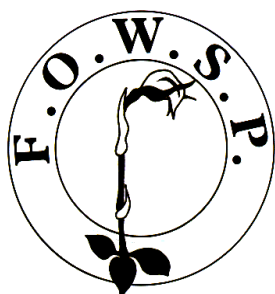


# Friends of Warrandyte State Park



## Newsletter

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### Editor's Corner

The weather is cold but FOWSPians are still propagating and TAGing at full speed, while also taking time to get out and look at the results of past work and just observing nature. Sometimes we are lucky and nature comes to our front gardens as the redhead in the photo on this page. Carol tells this story on p. 9.

While Don and Carolyn are counting wildflowers somewhere in Italy, the TAGers are improving the park habitat closer to Warrandyte. See story on pp. 2-3.

It is impossible to ignore the fungi this time of year. Carol arranged a foray for FOWSPians in June and the evidence of this is seen on pp. 3, 8, and 10.

We want to welcome our new treasurer who has told us a bit about himself and his family on p. 5. Also thank you to Lyn Moore and John Young who have agreed to take on the librarian role.

Meanwhile, long-term FOWSPians Lyndy and Ken are reported to be settling in nicely to their bright new home in Brighton. I hope to include some photos from there in September.

It is always a great opportunity to learn more about the local flora when Cathy or Josh finds time to take volunteers on a walk around the nursery or elsewhere in Warrandyte. See pp. 4 and 7 for a glimpse of Pound Bend trees viewed with Cathy.

I have slipped in a few Frogland photos on page 11.

Please take note that the next newsletter will be for September as I plan to be travelling in NSW and Queensland in search of warmth and more active floral and insect life.

*Linda R*



Beautiful visitors at Carol's garden See p. 9  
Photos Carol Page

**Deadline for September edition newsletter is**

**Friday 18 August 2023**

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

**TAGing in Warrandyte township**

Our TAG on June 8<sup>th</sup> was into the busy hub of downtown Warrandyte at Tarooma Park. Our main task was repair work on damaged ground caused by heavy vehicle access to the riverbank. The water-filled depression created was an opportunity to create a small ephemeral wetland. Josh had sourced the required plants. Gumboots were essential for the work-party of Cathy, Sam and Dave.



Cathy, Sam & Dave hard at work on the wetland.



Caution - Men At Work – Barrie & Brian.  
Nothing musical about this crew.

The rest of us (gumbootless) tended to a previous bit of “landscaping” we had accomplished at Tarooma Park. Our ambitions were limited because, as Ranger Phil explained, Tarooma’s mown avenues of kikuyu and Erharta give important facility for passive recreation to the residents. Nevertheless, the 170 tube-stock were planted and our planting area was slightly extended and weeded.



Phil – Man of Action.

Our plant list included *Carex appressa*, *Cyperus gunnii*, a few *Eucalyptus viminalis* plus *Goodenia* spp, *Lomandra* spp, *Olearia* spp, *Poa* spp, and *Pratia* spp.

Thanks to Barrie Taylor for this report and Robyn for the photos.



Geoff updating the landscaping at Taroon Park.

**Prime-time for Fungus Foray** by Carol Page

On 16 June, around 12 Fowspians and one invited visitor met at the Jumping Creek Reserve car park for fungi walk.



*Clavulinopsis amoena* amongst the moss

This had been planned some time ago by Don who fortunately or unfortunately for him had just left on a 10-week sojourn overseas.

Josh was our leader and he had a plan. We headed into one of the damp gullies to search amongst the timber, standing and fallen, grasses and fallen leaves

and later the mosses. Most dominant of the mosses was *Hypnum cupressiforme* although Josh was able to identify six other moss species.

The *Kunzea leptospermoides* (Burgan) dominated and proved difficult to negotiate either at head height or foot level. There were also scattered *Eucalyptus ovata* (Swamp Gum), *Eucalyptus rubida* (Candlebark) and *Eucalyptus melliodora* (Yellow Box).



*Mycena cystidiosa*

*Clavulinopsis amoena* (above) was amongst the earliest species spotted but not tall. Later in the foray we were to see larger specimens.

