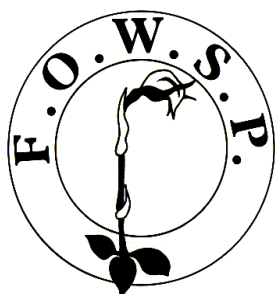


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Editor's Corner

I am guilty of spending six weeks in outback Queensland looking for warmth and native bees. However many FOWSPians soldiered on through the coldest Thursdays as you will see by the news reported here.

National Tree Day was celebrated this year with a special extra as you can see from Lyndy's report on p. 2.

July and August TAGs were full-on with planting and maintenance and even ecstasy according to reports from Don Vincent. These will be found on p. 3 and 4. Some detail was also supplied by Joy Hick.

It's always a big pleasure when the youngest of FOWSPians such as Darcy pay us a visit (photo this page). On page 7 he shows his skill as does another young volunteer.

New contributor Lynne Vary has shared a story of wildlife rescue on p. 8. We would love to hear more from Lynne in the future.

The birthday round up for July and early August is on p. 9.

See the email extra for some nice spider photos and a glimpse of my recent Queensland trip. *Linda R*



Thanks to Josh and young Darcy for this photo taken by Cathy. It really brings a smile to my face.



Remember the launch of the Frogland interpretive signage:
 Date of launch: Thursday 19th September 2019 Your invitation is on p. 7.
 Location: FOWSP Nursery,
 Warrandyte State Park, Pound Bend Rd, Warrandyte



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Of-course, if this matter has been attended to recently, please disregard.

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 Friday 27 September 2019**
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NATIONAL TREE DAY SUNDAY 28 JULY 2019
Lyndy Gilbert

National Tree Day got off to a good start with wonderful weather and meditation exercises with Belinda Christie, who formerly worked in the FOWSP Nursery. Belinda runs Yoga and mindfulness classes at Blackburn as well as in the wild. She kindly brought Chai, fresh orange juice, strawberries and snow peas to share prior to the meditation. A group of 22 people, including 6 children, participated in the mindfulness which was extraordinary soothing and relaxing. We learned to open our minds and hearts to the earth around us, to celebrate together, to feel the warmth of another person, to breathe together under the trees (left).



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Shortly after 10am, additional volunteers arrived to plant trees (right). Some 50 adults and 12 children walked to Endeavour Bank, ten minutes from the nursery, and participated in planting 700 trees and shrubs. Artur and Belinda explained how to plant - and away people went, enthusiastically digging holes and staking plants (right).



The kangaroos moved off to a safe distance along with the ducks, especially when the children started attacking the thistles; they did a good job of weeding the bank (below).



By lunchtime, the sun had come out which was a blessing. After sharing fruit, cheese and dips, our participants tucked into the barbecued sausages, salads and drinks, followed by vegan cakes. Thanks to Manningham Council for contributing to this wonderful feast.

Adults and children had a chance to look at a stuffed koala, phascogale and an echidna as well as collect brochures and purchase plants after the barbecue. Our faithful FOWSP volunteers jumped in to help at the end of the day. In particular thanks to Don and Doug for cooking the sausages; Cathy, Josh, Artur, John, Caitriona, Lisa, Ken, Nikita and Ariana for helping to clean up afterwards.

I think it was one of the best National Tree Day events ever and I am sure the Wilderness Yoga played a big part in this! Participants came up to us to thank us for organising the planting and the food, promising to come back next year with friends to share the experience.

TAGS July and August

Wildcat Gully at Fourth Hill 18 July

A deer-proof fence protects a small hillside orchid rich plot. A range of rare and endangered local species were planted here as most had been heavily grazed by deer in the surrounding park area.

Species planted included:

Acacia brownii, *A. myrtifolia* and the VROT *A. Stictophylla*, *Chrysocephalum semipapposum*, *Podolepis jaceoides*, *Hakea decurrens*, *Tetratheca ciliata* and *Olearia ramulosa* which has become extinct in WSP.



Barrie appears in complete ecstasy while planting.



Phil, David and Robyn carefully avoiding the emerging orchids.

