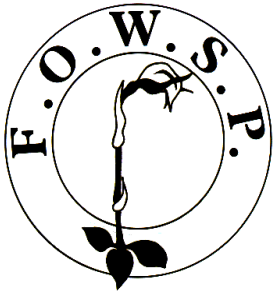


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Newsletter

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Editor's corner

By Linda Rogan

MY FINGERS are aching from the cold, but my heart is warmed by finding many indigenous blooms among the weeds on our first day back from Christmas Island. Both the weeds and the blooms must have been encouraged by the 57mm of rain that collected in our gauge during our two weeks absence.

Hovea, Chocolate Lily, and Billy buttons are just starting to show colour, while white buds dot the bluish-green foliage of the Chamomile Sunray *Rhodanthe anthemoides*, (a nearby grassland species). Acacias gild large areas of my Greensborough garden, mainly Spreading Wattle *A. genistifolia*, Gold dust Wattle, *A. acinacea*, and Cinnamon Wattle, *A. lep-rosa*.

On Christmas Island the temperature was between 31-21 degrees day and night with the ocean breeze making it comfortable most of the time. The Island itself is full of contradictions and contrasts. The jungle with its Red Crabs, Blue Crabs and Robber Crabs is unique. For grace and beauty it's hard to go past the Golden Bo-sun. I feel a slide show coming on.



Those of us who have been working at the nursery have appreciated the excellent job Ranger Colin has done creating a safe and attractive retaining wall where the old office stood. Thank you Colin.

Can Gripples and Twitchers Save Brown beaks? (TAG activity July 2008) Seven FOWSPians, all novice fence builders, who were patiently tutored by Ranger Aidan O'Dempsey, believe they can. The



gripples attached the mesh to the supporting wire, and the twitchers wrapped the wire to secure fence to posts. All together they created a fence to protect the Brown beak Orchids *Lyperanthus suaveolens* that have been found outside the previously fenced area at Fourth Hill. This orchid is very rare in the greater Melbourne area and especially vulnerable to grazing by rabbits and herbivores after a recent burn. This population is one of only four localities known in the greater Melbourne area.



Gray Ardern, Ken Brooks and Martyn Hiley have also been assisting several rangers with the job of removing

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Deadline for October edition newsletter is Friday, 26 September
contributions can be emailed to Linda Rogan lindarogan@netspace.net.au
or posted to PO Box 220, Warrandyte 3113



Photo by Linda Rogan

To Journeys and Books

Text and photos by Joan Broadberry

Once again I have been fortunate enough to spend time in Australia's heart. In July I went on a bird-watching, camping safari that, rather ambitiously, took me and 18 others in a great loop of 5000k through two states. The trip set out from Townsville and went west via Charters Towers and Cloncurry to Mt. Isa. We then went south to Birdsville and into South Australia, where we traversed the whole of the Birdsville and Strzelecki tracks, (down the Birdsville and up the Strzelecki). We finally found our way back to Townsville, via the central west Queensland towns of Eromanga, Windorah and Winton.



The Oz Tour safari's aim was to seek out some of the rarer bird species especially grasswrens, however it delivered a great deal more. We took the (dirt) road less travelled, camped by remote waterholes, scrambled over huge red dunes, sought cool drinks in towns with populations under ten people and marvelled at jewel-box night skies. It was sheer pleasure to spend every day with others of like mind just enjoying the birds and the stark, ever-changing landscape. Space permits me to share only two stories from the journey

The first is of a remote place 110k south of Winton called Lark Quarry Dinosaur Trackways; site of the world's **only** dinosaur stampede (above & below R). Up until 100 million years ago an inland sea covered large areas of central Australia. Over the next 20 million years, as the sea retreated north, thick layers of sand and mudstone were laid down by lakes and rivers. These rocks are called the Winton Formation and they contain the Lark Quarry footprints. The Winton Formation then underwent heavy erosion, creating the present day landscape of flat-topped escarpments and Mitchell grass downs.