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**What can you learn walking around the FOWSP nursery?**



You can learn a lot if you are guided by someone as knowledgeable as Cathy Willis. This was proven once again, on two consecutive Thursday mornings, when Cathy took the time to share her very well organized information about how to identify some of our local Eucalypts.

As time was limited, she focused on a few ‘top of the ridge and upper slopes’ species found near the nursery. What stuck in my mind was some of differences between the candlebark *Eucalyptus rubida* (her ID photos right) and the manna gum *E. viminalis*. Points of

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**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**

6/07/2023	Frogland	Chris/Marie/Robyn	Weeding	Easy
13/07/2023	Nilja / Longridge Farm	DAVID/ROBYN	Weeding - Watsonia, blackberry, agapanthes escapees	Easy
20/07/2023	Rifle Range	DAVID/ROBYN	Planting, reveg maintenance.	Easy
27/07/2023	Endeavour Bank	JOSH/ARTUR	National Tree Day prep - lay out plants, guards and stakes	Easy
3/08/2023	Haslam Fence	PHIL	Grassy weeds, reveg maintenance, thinning	Easy-Moderate
10/08/2023	Fourth Hill - Wildcat Gully - check with Phil	DAVID/ROBYN	Weeding, thinning, planting	Easy-Moderate
17/08/2023	Chaim Court	PHIL	Woody weeds	Easy-Moderate
24/08/2023	Endeavour Bank	JOSH	NTD plant check/maintain	Easy
31/08/2023	Fourth Hill - Fiddler	PHIL	Planting, woody/grassy weed control.	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 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, Lyn Moore

**Next Committee Meeting**  
**Date:** Tuesday 18 July 2023  
**Venue:** Via Zoom  
**Time:** 17:00 pm sharp



**Welcome to the new Treasurer**

Tony Oliver has been a resident in Warrandyte from 1995 when the family (wife Karen, children Leigh, Tori and Gina) moved from Bathurst to North Warrandyte. The property has been in Karen’s family for several years, when Karen and her sister got into horse riding.

Tony grew up in Brisbane and is an engineer by training. He worked for Mars Petcare Inc, Carlton and United Breweries and most recently Quaker Houghton in Moorabbin.

He follows Hawthorn - a necessary requirement to make an impression with Karen, Brisbane Lions - in fact any Queensland sporting team.

The children (photo right) went to Andersons Creek PS, and then to various high schools (Eltham College, Steiner and Warrandyte High School). The family were also heavily into basketball amongst other activities. The kids are no longer involved but Tony can still be seen sometimes on the court as a referee and a Scoretable Official.



Tony has just retired and is occupying himself with house and garden activities as well as being involved with the North Warrandyte CFA and FOWSP since his early years in Warrandyte.

Granddaughter Ziggy Anna Sage Oliver Abrams (photo above with Tony and Teddy) arrived January 2022.

# 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**

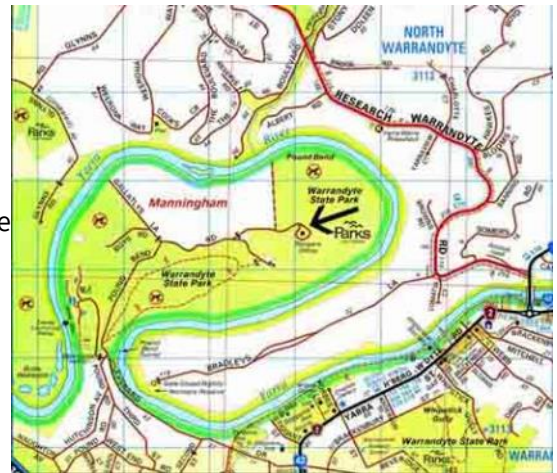
The nursery is open for plant sales every Thursday.  
9.30 am to 12.30 pm and

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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## Zen Weeding and the Art of Bushland Regeneration



Join our local Land Restoration Guides,

Alan Noy and Glenn Jameson for an interactive walk in 100 Acres Reserve, and for a summary session in the study room. Learn how to successfully tackle weeds and support local wildlife on your block. Become empowered to collectively regenerate our native bushland and help it thrive, so that you can improve the natural beauty of where you live.