The following orchids were observed but not all flowering:

- Pterostylis parviflora*,
- P. pedunculata*,
- P. nutans*,
- Glossodia major*,
- Corunastylis despectans*
- Caladenia carnea*
- P. melagramma*.

One Tree Hill 25 July

This was another highly informative and valuable TAG with Cam Beardsell. He had us all



Michelle and Pete enjoying the diverse area.



Robyn and Bernie working hard in rocky soil.

enthralled with his stories based on his half century of knowledge about the One Tree Hill environment and the history of securing ex-Melbourne Water land as part of the park.

All were excited to learn that some new residents had moved into the Dunnart Affordable Housing Estate we helped to build under Cam's guidance, and that the rangers had been able to capture a happy couple of Slender Tailed Dunnarts on video in their nightly activities.

Again, a range of rare local species were planted. These will provide habitat for the Dunnarts and attract pollinating insects. Plants included *Acacia verniciflua* Varnish Wattle and *Grevillea alpina* Mountain or Alpine Grevillea.

(Continued on page 4)



(Left) Brian and David carefully selecting their planting locations amongst emerging orchids at One Tree Hill.



Taggers hard at work repairing guards and plantings disturbed by deer at Rifle Range

Rifle Range 8 August

Rangers Phil & Cam, plus 16 volunteers, braved a cold Thursday morning on the Buttermans Track revegetation site. Part of the Warrandyte Kinglake Nature Conservation Reserve, this is an important part of the wildlife corridor from Kinglake through to One Tree Hill and the Sugarloaf area. Originally Melbourne Water land, it is currently managed by Parks Vic. This project has been ongoing for several years and maintenance of the previous year's work included repairing damage by invading deer which are very active here. A lot of work involved straightening stakes and re-guarding plants, but a very high survival rate of over 90% meant all the hard work in propagating and planting was well worthwhile. Managing browsing pressure from deer is a challenge, but a combination of tall tree guards and a newly constructed round fence enclosure, should protect the tube stock during their vulnerable years. New plantings included the rarer Scent Bark *Eucalyptus aromaphloia* and Mealy Stringybark *Eucalyptus cephalocarpa*.

As always we were well fed at morning tea by Lyndy's wonderful spread, welcomed more than usual in the cold weather.



Taggers enjoying morning tea and Cam waxing lyrical with his stories of history and importance of the area.

Thanks to Don Vincent for reports and photos and Joy Hick for additional details. See Joy's photos on the email bonus page.

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	5 Sep	9:00-12:00	Walert Creek	Planting	Moderate	FOWSP
Thurs	19 Sep	9:00-12:00	One Tree Hill	Woody weeding with ranger	Moderate	FOWSP
Thurs	3 Oct	9:00-12:00	Walert Creek	Maintenance	Moderate	FOWSP
Thurs	17 Oct	9:00-12:00	Whipstick Gully	Weeding with ranger	Moderate	FOWSP & ACCA

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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Gloria Moore, Lisa Jenkins

Next Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday September 10th 2019

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 trips to allow broader education on the topics. Bookings are not required for the evening seminars; however, bookings are essential for the field trips. Due to the popularity of field trips, bookings are limited to two field trips per person for the series. Attendance is required for the corresponding seminar to be eligible to attend and keep your booking for field trips.

Seminar Venue: River View Room, The Grand Hotel, Warrandyte

Time: Please arrive at 7.20pm for a 7.30pm start

Enquiries: 9840 9789

Wednesday 4 September 7:30 pm Ecological costs and benefits of stormwater wetlands

Wetlands are increasingly being constructed around many cities to mitigate the effects of urban stormwater, especially reduced water quality. While the primary purpose of these wetlands is to manage stormwater, they also attract animals whose growth, survival and breeding may be compromised. Alternatively, some wetlands may be important habitats for animals. Ecologist Dr. Rob Hale will present the results of a four year investigation into how urban stormwater treatment wetlands perform as habitats for aquatic animals and highlight how the knowledge generated through this work can help inform future wetland management. Presented by Dr. Rob Hale

Please note the seminars and field trips will be cancelled in the event of extreme weather, including a Total Fire Ban or Code Red Fire Danger Day.

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.

