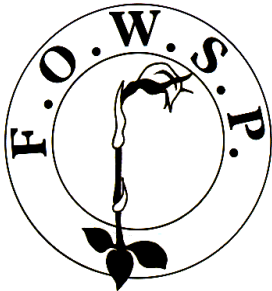


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Editor's Corner

Welcome to 2025, the year of the snake.

A slightly truncated version of the newsletter this month, what with school holidays and real holidays but next month should be back to normal.

In this edition, we have a piece by Gray on the container deposit scheme and how you can help FOWSP by funnelling any money claimed to our account.

Although it is the hottest time of the year, we have not had a Total Fire Ban day on a Thursday and work has continued apace at the nursery. Thanks to all who are regularly coming and to those who have made time over the holiday period. **Around the Traps** is featured on 2 pages and shows some of what is going on.

There is also an article on eagles and kites, p.6, triggered by Bagel, the baby eagle, in Lynda's garden recently.

John Young

The Field Naturalists Club of Victoria (FNCV) have released their calendar of events for the first 4 months of the year. It can be found at <https://www.fncv.org.au/calendar-of-events/>

For a hard copy, please contact Artur Muchow at mlyn@netspace.net.au



Above: a Margin-winged stick insect (*Ctenomorpha marginipennis*) seen around the nursery



Above: this is not Bagel featured on p.6 but could be in 20 years or so

**Deadline for February's newsletter is
Friday February 21st, 2025
contributions can be emailed to John.Young@fowsp.org.au
or posted to PO Box 220, Warrandyte 3113**

Container Deposit Scheme and FOWSP

Last year Victoria became the second last state or territory to have a container deposit scheme - only Tasmania is yet to follow.

South Australia led in 1977 followed by the NT in 2012, NSW in 2017 (in spite of well-funded opposition from a certain multinational corporation) and then WA in 2020.

To be quite fair to Victoria, it did have the Cash for Cans scheme in the 1980s.

So now, you will have paid a deposit on eligible containers but you can get it back! To do so, you need to go to what is known as a "Reverse Vending Machine", feed in your containers and get a payout on those cans and bottles.

Rather than pocketing it, though, you can donate the money to FOWSP. Here's how.

We are now registered as a recipient of container refunds (thank you Lynda and Artur); and thanks to help from Jason, we have been issued with a barcode to "show" to the Reverse Vending Machine, so that FOWSP receives the refund from the containers you feed into the machine.

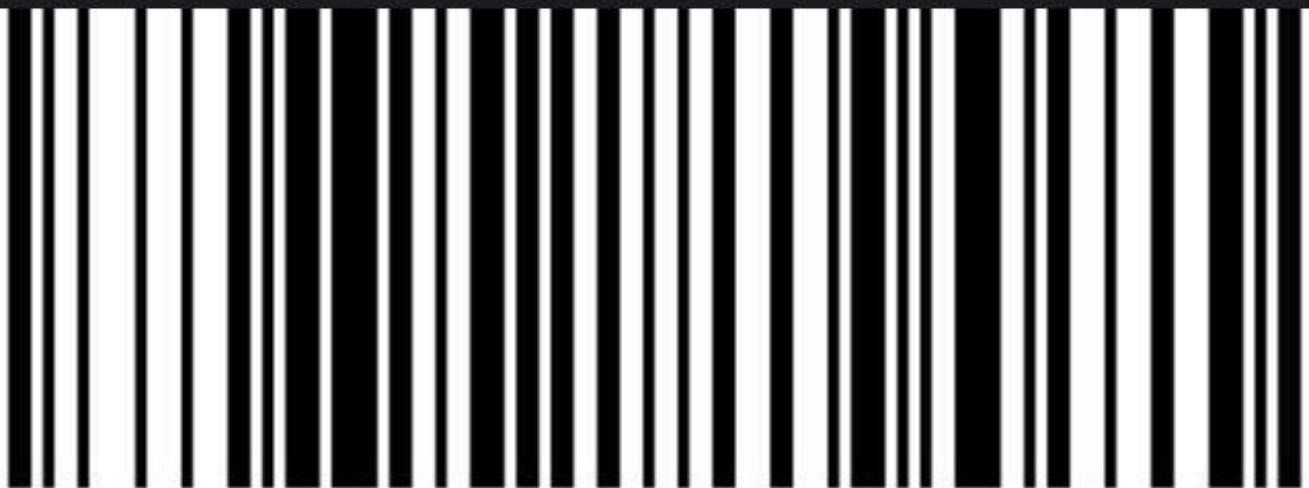
The nearest Reverse Vending Machine is at the northern entrance to The Pines Shopping Centre (which is the Coles end).

So here is what you do if you would like to take part:

1. Collect eligible containers (aluminium drink cans, plastic and glass drink bottles) and take them to the Reverse Vending Machine.
2. Wake the machine up by feeding it a container, then hold the barcode (illustrated below) up to the machine's "eye". The machine will respond with "Welcome Friends of Warrandyte State Park Inc." on its screen. The barcode can be on your phone or you can cut out the one printed below.
3. Feed in your containers. The refund will then automatically go to FOWSP's bank account.
4. I am happy to send you the barcode via an SMS so you can store it on your phone. My details are on the last page of the newsletter.

I hope you find this fundraising game as much fun as I do!

