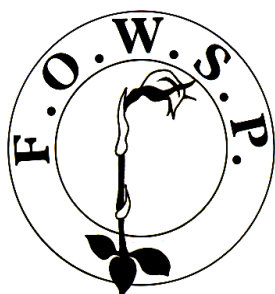


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Editor's corner

By Linda Rogan

THIS IS A TIME OF CHANGE. Perhaps the greatest change on a global basis ever seen and influenced by humanity. The hope is that humanity has the power to change direction and achieve positive results for most of our diverse flora and fauna (including us). It is clear that we must lead our Politicians by the grassroots.

FOWSPians play their part showing that some of these grassroots are native and indigenous. This was apparent at the Warrandyte Festival where many volunteers had the pleasure of spreading the word about FOWSP and indigenous plants. (photo R) A number of new memberships were taken and hundreds of plant sold. (New members note the first New Members Tea advertised on this page.)

Thanks to all who were rostered to help and also those who stopped by to lend a hand. We also had the pleasure of being next-door neighbours to the local reconciliation group and so met some indigenous people and enjoyed hearing the didgeridoo.

Some observations on our local birds and why record keeping is important are on p. 2, and p.3 has some good news on bird and fauna increases after revegetation. Also on p.3, information about the Copenhagen summit and how to learn more.

On p.9, a treat, Part 1 of a series *The Making of the Flora of Warrandyte* by Pat Coupar. This is particularly timely as currently Jason Patton, IT expert, is setting up a section on the website that will allow us to update the record of Warrandyte's flora over time and better use the information that Pat and David Van Bockel put together ten years ago.

Now that the fire season has become less intense,



Photo Joan Broadberry

our rangers have entered a period of much needed rehabilitation for themselves and for the parks. Again we appreciate all their efforts often in the face of personal hardships.

We welcome the return of Joan MacMahon's Bits and Pieces (p.7), Alwynnes butterfly sighting (p.4) and lastly, encourage all to enjoy this newsletter.

New members are cordially invited to afternoon tea at the Folly to meet some FOWSP Committee members and take a tour of the FOWSP Nursery.



Date and Time: Sunday 3rd May 2009 at 2pm

Location: The Folly at Pound Bend, Warrandyte (see p.6)

RSVP Lindy Gilbert 9844 0106 by 28 April 2009.

Deadline for May edition newsletter is Friday, 24 April
contributions can be emailed to Linda Rogan lindarogan@netspace.net.au
or posted to PO Box 220, Warrandyte 3113

Are birds disappearing?

By Linda Rogan

SOME WARRANDYTE AND YARRA VALLEY residents have been asking, "What is happening to our birds?"

A Wonga Park observer has noticed a decline in numbers and species of birds especially over the past year. He lists the disappearance of brown thornbill, grey shrike thrush, grey fantail, white throated tree-creeper, yellow robin, yellow faced honey-eater and blue wren (above). "Some ...survived the heat of Black Saturday but have disappeared since. The smallest bird I now see regularly is the grey butcher bird...."



A Park Orchards couple in December had noticed a decline in small birds in the spring that was coincident with an increase in Red Wattlebirds. By mid February these birds had returned.

Cathy Willis states a North Warrandyte neighbour is seeing a range of small birds never spotted there before since the bushfires. Cathy is interested in collating observations from other locals.

Dr. Rohan Clarke, Lecturer in Ecology at Monash University, and principal of the three year study in Western Victoria (discussed on page 3), states,

"Yellow Robins and White-throated Treecreepers seem particularly prone to the effects of habitat fragmentation ... Grey Fantails and Yellow-faced Honeyeaters are both migrants so their ability to recolonise in better seasons should be very high - so long as their respective populations continue to do well across larger areas. Brown Thornbills, Superb Fairy-wrens and Grey Shrike-thrushes were all species that showed an increase with the addition of revegetation to

the farm landscapes that we worked in. (see Letting Nature...p.3)

Graeme Lorimer, ecologist, well known to many FOWSPians has also offered some very relevant information as follows:

In some cases the absence may be seasonal or due to some local factor as an increase in breeding Red Wattlebirds. In such a case the small birds are likely to return as the breeding season passes.