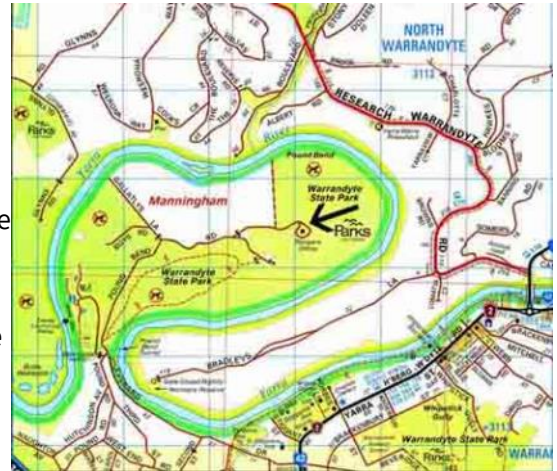
9.30 am to 12.30 pm and

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 nature walks will explore various sections of the natural areas of Manningham. Each walk is paced to allow participants to enjoy and appreciate the natural beauty of the area.

Bookings are essential as places are limited. Bookings will open two months before the walk date.

The meeting point for each nature walk will be provided at the time of your booking. All walk durations are approximate.

Please wear appropriate clothing for the weather including a hat and sturdy footwear. Bring a water bottle and snack.

9:30 am Thursday 26 September One Tree Hill This is the jewel in the crown of the Warrandyte Kinglake Nature Conservation Link. Explore habitat for many species no longer found further south.

Distance: 8km **Time:** 4.5 hrs **Rating:** Difficult

9:30 am Thursday 24 October One Hundred Acres. Enjoy a gentle walk around Manningham Council's biggest and most diverse parcel of bushland. Look out for the resident Powerful Owls while enjoying the late spring wildflowers.

Distance: 2.5 km **Time:** 2.5 hrs **Rating:** Easy to Moderate

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.

To all FOWSPians

We are delighted to invite you to the launch of the signage in the **Frogland and Pollinator Garden** at the Warrandyte State Park. The signage has been developed as an effective teaching tool to show the delicately balanced relationship between indigenous plants, water, frogs and pollinators.

The signage was produced with the funding provided by the *Wettenhall Environment Trust* Small Grants Scheme and the kind assistance of Parks Victoria working with Manningham City Council.

Date of launch: Thursday 19th September 2019

Time: 2pm

Location: FOWSP Nursery, Warrandyte State Park, Pound Bend Rd, Warrandyte

The launch will be followed by afternoon tea.
Parking is available near the Rangers Office.

For catering purposes, please RSVP by 14th September to treasurer@fowsp.org.au
If you require further information, please call Lynda on 03 9844 0106.

Our youngest volunteers



New volunteer, Darcy, shows Josh his technique with a hammer (left). Young Joan minds the empty tubes for grandma Carolyn and displays her talent for smiling, a making us smile. (below).



FOWSP MARKET TRAILER

Thanks to those who helped out on Saturday 6 July and/or 3 August 2019
**Diane and John Baird, Jeff Cranston, Kelvin Watkins, Jan Falconer
Christine Andell, Lyn Moore, Lyndy Gilbert and Ken Crook**

Special thanks to **Artur Muchow and Kelvin Watkins** who transported the market trailer and to Lorraine Rath who looked after the roster for 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
please contact Jan Falconer 0419 872 096 or email trailer@fowsp.org.au
First timers are always paired with someone more experienced.

Next market dates are: Saturdays, 7 September, 5 October, 2 November 2018



Ringtail Rescue

It was on a recent, still July evening, I was settling in on the couch with the heater providing warmth, when I became aware of a distant scratching. My first thought was something had come down the flue of the wood heater (unlit). Thankfully the sound came from beyond that space, and I traced it to outside the kitchen window.

I grabbed my phone for its torch, flicked on the outside spotlight, and crept out to see who was there (maybe something raiding the rubbish bins?). But I saw nothing unusual. Listening carefully I realised the noise was coming from the base of a downpipe. We'd had a lot of recent rain, but not for a couple of days - still, it would be cold, wet and slippery down there.