This workshop is FREE and take home notes will be provided. Wear shoes and clothing appropriate for a bush walk and the weather on the day. Bring a water bottle and a notepad and pen. Free light lunch provided.

Location will be provided upon registration at  
<https://www.manningham.vic.gov.au/events/zen-weeding-and-art-bushland-regeneration>



## Climate Action, Coffee and Chat - Eltham

**Tuesday, 11 July 2023 | 10:00 AM to 01:00 PM**

Are you interested in connecting with others to talk about climate safety and climate action?

Reducing our climate impact and preparing for extreme weather caused by climate change is easier than you think!

Drop in for a free cuppa at your local cafe and chat with your local brigade, SES and Council about topics like:

- Ways to take climate action in our local communities
- How to build environmentally-friendly practices into our everyday lives
- How to be prepared for severe weather like floods, storms and bushfires

People of all age and abilities are welcome – there will be great resources to take home, including information for people with disability and additional needs

**Contact Community First team 9433 3371**  
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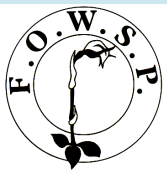


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 difference on the two species included the candlebark's tendency to be found further away from the river and the manna gums weeping appearance and profusion of long ribbons of shed bark. See also the photo on the back cover.



On the following Thursday Cathy opened our eyes to the expanse of land

beyond the nursery, the dam and the parks buildings. On this day we headed beyond the PV's sheds and mulch piles, past mobs of kangaroos and in the general direction of Endeavour Banks. We passed through an area where swamp gums *E. ovata* predominated (photo above). Revegetated plants near here had been heavily browsed above their guard wires. Deer had created a deep wallow (photo above right). A little further on, a lone surviving apricot tree (photo right) is witness to the extensive orchard once here.



**Please sign up for FOWSP MARKET TRAILER**

Thanks to those who helped out on the FOWSP trailer in June 2023

Christine Andell, Chris Kay, Marion Thomson, Pam Von Drehnen, Marie Krause, Jeff Cranston, Lyn Moore, Chantelle Weldon

And also to Artur Muchow who transported the trailer.

It is not necessary for a volunteer to be an expert to help on the trailer. It is there to provide a friendly and informative face for FOWSP, to give out booklets, pamphlets, posters and other information about our indigenous plants, to sell a selection of those plants, and to refer people who require more detailed information to the Nursery. It is a fun hour that goes very quickly.

The Warrandyte Riverside 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 email [trailer@fowsp.org.au](mailto:trailer@fowsp.org.au)**  
*First timers are always paired with someone more experienced.*

**Next market dates are: 1 July, 5 August, 2 September 2023**



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*Mycena cystidiosa* (page 3) was reasonably abundant in the litter. This is possibly our tallest *Mycena* and there are often plentiful hairlike rhizomorphs associated with them.

One of the most popular and photographed fungus was *Mycena interrupta* – this can be a striking blue (photo right).



*Urnula campylospora* inset side view



*Mycena interrupta*

We were lucky to find a group of dark brown *Urnula campylospora* (photo left) sitting atop a fallen log nestled in a mossy bed.

We also found patches of bright blueish green *Chlorociboria aeruginascens* fruiting bodies (below). The green staining of wood caused by the fungus is more prevalent but not always seen. It is used



*Chlorociboria aeruginascens*





Female Gang-gang

The edges of feathers in underparts have edges of yellow or pink. The edges of feathers on upperparts are slightly paler grey than the rest of the feather, which makes the bird look somewhat barred. Gang-gangs are very social birds, but not overly noisy. The call is described as resembling a creaky gate.

It is endemic to coastal regions of south-eastern Australia. They used to inhabit King Island off of Tasmania, but they have since gone extinct locally. They are an introduced species on Kangaroo Island. The gang-gang prefers forests and woodlands in the mountains with dense shrub understories. The birds migrate short distances during winter into more open habitats. They must migrate back to denser forests to breed, as they need tall trees in order to build nests.