About 150 dinosaurs of three different kinds made the tracks. All of them walked on two legs. Herds of two species of small dinosaurs (chicken to emu size), came down to drink on a peninsular jutting out into a lake. A huge meat-eating Theropod (slightly smaller than Tyrannosaurus), saw them and began to stalk, then charge. The smaller dinosaurs panicked and scattered, leaving a chaotic mass of footprints in the mud. Over 3000 of these prints, overlain by the



huge footprints of the predator have been perfectly preserved because, shortly after the stampede, heavy rains caused the lake to rise and a fresh layer of silt covered the muddy peninsular. They are now protected and interpreted in a modern visitors' centre.

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What a place, what a buzz!!!! My imagination went into overdrive. If Lark Quarry were in a more accessible area you might have to book well ahead to get a tour. But the reality of outback Queensland is that you will probably have it to yourself.

My second story is of exploration. During this trip and a previous one I made last year which included crossing the Simpson Desert, we were often in the tracks of Burke and Wills' fateful expedition of 1860/1. Last year, just out of Birdsville, we unexpectedly came across a clearing containing a tree with a legible blaze reading B W 1860 and a camp number in roman numerals. I was terribly excited, somehow even more so than seeing the famous Dig Tree.

Years ago I read about the expedition in a book named *Coopers Creek*, by Alan Moorhead. Upon returning home from my most recent trip, again steeped in Burke and Wills landscapes, I determined to re-read my history. The library came up with a new book, published in 2002 called *The Dig Tree* by Sarah Murgatroyd. It is an absolute ripper.

The drama of the Burke and Wills story itself, of course goes beyond fiction. The razor thin margin of 9 hours by which Burke's party missed the depot party when returning from the gulf. The appalling delays and mismanagement by other sections of the expedition, including the organizing committee in Melbourne. The fateful word, "DIG", that would have changed everything if it had been obeyed. Sarah Murgatroyd's meticulous research has uncovered many of the details of their epic struggle. Her beautifully written book sheds new insight on egos and personalities, interstate rivalry and the cover up of the Royal Commission. As a bonus, the journey of Burke's rival, John McDougal Stuart, is described alongside that of Burke's.

One little detail jumped off the page as I was reading *The Dig Tree*. At the time of the exploration the expedition was always known as Burke's. Therefore at each camp a tree was blazed with a B and the camp number in Roman numerals (because the angles made them easier to carve). It was only later, when

Wills' giant contribution was understood that the expedition was officially renamed for both Burke and Wills.

The surest way to spot a fake Burke and Wills tree is that the inscription contains a W. Oh well, sucked in again, and I'm sure it won't be the last time.



In conclusion I would like to invite all FOWSPians out there to let us know about your travels and adventures. A page or a paragraph we would love to hear from you. Also if you come across a good read, please share it with us, that is what these pages are for. In the meantime I want to propose a toast, "to journeys and books - two of life's greatest pleasures."

News from the Committee

- Thanks to Ranger Colin for doing such a great job building and landscaping the retaining wall by the nursery.
- Artur Muchow has replaced Tim O'Donnell as coordinator of the Middle Yarra Landcare Network. Thanks to Tim for his work, congratulations to Artur.
- The committee is compiling a list of ideas on how to best utilise FOWSP funds (other than specific purpose grants). Contact a committee member with your ideas.

Rangers Report:

- FOWSP and other Volunteer groups have contributed 3,954 hrs of work to WSP
- The Park has engaged tertiary students to volunteer on Tuesdays getting various labour intensive jobs completed.
- The ANZ corporate day and Friends planting at Boys Road was a huge success. Thanks to Martyn for liaising with ANZ.
- Conrad attended a one week course after being accepted into the School of Park Management.

