



FRIENDS OF WARRANDYTE STATE PARK NEWSLETTER

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EDITORIAL

Chinese Shrub

"Curry" aroma

It has been said that there is a whole round of maladies that can be cured by a new thought, a new sensation, new surroundings. A little excitement or new experience often clears the cobwebs from the brain.

This probably has nothing to do with 'The Friends' but it is a thought that may occupy their minds over the next few months. We have started a brand new project near the Park depot. With the help of the Rangers we have a plan to provide a permanent shelter located between the dam and depot building. It is hoped that this area will also have a fixed BBQ and tables, seats etc. We will be using this spot on our regular Thursday and Saturday meetings, and often at other times. The 'other times' will involve revegetation of quite a large area surrounding the dam, extending down toward the old orchard. As we have a large number of plants in the shadehouse in need of finding a permanent home, this is a very suitable site for them. We have also the intention of growing some more of the native grasses in the area.

So if any members would like to join us in this exciting new venture we would love to see them any Thursday morning. If you would like any further information about the project contact Ian on 844 1060 or Keith on 844 1590.

(We have already planted about twenty trees near the site.)

Evening Under the Stars Arthur Williamson

Saturday April 15 . 5.00 pm BBQ - B.Y.O.
6.30 pm SLIDE SHOW .

A return by popular demand of this interesting and unique event. This is also a get together to launch the "Bradley Brigade"-
Enquiries; Ellma Angus, phone 844 2230

VENUE : Scout Chapel, "Under The Stars" at Blue Tongue Bend.

DIRECTIONS : Drive into Jumping Creek Reserve-half way down the road the signs will show you how to proceed.-follow the "Friends" signs.

ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS - Should it rain, there will be no BBQ, but B.Y.O. chair to the double garage of Ellma and Grant Angus, at 43 Bradleys Lane Warrandyte. Any enquiries about the evening contact Ellma on 844 2230.

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Warrandyte Festival

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WARRANDYTE FESTIVAL REPORT

What a great success the Festival turned out to be thanks to your support we have lots of new members and have a very healthy bank balance.

We have great pleasure in making Tom and Diana Lewis honorary members of the Friends group for their very generous donation on the weekend and would like to thank them very much for their contribution to the Festival.

The Billy tea and Damper was loved and eaten by many we also made a healthy profit from them. Many thanks to Terry & Hilary Oakley for their unfailing help all weekend. They were wonderful!!!

Then of course there was the fabulous float and parade through Warrandyte. Glenn and Heathers' truck was decorated by all the kids and for our effort we won 3rd prize in the overall float competition. FANTASTIC!!!

Yes it was a GREAT SUCCESS ALL OVER and many friends were there to help. Thanks to you all.

SPECIAL THANKS TO:- Mark Gardener
Glenn Jameson
Marg Burke
Ian Burke
Anne & Tim Bedford
Anna Sherman
Sam Oakley

Weed Species

Smilax.

History Walk

When: Sunday, 30th April, at 12 noon.

Where: Black Flat car park (Melway Map 23, H,11)
The car park is very small so parking will have to be along the road as well, so please make sure house driveways are kept clear. Residents don't always appreciate the traffic on their unsealed road.

This will be a day of work and pleasure - so roll-up all FOWSPIANS - old and new.

The plant on this page may look pretty BUT..... its name is Smilax. Learn about it and how the Bradley Sisters would deal with it.

We will have time before the walk to dig out lots of this all to familiar pest plant.

Ian Roche has identified an unwanted building in the area so if you like to demolish sheds.....? B.Y.O.Tools.

We begin our day with a few "Light chores" at about 12noon.

The real "Treat for the Day" is at 2o'clock.

Our afternoon cuppa (billy tea provided by us) comes early (please bring along a small plate of afternoon tea), then we will take part in a walk with the President of the Warrandyte Historical Society, Mr. Ted Rotherham. Ted is an important local historian and is well-known, Australia-wide, for his naturalist photography. He has a wealth of knowledge on this area, and his walk will take us to areas untrod by Fowspian feet.

The afternoon should finish around 4 p.m. Those wishing to stay for a B.Y.O. B.B.Q. may like to walk in to the

Picnic area for an early B.B.Q. evening meal. Bring something to share with your "FRIENDS".

For any further information, or explanations, contact Margaret Fishley on 844.3476.

