any such traps in Victoria be sure they are disposed of properly. For more information see <https://www.facebook.com/Australian-Platypus-Conservancy-Official-225816770830721/>
PS. The best season for sighting platypus in the Yarra is winter.

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

Thurs	7 June	9:00-12:00	Endeavour Bank	Planting	Easy	FOWSP
Thurs	21 June	9:00-12:00	Buttermans Track	Planting	Easy	FOWSP
Thurs	5 July	9:00-12:00	Everard Track	Planting	Easy	FOWSP
Thurs	12 July	9:00-12:00	Pound Bend Ridge	Planting	Easy	FOWSP & ACCA
Thurs	26 July	9:00-12:00	Endeavour Bank	Planting	Easy	FOWSP
Thurs	2 August	9:00-12:00	Walert Creek	Planting and weed-ing	Easy	FOWSP

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

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Newsletter Team this month: Linda Rogan, Gloria Moore

Next Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday June 12 2018

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: Riverview Room at the Grand Hotel, Warrandyte **Time:** 7.20 pm for 7:30 start.

Enquiries: 9840 9124

Wednesday 6 June 2018 Threatened orchids of Middle Yarra and the Warrandyte-Kinglake nature conservation link. Local ecologist, environmentalist and Parks Victoria Ranger Cam Beardsell will speak about seven of our most locally threatened native orchid species, their threats and management. Cam will provide numerous colour photos to visually aid his discussion of the conservation aspects of these orchids including; threats such as the impacts of habitat loss, fragmentation and herbivore grazing, ecological interactions with fire, pollinators and associated plants. Cam will also discuss management programs such as population recovery and site protection relevant to these species.

Wednesday 4 July 2018 Traffic and wildlife don't mix: solutions for a growing Melbourne. Roads and traffic are hot issues and in Victoria, even influencing recent election outcomes. New roads are constantly being built and existing roads widened to reduce congestion and increase transport efficiency. But what is the cost of these 'improvements' to the nature around us and the quality of the environment we call home? In this presentation, local urban and road ecologist Dr Rodney van der Ree will share with you his expertise in this field drawing on local and international research and practice to outline the numerous impacts of roads and traffic on biodiversity and delve deeply into the many novel solutions that can help nature thrive alongside an efficient and safe transportation system. The topic is very relevant as roadkill is a significant problem on many roads in Melbourne and many of the proposed roads, such as the North East Link, have the potential to cause serious ecological damage

Wednesday 1 August 2018 Local Ecological Communities and how to recognise them Presented by Dr Graham Lorimer

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.

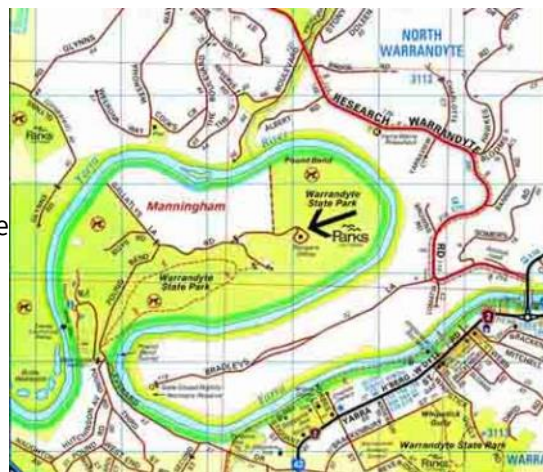
9.30 am to 12.30 pm and

the first Saturday of every month, 9am to 2pm (to coincide with the Warrandyte Market) April to November only.

Closed Christmas and New Years days.

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 28 June Currawong Bush Park Nature Walk Currawong's is known as "the best little wilderness in town". Join in this walk to find out why. After crossing the Mullum Mullum Creek at the northern end of the walk we return along the riparian corridor and view Currawong from across the creek.

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

9:30 am Thursday 26 July Tikalara Circuit Tikalara Park forms a section of Yarra Valley Parklands in Templestowe. It includes a healthy riparian corridor as well as Pontville, the home of the Newmans, first settlers this far east of Melbourne. Cattle still graze around the historic homestead.

Distance: 5km **Time:** 3 hrs **Rating:** Moderate

9:30 am 23 Thursday August Wattles at Whipstick At the peak of wattle season we will ascend Fourth Hill and seek out the wattles that grow in the harsh stony hills, returning along the river to see the moisture loving species.

Distance: 4 km **Time:** 2.5 hrs **Rating:** Difficult

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-2018

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.

Three Shades of Gray



You need to move quickly when following Gray on a Thursday morning.

The dam near the folly has become very dry this year and the muddy bottom has become a favourite wallow for deer. Gray hopes some of our excess water plants will survive the onslaught (left).

Resources are stretched to prune this *Pittosporum* enough to allow dabbling at Walert Creek area. (below left)

Making space to dispose of weeds from Naughton area with assistance by Don. (below) *Linda*



FOWSP MARKET TRAILER At the Warrandyte Riverside Market

Thanks to those who helped out on Saturday 5 May 2018

Christine Andell, Gloria Moore, Lyndy Gilbert and Ken Crook

Special thanks to **Artur Muchow** 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 this year.
please contact Jan Falconer 0419 872 096 email trailer@fowsp.org.au
First timers are always paired with someone more experienced.