Nursery Report

- FOWSP will continue to be the preferred supplier for Melbourne Water for plants in our area.
- Annette Lion will replace Mel while she is away for 3 months (see Annette rolling out fencing wire p.1)

Next Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday Sept 9, 2008

Venue: Ranger Station, Pound Bend

Time: 19:30 pm sharp

Many thanks to those who helped put together this newsletter

Linda Rogan
Barbara Burns
Joan MacMahon
Mel Coupar (Line drawings)
Julie Pryor (Collation)
Martyn Hiley (Labels)

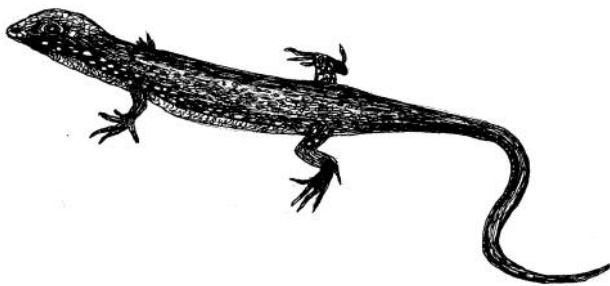
Common Garden Skink

By Steven Katsieris

The Garden Skink is the skink normally found in most yards and gardens throughout southeastern Australia. Even in inner city Sydney, where we lived in a flat with a small yard and only a tiny garden, we had many Garden Skinks that survived there. When we lived in rural Mittagong, in the Southern Highlands of NSW, we had lots of them in the garden.

There are several species of skink around Australia, but this little Skink has adapted so successfully to suburban gardens that it is now more widespread in our yards than in the wild bush environment. Hence the apt name Garden Skink. They are very small, about 10cm from nose to tail.

There are hundreds of them in our garden in Hurstbridge. We see them every day, often basking in the sun on rocks, paths and logs, scurrying around on the ground or among the piles of leaves and bark and other vegetation. They are active during the day hunting among the garden litter for moths, worms, spiders, ants and other insects. At night they shelter under rocks, leaves, logs or the bark on trees.



Garden Skinks are variable in colour, some are brown, some olive brown, while others are grey

What's killing local koalas?

Julie Pryor, who runs a wildlife shelter for koalas in Wonga Park, states that since January approximately 8 koalas have died from unknown causes. Some of the autopsies revealed tumours but not clamydia, and the koalas were not old. Further tests will be run.

If anyone sees or hears of any more dead koalas, or sick looking, hunched over koalas, please let us know so we can inform Julie and help her to solve this mysterious tragedy.

While Cathy Willis is away please contact Brad at brad.tadday@manningham.vic.gov.au if you have any information



brown. They are all a silvery-grey colour underneath. There is also a dark stripe that runs from the eye along the length of the body to the tail.

When disturbed by a Kookaburra, Butcherbird, Currawong or other predator, Garden Skinks will frequently let go of their tails to distract the predator, so they can escape. At times this ruse works and sometimes not.



Garden Skinks mate in spring and the female lays 3-6 eggs in a clutch. Sometimes these clutches are laid in communal sites with other Garden Skinks (or even with the similar Delicate Skink) under a rock or log.

They are found from southeast Queensland, through eastern NSW, most of Victoria, except the north-west, and parts of southeast SA.

It is pleasing to observe these endearing little lizards in the yard; Garden Skinks are also very useful in the garden because they eat so many ants and other insects.

Mary Mahon

July/August Market Volunteers

Jan Smidts
Alan Woolcock
Alison Thom
Cath Andrew
Tim Bedford
Lindy Gilbert
Joan MacMahon
Adrienne Hilton

Marie & Wolfgang Krause
Diane & John Baird
Mark & Margaret Hassell

Peter Curry (delivery & return of trailer)

Anyone who would like to be rostered on to help with the trailer, even for just one hour, please contact Marie Krause 9712 0498

*New members especially welcome,
No experience required.*



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Thursday Activity Group (TAG)

September 4 Webb St Woody weed control, Timber Reserve or Fourth Hill post fire with BushGain
October 2 The Common Watsonia control with BushGain and Jumping Creek Landcare group

The Thursday Activity Group is co-ordinated by Ranger Jodie Davis and FOWSP member Joan MacMahon JOIN US on the first Thursday of the month from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. Either meet at the depot (sharp at 9.30 am), or on site. LEARN some vegetation management skills and help improve some special sites in the Park. Just tag along with the Thursday Activity Group (TAG).