It is the only species placed in the genus *Callocephalon*.

It is the faunal emblem of the Australian Capital Territory.

The name *gang-gang* comes from a New South Wales Aboriginal language, probably from one of the coastal languages, although possibly from Wiradjuri. It is probably an onomatopoeic name.

Carol Page

FROM THE HOME FRONT

The Gang-gang Cockatoo  
(*Callocephalon fimbriatum*)

A pair seems to visit my suburban Doncaster home on an annual basis, usually in May – this year they came in June as well. They delight in chewing on the old fruit in my established Silver Princess (*Eucalyptus caesia*), but annoyingly, with their strong, sharp beaks, they also cut through stems with new buds! The pathway becomes littered with their debris. Some years I am alerted to their presence by their call, the other day however I was weeding along the edge of the path and the discarded material was falling around me. I looked up to see the pair contentedly chewing, not worried about my presence at all. The light was not perfect, but I did manage to photograph them .

Wikipedia has interesting information about them and I have included some:

This is a grey bird with a wispy crest. The head and crest are bright red in males, but dark grey in females.



Male gang-gang

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today in decorative woodworking such as Tunbridge ware and parquetry. The use of this wood, known as 'green oak', goes back to 15th century Italy, where it was used in intarsia panels made by Fra Giovanni da Veroni. Graham Patterson, our visitor, found some and told us the story. [Although this grows on poplars, ash and oaks in the northern hemisphere, it grows on *Eucalyptus* spp and *Nothofagus* in Australia, ed.]



*Favolaschia claudopus* an introduced pest fungus, showing underside

Unfortunately, we found patches of the bright orange *Favolaschia claudopus* – Orange pore fungus. This fungi apparently is a recent arrival to Australia the first record of it is from 2005 or maybe even earlier. It was first observed in Madagascar and has recently spread to a number of countries across the globe. We think it came to Australia via New Zealand. It is a threat to diversity of indigenous fungi as it has a broad range of substrate from twigs up to large logs and out competes native wood-rotting fungi that help in nutrient recycling. It is able to live in the canopy of wetter forests so airborne spores can spread widely and away from paths. Sightings have been recorded along the east coast of Australia,

Tasmania and WSW of Western Australia.

There were numerous other fungal fruiting bodies some we could put a name to and others not.

It is always worthwhile being out with Josh as he has such a broad knowledge of his surroundings in the bush and is always ready to impart it, as was the case on this foray.

Some of the photographs have been uploaded to Inaturalist, see <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/wsp-nursery-may-1-2023>

### Are your subs due??

**Please check the message on the email you receive with the newsletter link** . If subs are due soon a message such as below will be seen in the email.:

'Please note that, according to our records, your Membership is due to expire on . Please click on the link below to re-new your Membership.

[http://fowsp.org.au/membership.php?member\\_id=&membership\\_renewal=Yes](http://fowsp.org.au/membership.php?member_id=&membership_renewal=Yes)  
Of course, if this matter has been attended to recently, please disregard.'

## FOWSP Membership Renewal Form

Name .....

Address .....

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Email

Membership (family)   \$30  
Concession               \$15

Newsletter by email (tick box)

Send to: FOWSP PO Box 220, Warrandyte 3113 or renew on the website [www.fowsp.org.au](http://www.fowsp.org.au) with the option of direct deposit payment.

## Meanwhile in Frogland...



...The juniper wattle *Acacia ulicifolia* is in full bloom (top left and right) and inspected by Lyn. The *Hakea decurrens* shrubs are covered in white floral tubes while warty fruit still adhere to the stems.

And down in the lower 'weedy corner', at least three young eucalypts which I believe are candlebarks (left) gave us a chance to practise our refreshed ID skills.

Your photos can appear on this page (subject to space available) if you email them as follows:  
[editor@fowsp.org.au](mailto:editor@fowsp.org.au)



*Eucalyptus viminalis* manna gum (left) and *Eucalyptus rubida* candlebark (right); The manna gum shows long ribbons of bark; the candlebark has shorter, less weeping habit and whiter bark with reddish patches.