This History Walk will be a wonderful opportunity for Friends to learn more about the Blacksflat area, in the future we will be able to help the "Interp's" Rangers as Guides, etc. especially during Holiday Programmes etc. (

Under the Interpretive Programme Friends are covered by C.F.L.s Insurance and the Workcare 16-70 rules do not apply. We hope to have an article regarding this in a future Newsletter. This is a good time though to mention that Membership is important as it is a sign of being part of a Special Interest Group. P.S. Are you P.S.....ARE YOU FINANCIAL!

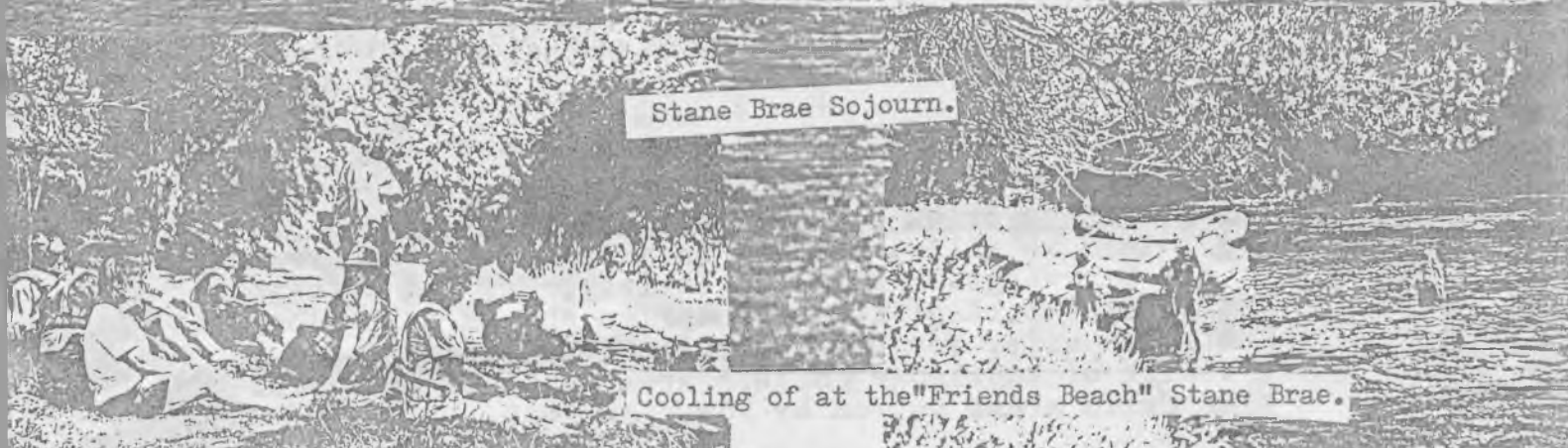
Penny Possum's representative will present the winners of the Colouring Competition with the prizes. Kevin Parker our special judge was unable to decide between Huon Seymour or Robin Cahill generously donated another First Prize....our thanks to all the Fowspianmites who entered, and to Kevin (who also joined the Friends!)



Setting forth.....



Rafts on rocky rapids.



Stane Brae Sojourn.

Cooling of at the "Friends Beach" Stane Brae.

RAFT "INTERPRETORS"



These pictures of the Raft trip speak volumes.....

Keith's Videos Keith Thomson videoed the trip (and several other activities), those wishing to view these can arrange to borrow a copy.

Dear Friends,

THE KOONUNG AND MULLUM MULLUM VALLEYS PRESERVATION GROUP.

The Koonung and Mullum Mullum Valleys Conservation Group calls on all people fighting to preserve our environment to attend a PUBLIC RALLY on Tuesday, June 6th, 1989, at the Nunawading Arts Centre Theatre, 379 Maroondah Highway (Whitehorse Road) Nunawading.

A planning meeting for the rally will be held on Monday, April 10th, 1989 at 7-30 P.M. at the Koonung Park Tennis Club, cnr. of Springfield and Koonung Rds., Blackburn North, (Melway ref. P47,K7). We invite two representatives of your group to attend the planning meeting.

The K.M.M.V.P.G is extremely alarmed at the ever increasing Government destruction, or threatened destruction, of creek valleys, forest ways, open spaces and other areas belonging to the people, and which should be left intact for future generations to enjoy.

Many rare native animals, birds and flora, and their natural corridors, which are vital for these species to flourish, are being destroyed. In the process people's health is being affected.

The re-zoning of these unique and precious areas for roads (and ultimately freeways) or for developers to tear apart for commercial, factory, residential or office development must cease.