For more information contact either Jodie on 9844 2659 or Joan on 9844 3213

Also note sometimes we help 3rd Thursday of the month Anderson Creek Landcare Group activities.

Manningham City Council Environment Seminars 2008

Held on the 1st **Wednesday** of the month at 7.30 pm at South Warrandyte Hall, 66-68 Hall Rd,
Sth Warrandyte (Mel ref. 35 J8)

September 3rd Ecology & Land Management Doug Frood

October 1st Involving the Community in Climate Research Dr Lynda Chambers



Seminars are FREE. No bookings required.
Supper provided.

Selections from Nillumbik Shire Council Environmental Events

September 6 Saturday 10am-12noon One Tree Hill orchid and wildlife walk
Bookings: Georgia Ramsey, Environment and Strategic Planning, on 9433 3210

Also in September/October: Weedbuster Week, Attracting birds to your garden, Evening walk – the sugar glider experience, Breakfast with the birds BOCA, Celebrating indigenous culture –Darrabi Native Food and Reconciliation Garden, Attracting butterflies into your garden, Eltham Sustainability Festival. For information see http://www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/Page/page.asp?Page_Id=382&h=0 or To receive a hard copy of the program, please contact Georgia Ramsey, Environment and Strategic Planning, on 9433 3210 or email Georgia.Ramsey@nillumbik.vic.gov.au.



Banyule, Manningham and Nillumbik have combined a beautiful brochure **Spring Outdoors 2008**
Listing many regional activities in all three shires. Phone Nigel Philpot 9840 9173 for a hard copy.
(A copy is attached to email newsletter)

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.

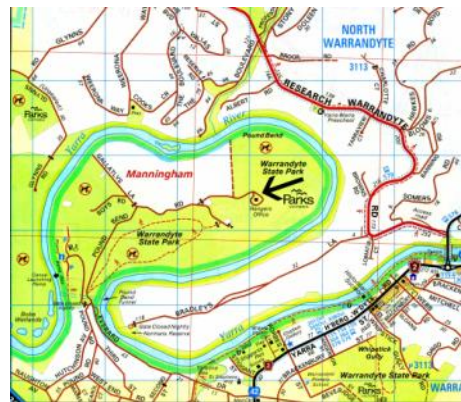
NURSERY OPENING HOURS

The nursery is open for plant sales (by donation) every Thursday. 9.30 am to 12.30 pm and the first Sunday of each month 2 pm to 4 pm.

PRICES

Members 80 cents

Non-members \$1.20



WEED ID AND MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

North Warrandyte Landcare Group invites you to a workshop on identifying and managing weeds presented by Pat Coupar.



Join us at Norman's Reserve at the end of Bradleys Lane on Sunday 5th October from 2-4pm.

This event is funded by a grant from Envirofund.

Enquiries to Shelagh Morton 9844 3610



Sunday Walks 2008

This educational series of interpretive nature walks takes you into some of Manningham's most inspiring and interesting bushland. All walks are free but **bookings are essential** as places are limited. Each one commences at 10.15 am. It is important to note that walk lengths and difficulties vary, and times and distances are an estimate only. Appropriate shoes, hat, clothing, and a water bottle are required, as is food on longer walks.

September 7 Wattles and Wildflowers

The middle of Early Spring in the Timelines Calendar is peak wattle time. Come along with Manningham CC Environmental Officer Lyn Meredith to find out how to identify wattles and learn where they belong in the landscape. Its also a great time to see the early wildflowers in bloom.

Meet: 10.15am Tunnel St Warrandyte Melways ref: 35 F2

Time and Distance: ~3kms, 2.5hrs **Booking required**

October 5 Birds by River and Ridge

Pound Bend offers an opportunity to walk though a variety of bird habitats in a short distance. Join Warrandyte State Park Ranger Conrad Annal to see them and hear their morning chorus.