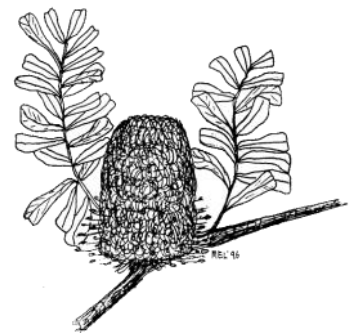
Next market dates are: Saturdays 2 June, 7 July, 4 August 2018

Visitors from Manningham Council Staff

Visits to the nursery from council staff are always welcome. In late April these two gentlemen

Hugh (centre) has worked at Manningham City Council nursery (the only other nursery that grows reliably sourced plants of Warrandyte provenance) for over 35 years. He started when the nursery was still in Smiths Rd Templestowe, and then moved to Blackburn Rd depot site. Hugh, while very knowledgeable about plants in general, has a special interest in the local indigenous plants. The healthy plants that Hugh produces are a testimony to his skill and years of experience. FOWSP and Manningham nurseries often assist each other with obtaining stock.

Michael (photo right), works in Landscape Maintenance.



Banksia
Drawing
Mel Coupar

IGA WARRANDYTE HELPS LOCAL SCHOOLS AND ORGANISATIONS



IGA Warrandyte is owned by Julie Quinton and is an independent supermarket. It is a special place – not only to shop, but to meet friends and share community news. IGA employs over 100 locals. Many have been there for years and greet customers as if they were old friends.

IGA has a variety of goods not found in the larger supermarkets. Julie goes out of her way to stock organic and gluten free products - and only free-range eggs can be found on the shelves. The store also has a points system which helps sporting club, school, kindergarten & community group in Warrandyte to raise funds for their special causes.

If you nominate FOWSP as the group you wish to give your points to, you are helping our not for profit organization to survive. These points are used to purchase groceries so that we can give morning teas to our wonderful volunteers. We also use the points to replace first aid and stationery items. Last year, \$800 in points was used to purchase store items for FOWSP. So next time you purchase goods at IGA Warrandyte, think of FOWSP! The staff will help you transfer points to our organization. We really appreciate your donation.

Lyndy

May at the FOWSP nursery



On a cold Thursday Lyndy warmed things up with the most colourful near-Mother's Day tea ever. In return Carol, Lisa and Michelle huddled close to share their warmth with Lyndy (above).

On a warmer day earlier in May, Ben (right) attended showing off his new mobility aid while Josh kindly dried his seat (of the wheelie frame). Keith and Beverley (below right) were in fine form and we all helped Michelle celebrate her birthday (below).

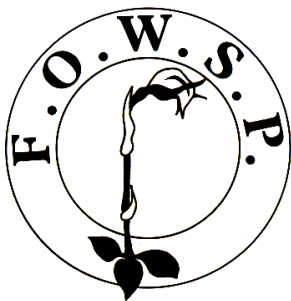


Dear FOWSP

Please pass on my best wishes to both Ben and Margaret. Coincidentally, Andy has also just had a hip replacement. He is doing well and moves into rehab today. He will be at least half a new man - the other hip is still a worry.

I am still motoring on with help from my wonderful daughter Lesley.

Love from Olive Walters."



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Red-banded Greenhood *Pterostylis sanguinea*

The most colourful of the Autumn blooming greenhoods, this one was photographed near Anglesea. It can also be found in the Frankston area.

This species also occurs in WA and Tasmania. Like most greenhoods, it appears this species is pollinated by male fungus gnats *Mycomya* sp. The orchid labellum produces a chemical that mimics the sex pheromone of the female fungus gnat and the male is attracted and temporarily trapped inside the orchid.

Linda

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Graeme Mitchell from Amersham Dr. Warrandyte has shared this photo of a very colourful congregation in his garden.

Below from left Mosquito orchid *Acianthus* sp. ; Autumn Bird Orchid *Chiloglottis reflexa* ; Fringed Hare-orchid *Leporella fimbriata* photographed near Anglesea in May by Linda



**Your photos can appear on this page (subject to space available) if you email them as follows:
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Planted on May 17 2018—partial list

<i>Acacia implexa</i>	Lightwood	several	
<i>A. melanoxylon</i>	Blackwood	3	
<i>Brunonia australis</i>	Blue Pincushion	1 multiplant tube	
<i>Daviesia lotifolia</i>	Hop bitter-pea	1	
<i>Dillwynia cinerascens</i>	Grey Parrot-pea	3	
<i>Hakea ulicina</i>	Furze Hakea	6	
<i>Kennedia prostrata</i>	Running Postman	8+	
<i>Olearia ramulosa</i>	Twiggy Daisy-bush	6+	
<i>Pomaderris vacciniifolia</i>	Round-leaf Pomaderris	6-10	
<i>Prostanthera lasianthos</i>	Christmas bush	4-8	
<i>Pultenaea</i> species		1	
<i>Teucrium corymbosum</i>	Forest Germander	7	

In bathtub

<i>Vallisneria</i> sp	Ribbonweed
<i>Ornduffia reniformis</i>	Running Marsh-flower
<i>Potamogeton cheesemanii</i>	Small fruited Pond-weed
<i>Myriophyllum crispatum</i>	Upright Water-milfoil