People are active throughout the metropolitan area (and further afield) around these issues, and we feel very strongly that united action is vital to make the Government listen and heed our voices.

We look forward to meeting your representatives on April 10th. and working with you to make the June 6th. People's Rally a resounding success.

If you know of any group that would like to become involved but has not received a letter or 'phone call, please assure them their participation would be most welcome.

Yours sincerely,

Beth Oke

Convenor Ringwood By-pass Protest Group on behalf of the K.M.M.V.P.G.

Monthly Market Stall

The Befriend a Plant Box will be at the Market. Members who bring back last month's empty pot may choose a new Indidydite.

join us for some gossip, grizzles and get to know FRIENDS. Special "FOWSPIAN-mite" activities as well.

join us next to

A plug seems in order for two of our "Friends" who have stalls at the Warrandyte Community Market. Jill Harvey who has a Herb and Cottage Plant Stall is keen to propagate and promote "Indigydite Cottage-type Plants". Jill is careful and sensitive to our special environment and avoids selling any "problem" plants. It may be that members may wish to encourage her and could make suggestions, stock plant contributions etc. Jill's phone number is 439 2316

Another Friend, Mark Gardner also has a Native Plant Stall. Mark, as well being a part-time student at Burnley Horticulture College, House-husband and Father, Mark gives a great deal of his time, invaluable help and advice to the Friends. Currently he is involved in the planning, as well as the planting out of "The Arboretum" and the designing and construction of the Fowspian "Folly". He has helped streamline our Propagation Day "Assembly-Line" and in turn we have influenced him to try propagating "Indigydites" in his own part-time business. SO...Say Hi and look to Buy from Mark!

22 Derwent Street,
RINGWOOD. 3134.
March 30th., 1989.
Phone 870-3307.

Our Friends

-in need



Red Box ~
now Germinating

the

Wandering Wairandigydte



I had only been back in the old village a few months when I had the great opportunity to travel out west to the Grampian National Park for the....

column

FOURTH FRIENDS BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

SATURDAY 11-3-89

After reacquainting ourselves with old Friends reps & meeting new ones, we settled down to the V.N.P.A. (Victorian National Parks Association) President, Joan Lindros opening of the conference. Joan welcomed the "hands on & put in" Friends groups & introduced the new CFL minister Ms. Kay Setches, the Director of National Parks Mr. Don Saunders, & 2 other CFL luminaries who were on the panel for answering questions.

After an opening speech, the minister then launched a book on the Grampians & answered questions for about an hour before catching a plane back to the big smoke. Kay is only new in the job & it is a mammoth job to tackle, she reponded very strongly on the litter problem which has had lots of media coverage lately....(that litter is still a problem is a staggering fact considering it was the target of the Keep Australia Beautiful campaign & the money spent).

Don Saunders then responded to questions from the Conference floor until everybody felt happy enough. Don acquitted himself very well, giving clear, concise answers & stated that "environmental weeds presented the greatest threat to our system of environmental reserves across the State".

The night session was an excellent slide presentation By Graeme Pizzey, well known author of Field Guides for Australian birds. It was a richly illustrated glimpse into the interconnection of bird species, ecological niches, trees & feeding habits, rarity, & the importance of people observing & recording our bird life.

Sunday

Fierce thunder & lightning rent the nights sleep but we all survived to watch the King Parrots feeding in the massive River Red Gums of the ROSES GAP HOLIDAY PARK. Not a bad place for a Grampians stay. Soon we were into the days activity. Group Sessions. I chose "Park Interpretations" with Rob Saunders which was an eye opener. Malcom Turner ran my second choice "Mammals & their habits". Other choices were John Reid on Enviro. Education, Leon Costerman on Plant Identification, Sue Innes "Park Walks"..... It was a difficult decision as all speakers were experts in their field, eight in all. Great educational value.

ARVO

Sunday was a tour of the Grampians with several choices. I did the Aboriginal Art Site tour & interpretation. Which featured a walk led by the Grampians head Ranger., Art Site visit & a wonderful talk by Ben Gunn on the Western Plains Aborigines. We sat on a rock ledge with a pool of water at our feet, looking out over the vast panorama of the western plains & spoke of stone villages, great runs of Eel that provided food for many people at Festival time, Painting & 50 acre patches of the now rare yam daisy, Myrniong.