Gray



FOWSP VISY CDS Barcode

Around The Traps

Birthday Thursday

It's back, with another round of people willing to have their photo taken and a rendition of *Happy Birthday*, in exchange for first go at Sybille's cake.

This month, we have well known members, Carol Page and Linda Rogan.



Macleays Swallowtail



Sadly deceased, Macleays Swallowtail (Graphium macleayanus), found in June McIntosh's Warrandyte garden

Recipe of the month

Savoury bread baskets.

Sliced bread* (don't bother to remove the crusts).

Olive oil, melted butter or margarine.

Use a 6cm cutter to cut rounds from the sliced bread. It should produce 2 rounds from each slice.

Roll the rounds flat with the rolling pin. A 3 x 3 set up does 9 at a time.

Brush each round with olive oil, butter or margarine.

Shape and press gently into small muffin tins – 12 hole tins.

Bake at 180C for approximately 12 minutes.

Let cool.

The remaining crusts and bread can be made into breadcrumbs, bread pudding or frozen until needed.

Enjoy exploring different fillings.

Sybille



Lynda holds a Southern Brown Tree frog (Litoria ewingii), probably grown up from one of the tadpoles found in the water beds

More from Around the Traps



Above: a Unicorn Darner (Austroaeschna unicornis), photo courtesy of Cathy Willis



Above: to prove we are not bound by tradition, morning tea moved to the Pollinator Garden to take advantage of a fine, coolish day



Above: a Grey Fantail (Rhipidura albiscapa) uses the water bath (photo Kim Tarpey)

More artistic endeavours

Under Carolyn's expert leadership, members of the TAG team, and other interested volunteers, worked to disguise an old tank near the nursery. Members will remember the transformation worked on the concrete tank on the Tank Track last year.



Above: Pam rolls paint over Carolyn's template



Above: next stop the Sistine Chapel. Carol Page in charge of the sky and cloud formations



Above: early days, with Don, Fiona and Geoff getting stuck in



Above: The finished article. When the grass greens up it should blend in nicely

Australian Eagles and Kites



This is Bagel, a juvenile Wedge-tailed Eagle (*Aquila audax*), who has recently been hanging out at Lynda's property. He'll be slightly smaller than a fully mature adult and has a pale crown. Adults go darker as they age.

There are 3 Australian Eagles; Wedge-tail, White-bellied Sea Eagle (*Haliaeetus leucogaster*) and Little Eagle (*Hieraaetus morphnoides*). They are widely distributed, although the sea eagle is essentially, but not exclusively, a coastal species.

There are also 4 kites if you exclude the Black-shouldered and Letter-winged kites, as I do, because they are nearer falcons or kestrels than kites.

So, what is the difference between a kite and an eagle? Nothing really. As I've talked about before, most bird genera are derived from old world species and named accordingly. European eagles soar and take larger prey, kites are generally smaller and are more known for their scavenging habits than hunting prowess. That difference is fairly arbitrary though, as both genera take live prey and scavenge when they can.

Here in Australia, two of our kites are also seen in South East Asia. The Brahminy Kite (*Haliastur indus*) and Black Kite (*Milvus migrans*) are extensively distributed to our north and west. The Whistling Kite (*Haliastur sphenurus*) is also found in PNG and Pacific Islands but the Square-tailed Kite (*Lophoictinia isura*) is endemic and sparsely located throughout the mainland.



Above: White-bellied Sea Eagle



Above: Little Eagle. Note the distinctive "M" shaped pattern on the underwing

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.

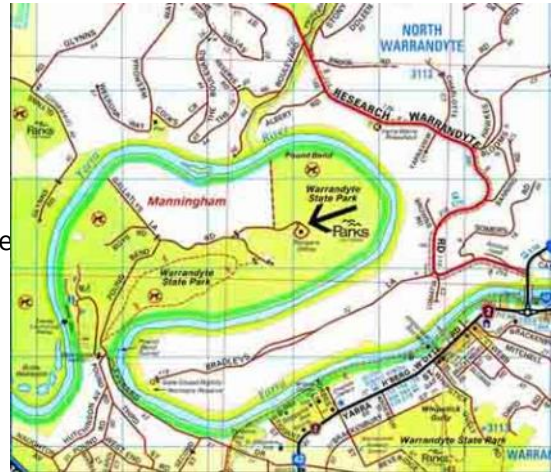
9.30 am to 12.30 pm and

the first Saturday of every month, 9am to 1pm (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 \$2.50 Non-members \$3.00 (tube stock)



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TAGs in 2025

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:

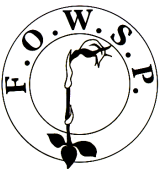
Easy: Even terrain, some light lifting, kneeling and bending involved. Few tripping hazards.

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.

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

The TAG team are working on their programme for 2025 and monthly events will be noted from February's newsletter on.



FOWSP MARKET TRAILER

The Warrandyte Market is not held in January.



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 on 0419 872 096 or email trailer@fowsp.org.au
First timers are always paired with someone more experienced.

Next market dates are:

Saturday, 1st March 2025

Saturday, 5th April 2025

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| Next Committee Meeting | |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Date: | Tuesday February 11, 2025 |
| Venue: | Education Centre Pound Bend |
| Time: | 17:00 sharp |

Are your subs due??

Please check the message on the email you receive with the newsletter link by scrolling down beyond the 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 renew your Membership.

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

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Telephone no.

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