Meet: 8am (**note** earlier starting time) Pound Bend Reserve picnic area Melways ref: 23 A10.

Time and Distance: ~3kms, 2.5hrs. **BYO binoculars** and bird book if you have them.

Booking required

Bookings: KayToussaint on 9840 9348 or email eeadmin@manningham.vic.gov.au

Thursday Walks 2008

If the weather is suitable and there is enough interest, walks are held on the fourth Thursday of the month at 1 pm after lunch (BYO). Meet at the nursery, Pound Bend Rangers depot, Pound Bend Rd, Warrandyte (Melway 23 C10). Walks will last approximately 2 hours. No need to book, but remember there is no definite program for these walks. **Enquiries to Josh Revell 0408 317327**

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A different way of looking at environmentalism-

*We walk together on sacred ground.
Black feet, white feet, footprints soft upon
the land.*

*The Dreaming is ever present moving be-
neath our feet.*

The landscape is alive

*Never deplete it, to a point where it can
never be replenished.*

*Respect the land and engage in an ongoing
relationship with it.*

(Today tomorrow message a Reflection, © Vicki Clarke-
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This poem is the work of Vicki Walker (nee Clarke), the main (indigenous) speaker at a recent 'Grand Stand for the Environment' forum attended by some FOWSP members.

While we cannot bring back the original indigenous inhabitants of our patch of the Yarra Valley, FOWSP members have, for twenty five years, undertaken a labor of love to progressively restore much of the indigenous environment, by working with their fingers in the dirt or wielding a spade. Many other caring organizations work with words: at public meetings or on the web, and lobbying Government.

In early 2007, a group of senior citizens, most of whom were members of Manningham Uniting Churches, met in Warrandyte to form an action group. Most present were grandparents, sharing with other senior citizens a passion about the state of our Earth as it will be passed on to future generations. This led to their desire to make a 'Grand Stand for the environment' and to join with others in an opportunity to share in heartfelt reflection on the topic through listening, dialogue, arts such as music, story, poetry or visual art, and ritual. Planning for a series of public forums commenced.

The first Grand Stand forum, conducted in September 2007, promoted with the slogan '*The Earth will survive but will the human race*', was attended by more than 160 people. The keynote speakers were noted author, historian and broadcaster, Dr Paul Collins and Janet Turpie-Johnstone, a Gundit-jamara woman. The program included music, ritual and audience discussion.

The second forum, held in March 2008, was attended by a similar number of people. The theme was '*Saying sorry to the Earth*'. The Indigenous leader Vicki Walker identified her country as mother of all created things in community with each other. She challenged the gathered community to consider their own relationship to the land. Her impassioned plea is best reflected in her poem that opens this article. Visual reinforce-



ment of this theme was provided through Eltham artist Jenni Mitchell's paintings and photographs of beauty and destruction in the environment. Once again the message was enhanced by music, poetry, story and ritual. In the closing event everyone was invited to lift water in both hands and sprinkle it on a desert landscape stretched across the front of the softly lit space. There was a profound sense of involvement and responsibility.

After the closing ritual of each forum, attendees browsed through information to inspire moving from contemplation to action. This included material provided by FOWSP.

The next forum is planned for September 28 2008. For further information watch the Grand Stand web page (<http://warrandyte.unitingchurch.org.au/grandstand.htm>) or contact Julie James (98442160 or jjames38@bigpond.net.au).



Photo: Rev. Janet Turpie-Johnston (an indigenous Anglican vicar) and Dr Paul Collins

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barb wire fencing in the new Warrandyte Kinglake Nature Conservation Reserve. A rather arduous task but very rewarding as it opens this land for the safe movement of wildlife.

This issue brings you more travel tales from Joan Broadberry and Pat Coupar, an opportunity to participate in an aboriginal viewpoint on environmentalism (see above) and a tale of the Garden Skink .

. Enjoy and keep sending your contributions.