Night & spot light walks of which didnt produce many sightings but was great fun. I had the honour to led one of the wa

Monday (MOOM-BA)

The morning discussion session centred on Insurance & Incorporation. Accident insurance is provided by CFL to cover volunteer workers who are working on an approved programme. Friends & visitors must register their attendance in an attendance book. The cover only extends to people between 16 & 70 years of age.

Only two friends groups are incorporated & it was generally thought that Friends need not bother to incorporate.

Three resolutions were then passed, they were approximately something like this:

1. Environmental weeds present the greatest threat to our Conservation Reserves & the CFL should give them greater priority.

2. Ranger selection criteria be directed towards naturalist knowledge & not public relations

3. That the Government make all food containers, where possible, returnable/recyclable.

A new Friends committee was elected & French Island was mooted as the next possible venue for the 5th. Conference.

The most important aspect for me was the chance to talk & meet with many like minded people & discuss the state of things in each Park. The conference was a great success for all those involved & all look forward to the next.



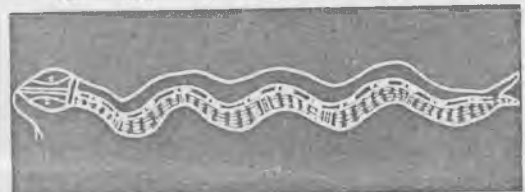
Our Friends at Gundulmirri



Special

Thanks for your help at the Festival.

GALLERY



GUNDULMIRRI

Gallery Gundulmirri is a unique and special gallery offering a wide selection of authentic ABORIGINAL ART and artefacts.

All items have been carefully chosen and are perfect examples of native craft.

Our current stock includes
Bark and Sand Paintings
Sculptures and Carvings
Didgeridoos and music sticks
Boomerangs and other weapons
Basketweave and Dilly Bags
Beads and Ceremonial Jewellery

We are also able to commission work on your behalf.

Gallery Gundulmirri is situated in the historic and picturesque township of Warrandyte. I look forward to meeting you soon.

Brenda Kazan (Proprietor)

GALLERY HOURS: 11 A.M. - 5 P.M., 7 DAYS

SUITE 3, 266 YARRA STREET WARRANDYTE
VICTORIA AUSTRALIA 3113

Please note:
Carpark and entrance to the Gallery at the rear of the building.



Penny Possum's Page

THE FOWSPIAN ~ mites

Welcome to this months Penny Possum's fun page. My name is Penny and I am a possum. You might have seen me at the Warrandyte Festival. Doing this page is a lot of hard work, you could help. If you have any jokes, riddles, pictures or anything I could put in my page please send them to

Penny Possum
c/o 25 Drysdale rd
Warrandyte 3113

PENNY'S JOKES

- Q) What do you call a Woodpecker without a beak?
A) A headbanger
- Q) What do you call a Bee born in May?
A) A maybe
- Q) What are spiders webs good for?
A) Spiders

MITE CERTIFICATES

From now on when Mites participate in a friends activity they will be given a Mite certificate on the first activity and a sticker every time after that to put on the back of your certificate. When you have filled up your certificate with stickers an award will be given.

Next time You go for a walk keep an eye out for any feathers. If you find any why don't you bring them to the Friends at the market and receive your Mite certificate



By Katherine Furness



THE WIZARD OF ID



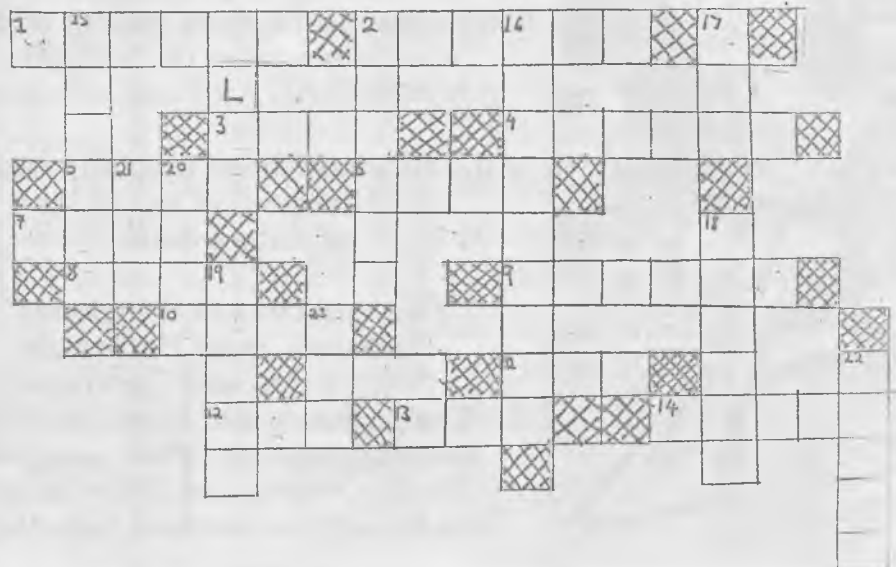
by Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