Panic! Think! I ran for the stepladder, then grabbed a coil of soft rope I keep in the car. I knotted the end, then tied additional knots about every half metre to assist with grip. I climbed the ladder to the gutter, measuring the depth of the downpipe with the rope, then cleared the muddy leaves from the intake of the downpipe, shone the torch inside, and dropped the rope down inside to the bottom. I stepped down a couple of rungs and tied off the rope to the ladder, keeping my hand on it to feel any tension.

Slowly, very slowly, the scratching started to rise up the downpipe, until finally a little whiskered face with round ears was looking down at me, so close!

Confidently this bedraggled little ringtail possum gripped the edge of the guttering, gave a huge shake, a few steps, another shake, making its way to the other end of the roof, stopping from time to time for another shake.

By the time I had come down from the ladder, the traumatised little creature had leapt into a nearby shrub which didn't support its weight very well, so it came to ground looking for a better option.

My heart was pounding, probably not nearly as much as that of this poor little creature, but he was safe. What an adventure he could relate to his friends, and I to mine!

Lynne Vary North Warrandyte

Some birthdays around the nursery

Three long-term and much valued volunteers have each celebrated another birthday in the usual FOWSP way.

They are Marion, of the plant-cuttings-table fame, (below), Jason, webmaster and jack of all trades (right) and Lyndy, esteemed treasurer and supreme caterer amongst other things (below right)

These are just a few of the people who keep FOWSP chugging along so well.



Photo (above) by Lynda Gilbert (below) by Carol Page



Photo by Linda R.





The City of Whitehorse and Manningham City Council put together a program "Smarter Living Sessions", from March to September 2019.

On 21 August, the guest speaker was Natalie Isaacs. Two men and around 50 women attended the session on 21 August 2019 which was held at Box Hill Town Hall.

Natalie originally worked in the world of skin and beauty care. After 24 years in the industry, she decided to leave and form a global movement of women and girls who take practical action to fight climate change by changing the way they live.

She focused on every aspect of how she lived and found ways to reduce rubbish, electricity costs, food and clothing costs, one small step at a time.

After 10 years of hard work, she has influenced 1 million women who are now reducing their carbon footprint. Natalie decided to concentrate on females as research shows that women make 70% of the decisions regarding household expenditure.

Her not for profit organisation has won the People's Choice Award for the work that they do. In 2013, 1millionwomen won the UN Momentum for Change Award.

Here are a few of her gems of wisdom.

Whilst it is hard to change the way we do things, what we do shapes the world.

We have to love the world. Everything we do is connected to the earth.

The fashion industry is one of the worst polluters of the earth.

Less is more, it gives you a sense of freedom.

We can reduce food waste by 80% through using the stuff at the back of the fridge first and then using a list when we go shopping – don't shop on an empty stomach.

Leave over packaged stuff on the shelf – send a message to manufacturers that this is not acceptable.

Take plastic containers to your local butcher, insist they use your containers rather than waste more plastic.

Find retailers that have loose fruit and vegetables and put them in your containers.

Reduce the amount of meat you eat.

Have conversations with your community to raise consciousness about issues such as palm oil, clothing and plastic packaging.

Pure beauty comes from within. It must be about happiness and wellbeing.

A Pier to Pier challenge is coming up from 9th September to 30th September 2019: go plastic free, car free, dairy free or meat free for 21 days.

For more information go to their website <https://www.1millionwomen.com.au/> A new app will be available shortly which you can download and is free.



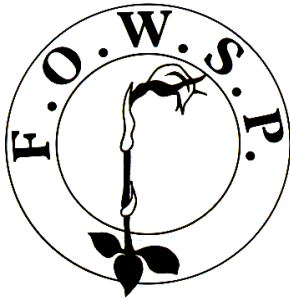
CPR COURSE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED



On 10th August 2019, 7 volunteers and 3 staff attended the CPR course at Currawong Environmental Bush Park.

Those who attended were: Josh, Michelle, Annette, Joy, Lisa, Fritz, Carolyn, Robyn, Artur and Kelvin. We are in safe hands if anything should happen during nursery and TAG activities.

Many thanks to Manningham City Council who provided a grant to pay for the training and the venue was made available at no cost to FOWSP.