Travels of an ex-Pat



Seeking Wilderness

By Pat Coupar

AND SO.... After two weeks we left the Red Centre behind and travelled north, camping and walking in the lesser-known Flora River, Keep River and Gregory National Parks. Then it was on to the Kimberley region of north west W.A.

Leaving the bitumen behind we headed west along the Gibb River Road, exploring the gorges at El Questro – Emma, Amalia, Moonshine and others. Onwards to Drysdale River station and upwards to the Mitchell Plateau National Park and the iconic Mitchell Falls. The sandstone escarpment, river, multi-tiered waterfalls and plunge pools of the Mitchell are undoubtedly spectacular. And, after a long, slow, corrugated drive crossing rivers and creeks, plus a moderately difficult 3 kilometre walk, we felt a satisfying sense of achievement at reaching our goal. But, the regular helicopter taxi service taking people to and from the campground to the top of the falls as well as scenic flights buzzing overhead, was an unwelcome intrusion. It was not the wilderness experience we were hoping for.

For real wilderness, we travelled 250 kilometres on to the turn off to Mornington Wilderness Camp and a further 92 kms through several gates and across numerous creeks. Mornington Wilderness Camp is owned and run by the non-profit organisation – the Australian Wildlife Conservancy (AWC). It covers an area of around 3,000 sq kms and is the largest non-government reserve in Australia.

The prime objective of the AWC is to reverse the disastrous decline of native mammals and birds. One of their most important projects is the restoration of the Gouldian Finch – Mornington has the largest population of these endangered birds in Australia.

They also carry out many research programs as well as on ground conservation works such as feral animal control, weed eradication and translocation of endangered animals.

A critical part of the restoration process has been the removal of cattle from the sanctuary. Cattle are a major factor in habitat degradation all over the Kimberley, including, unfortunately, the few designated National Parks. Although Mornington has only been de-stocked for three years, the results are truly amazing. Just driving around, the diversity of vegetation is obvious and AWC staff told us that numbers of small animals and birds had increased enormously.

Interps for the visitor, both at the centre and along self-guided trails, is excellent. There are also several guided tours on offer. Like most of the Kimberley the land is dominated by tropical savannah, but there are also some spectacular gorges where the great Fitzroy River has carved a course through the King Leopold Ranges. And by walking and canoeing (hired) you can have them all to yourself. And we did! Sir John Gorge was probably our favourite of all the gorges we visited in the Kimberley for there we found our wilderness.

For anyone passionate about the natural environment and its conservation, then this place is a must see. We can't wait to go back.

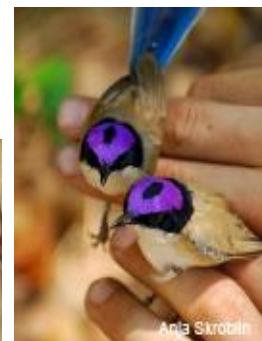
For further information about AWC, Mornington Wilderness Camp, and other Wildlife Reserves see their website: <http://www.awc.org.au/>

The following photos are from their publication Wildlife Matters.

Gouldian Finch



Purple-crowned Fairy-wrens, breeding plumage



"I SPY"

By B.G



ANZ ACTIVISM

As mentioned by the editor in the last issue, staff from the ANZ bank worked as volunteers recently, revegetation at a Boys Road block.

Involved were Mickael Jurkovic, Sarah Rooker, Dominic Bulzomi, Rod Want, Dianne Cappelli, Libby O'Farrell, Kerry Santamaria, and several others.



Mike Havill was the organizer of this particular group (who came from all over Melbourne) The activity was part of a "Head Office" project called "Cash Management Platform Programme" which involve 150 people overall.

All are volunteers and have to apply to be included—they are given one to two days to work in community service.

As one staffer said (we see) "the importance of maintaining and re-forestation areas for new generations."

(The photo from the front page of the FOWSP Newsletter Jul/Aug was featured on the Victorian Environmental Friends Network August 2008)

VARIETY OF VISITORS

Tony Penwill (a new member of FOWSP) introduced his 22 month-old daughter Molly to the depot in July.