"However, I can indicate that the decline in Eastern Yellow Robin and White-throated Treecreeper are neither temporary nor localised, and have been progressing for at least ten years in Melbourne's outer east."

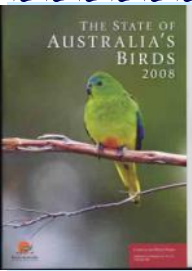
FOWSPians are in an ideal position to help clarify what is happening to our local birds by keeping regular records.

Graeme, who has done this for many years, says: "The act of committing oneself to observe, quantify and record fauna monthly and annotate the observations (e.g. dates of arrival of seasonal species, associated events such as nearby bushfires) greatly improves one's clarity about changes. I've come to realise that changes like those reported ... are not that rare. I've also come to realise that we tend to focus on disappearances rather than the recent arrivals. For example, I bemoan the loss of Spotted Pardalotes and Southern Brown Tree Frog over the past two years and some other species over longer periods, but I know from my records that I am recording more species now than in the early 2000s. In that time, Australian King Parrot (below), Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo, Little Corella, Long-billed Corella, Mistletoebird and several other species have arrived or



greatly increased their frequency. Some species, such as the Gang-Gang Cockatoo and Gum Emperor Moth, have disappeared for years at a time (to my dismay), only to return and stay. Now I am starting to see bushfire refugees at my home in Bayswater North, with a brief appearance of a White Goshawk. The Warrandyte area would be an ideal location to see such refugees."

Dr. Darryl Jones, of Griffith School of Environment has initiated a "bird-bath study" in Queensland that will soon be going nation wide. We will let you know when it does.



Birds Australia's *The State of Australia's Birds 2008* is available on line as follows:

http://www.birdsaustralia.com.au/images/stories/publications/soab/SOAB_2008.pdf

Worth Repeating

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Planet faces 'dangerous climate change'

Richard Alleyne, Copenhagen

THE world's leading scientists have issued a desperate plea to politicians to act on climate change amid warnings that without action the world faces decades of social unrest and war.

In what was described as a watershed moment, more than 2500 leading environmental experts agreed on a statement that called on governments to act before the planet becomes an unrecognisable — and, in places, impossible — place to live.

At an emergency climate summit in Copenhagen, scientists agreed that "worst case" scenarios were already becoming reality and that, unless drastic action was taken soon, "dangerous climate change" was imminent.

In a strongly worded message that, unusually for academics, appealed directly to politicians, they said there was "no excuse for inaction" and that weak and ineffective governments must stand up to big business and "vested interests". Steps should be "vigorously and widely implemented", they said, to reduce greenhouse gases. Failure to do so would result in "significant risk" of "irreversible climatic shifts", the statement, issued on Thursday, added. The plea came as Lord Stern, the former chief economist of the World Bank whose report two years ago drew attention to the possible results of

global warming, told the conference that unless politicians grasped the gravity of the situation it would be "devastating".

The Copenhagen conference is intended to publicise the latest research on climate change ahead of December's meeting of world leaders. The United Nations Climate Conference, which will also be held in Copenhagen, aims to draft an updated Kyoto-style agreement on reducing emissions.

For the complete article check out the following on the web:

<http://www.theage.com.au/environment/global-warming/planet-faces-dangerous-climate-change-20090313-8xzp.html>

Where do the politicians representing each of us stand on this issue? What can we each do to increase their awareness and decrease our carbon footprints? Some answers and further information from the Copenhagen summit are found on the website below (Ed.)

<http://yarracclimateactionnow.blogspot.com/>



Letting nature take root

From The Age March 6, 2009 (excerpts)

Restore trees to cleared land and the birds and animals will follow.