ACROSS

- 1) Australia's floral emblem (first word)
- 2) Australia's floral emblem (second word)
- 3) A type of soil
- 4) The animal that spins
- 5) Where wombats live
- 6) The noise a gun makes when fired
- 7) What you get when you rub two sticks together
- 8) An agreement
- 9) A bat with no feeling
- 10) Plural of foot
- 11) Another animal which is reigned by a queen
- 12) What you shoot in state parks
- 13) The only way to describe a friends meeting
- 14) Penny -----

DOWN

- 2) What you play Wom with
- 15) A wildflower
- 16) The best type of devil
- 17) What you see with
- 18) Red & Green King
- 19) Blood sucking slug
- 20) The green part of a the tree (sing.)
- 21) Iron ---
- 22) A native ---



Introducing Anna Schurmann

No doubt you all know that we have a new page for younger members. Penny Possum of course needed a bit of help so her friend Anna Schurmann has agreed to become Penny's Editor. Anna and other FOWSPian-Mites will also meet at regular meetings and especially at our Market Stall at Stiggants Reserve every First Saturday. Anna was born 24th October 1974 at 20 past 4, a Scorpio. She Loves having her future forecast but disavows any predicting a "Businesswoman" career.

Rather clever at avoiding difficult questions, (maybe a future in Politics?), questions she hates are.... How's school going?...Are you getting good marks? What are you going to be when you grow up?....Why are you a vegetarian? Her personal ambition is to become Santa Claus special helper! What does the world need....More FOWSP trees, less humans she tells us. School? "Idon't like it but I put up with it because one day I will be able to choose subjects I might be interested in." Special strengths academically? Average at everything except German. Doesnt know if she has any artistic flair but she got an A for Ceramics. (She does seem to display an apptitude for Lateral Thinking and it seems she is viewed by adults as "resourceful" and "interesting". This reporter sees her also as Honorable and reliable....She says she's not!)

Other Vital Information about Anna.....

Likes... Domestic Rabbits(esp. Chloe and Poplar)	Animals.....
Gardening, being a "Greenie".....	Music, esp. the Beatles.
Pizza (NO MEAT!)	Speech/debating.....
Reading especially books which are factual and teach you something.	
Enjoys Humour/Comedy in Literature, on T.V. etc	Likes to laugh!
Whom does she most admire?	Jack Hyett (she displayed an Autographed copy of his book on Australian Mammals)
	Laurie Levy (of Animal Lib.)
	Dr. David Suzuki (she saw him speak this week)

Others...."in the community who are nice but they must remain nameless in case they get 'up themselves' which would mean 'I would have to change my: views.'"

And to conclude..."There is a bit of hope for the future, not much but we must stop breeding, plant trees, stop the urban sprawl increasing, cut down human consumption of meat products by 10% at least NOW. Boycott MacDonalds. "Peace is not much good- people need conflict to be thinking human-beings!" One day I will join Greenpeace. I'd like to make the world a better place for all forms of life except humans because THEY'VE had their turn and they've blown it!

And just why is she FOWSP's Childrens Editor? "Because no one else is doing it so I'd better try."

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Coming Up.

The Bradley Brigade

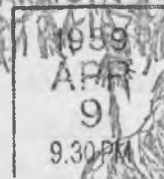
Saturday Propagation and Regeneration Group



- April 30 History Walk. Guest guide- Ted Rotherham. Private Land as well.
Develop your skills as "Guides". Blackflat. B.B.Q.after. Marg F.
- May 28 Mount Lofty. General Inspection. Possible Plant up/seed survey
and/or collection. Guide Head Ranger Ian Roche. Margaret Burke.

EVERY THURSDAY 10am. meet at the Depot for a 10.30 start. Bring lunch. Activities guided by our Ranger Staff.
Propagation. Planting. Flora/Fauna Surveys(esp Koalas)
Seed Collection. Bradley Method Training/weeding.
"Do a Bradley" in the Friends own Special spot.

Are you a fully paid up Financial Member? Subscriptions are now overdue. Do you have a red mark? Look carefully!!!



Cassinia Arcuata
"Biddy Bush"