RELOCATED (DONATED)

According to Josh, nursery manager, the "up there" is nearly finished. The "up there" refers to a "new" relocated (donated) poly-shade house. It consists of a stout galvanized water pipe frame carefully assembled by a small team of the blokes from FOWSP. Thanks to Noel, Bruce, Ray and others who helped and thanks again to donor, Shirley Mundy.

MUSING ON THE MURRAY

If the continent of Australia had not been settled and "improved" by Western Civilizers, how would the Murray-Darling System look today?

SMILAX NOT SMILING

According to Gael Danby from Eltham, the rust that was introduced several years ago has been very successful in eliminating "Smilax" "It's really working!" she says

PUPILS AT THE PARK

On Thursday 21 August, seventy pupils walked from Warrandyte Primary School to the WSP Depot. One group worked in the nursery area, the second group walked around the "Pound Bend Loop. The two groups then exchanged activities. The visit was rounded off with a sausage sizzle (at the school due to wet weather).

WORKING FOR WATER

Five Melbourne Water representatives led by Anna Zsoldos (River Health Partnership Officer) recently checked out the WSP Nursery. They are all involved in the Stream Frontage Management Programme. Anna's domain is the Lower Yarra reaching approximately from Lilydale to the Diamond Creek and environs.

Katie Drummond handles the Upper Yarra section of the programme.

WHITHER THE WATER

Dr. Neil Barr, a social researcher with the Department of Primary Industry in Victoria says, "By separating land and water rights we have made it very explicit that land has always been less valuable than water" People (farmers) start to question..... not just what they should farm, but whether they should farm at all"

Extract from "Who owns the Australian Bush?" by Amanda Burdon, in Outback, Dec/Jan 2008 (www.outbackmag.com.au)

BOROONDARA BOOKINGS

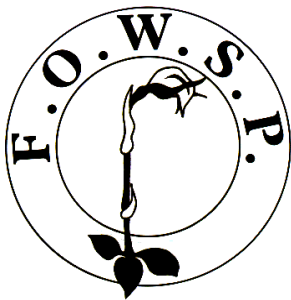
The City of Boroondara has regular Walk and Talk activities.

Wed. 24 Sept 10:30-11:30 What's in Flower at Maranoa Gardens

Wed. 29 Oct 10:30-11:30 Maranoa/Beckett Heitage Tour

See full program for 2008 on the Shire website <http://www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/environment/environmenthome/walkandtalk08/flyer>

Free but bookings essential
Register your attendance at
www.boroondara.vic.gov.au
or call 9278 4595 for more information.



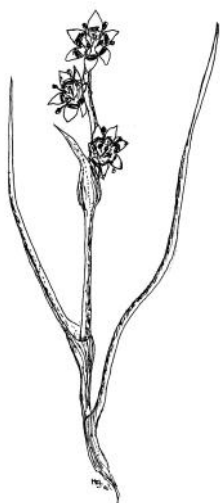
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Early Nancy *Wurmbea dioica*

By Linda Rogan

This is one of the earliest lilies to appear in winter and signals that spring is not far away. Most plants are either male or female but some are hermaphroditic with a few bisexual flowers.

Although it can be propagated by seed, it would seem to be very slow growing. An example in my garden lived 2 years in a pot and now 2 years in the ground and merely puts up a single threadlike leaf each year so far.

The tubers were eaten by Aborigines.

On the right is a green form from Hattah Lakes area.



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From Perth



Everlasting Daisies from
Kings Park August 2008

And from Christmas Island



Pale Pea Blue Butterfly *Catochrysops panormus exiguus*,
a Christmas Island relative of our Imperial Blue *Jalmenus evagoras evagoras*



Robber Crab *Birgus latro*
These are related to Hermit Crabs but
much larger.



Red Crabs *Gecarcoidea natalis*
This is the one that migrates en
mass in November-January

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