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Male Colletid bee possibly *Trichocolletes*

Perhaps my favourite bee photo from my Queensland travels. This fellow was found hanging around on a *Goodenia* sp. at the top of Big Red sand dune.

For the whole story see the September's Warrandyte diary.

Trichocolletes which means hairy bee, is a genus of moderately large bees that are found across Australia that tend to favour Fabaceae or pea flowers.

Watch out for the common spring bee *Trichocolletes venustus* on early pea flowers in our area.

Linda R

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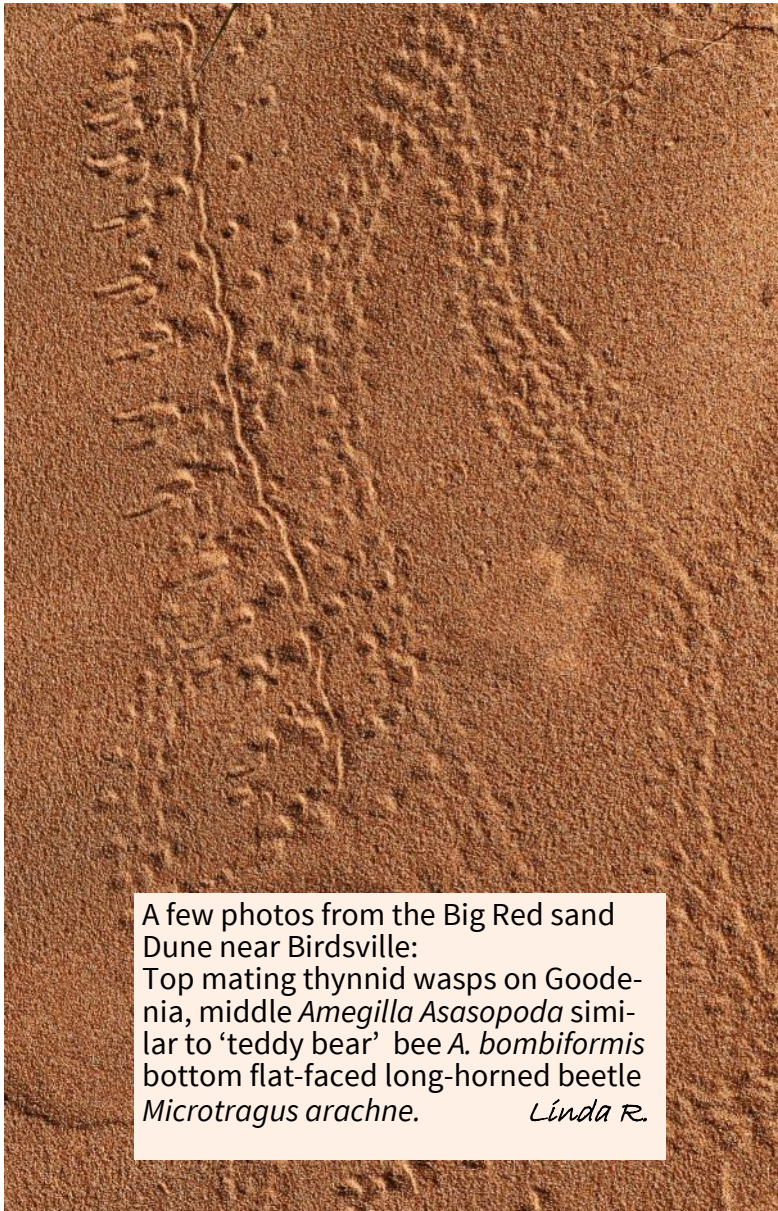
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At Rifle Range a dormant spider was disturbed, whilst we were planting tubes, thus enabling a photo moment. The photo of its underside shows this is a badge huntsman *Neosparassus diana*.
Photos by Joy Hick

Hypoblemum griseum a common jumping spider photographed on 1 August
Photo by Carol Page



A few photos from the Big Red sand Dune near Birdsville:
Top mating thynnid wasps on *Goodeinia*, middle *Amegilla Asasopoda* similar to 'teddy bear' bee *A. bombiformis*
bottom flat-faced long-horned beetle *Microtragus arachne*.
Linda R.

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**Pale 'roo at Pound Bend
Photo Cathy Willis**