IT MIGHT sound obvious but Rohan Clarke says it has never been proved before: if a former woodland area is reforested, the birds and animals come back. Now a three-year investigation across a 1.2-million-hectare area of western Victoria has confirmed the intuitive belief that re-creating a forest ecosystem attracts the creatures that once inhabited it - sometimes even birds and animals that weren't there before. **But there is one catch: Dr Clarke says a minimum of 10-15 per cent of a landscape needs wooded cover before the wildlife can survive.** Not only are revegetated sites used by a

wide range of species, including birds, mammals, reptiles and butterflies, but revegetation reverses the loss of native plants. As revegetation is added to cleared farm lands, the bird community recovers and new species are attracted as well.

"We're very pleased with the outcomes," Dr Clarke says. "It was a huge project but now we have some really nice results and they are certainly a cause for optimism. We also feel we've had a very positive impact in the region by working directly with so many supportive landholders, presenting our findings to hundreds of additional landholders and promoting the value of revegetation."

An additional outcome of the study is the brochure (L). Available from FOWSP trailer while numbers last.



Success at Last By Alwynne Buntine

FROM OCTOBER last year, to the middle of January this year, I made five trips to the beautiful Lake Mountain in search of the exquisite Macleay's Swallowtail Butterfly. Trying to find a day when they would be there en masse as I'd seen them several years before with my friends Irene and Bruce Fuhrer. In the first three months of my searching, there'd been no sign of them. However, the wild flowers were worth the drive, even when the FOWSP group ventured there in early December on the coldest, foggiest day imaginable. We almost couldn't see the road it was so foggy.



At last after Christmas and the New Year on January 19th, Irene, Bruce and I in the company of other friends, decided we'd try for one last time to find the illusive butterflies. It was a tranquil, sunny day and on reaching the car park at Gerrattys (Lake Mountain Alpine Resort), we decided to walk the short distance to Echo Point. To our delight we found a small number of swallowtails busily feeding on the nectar of the flowers of the Grass Trigger plant (*Stylidium graminifolium* Alpine Form) Encouraged by this we returned to our cars and followed Bruce along a fire track into a sheltered sunny valley. Here at last we found what we'd looked for these last 3-4 months: Macleay's Swallowtails and lots of them. Surprise, surprise, they weren't feeding on nectar from the many native flowers present. They were favouring the flowers of the common flat weed growing along the sides of the road. Whether it was the sheltered spot they were in or not, we don't know, but they weren't as active as higher up the mountain. They would settle on the plants allowing photo shots. What a great day and a successful end to our persistence.

Sadly however, we may have to wait for several seasons to see them again. Both the area where we all went as a FOWSP group in December and this secluded valley along the fire track have been devastated. Recent bushfires burnt most of Lake Mountain and the Cathedral National Park. Perhaps in some isolated stand of Sassafras up in this area there still remains a small colony of the larvae of this beautiful creature and sometime in the future with the recovery of the bush, it will once more thrill those of us who go in search of it. ☘

(Continued from page 9)



Naval News

Twenty people visited HMAS CERBERUS on Wednesday 25 March. According to Ken Crook "we had morning tea in the Hades Café and then did a "windscreen tour", the museum, a film, visited the chapel (St Marks) that is built out of Warrandyte sandstone).

Premium People

Artur Muchow informed I SPY that fourteen people had recently completed a First Aid Course run by "Premium Help". Nine of these were FOWSP members.

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March

Market Volunteers

Diane & John Baird
Mark & Margaret Hassall

Jan Smids

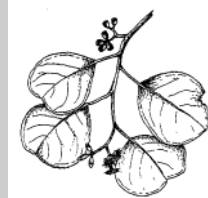
Jan Tindale

Tim Bedford

Lindy Gilbert

Ken Crook

Peter Curry (delivery & return of trailer)



And also at the Warrandyte Festival ☺ ☺ ☺

Diane and John Baird

Mark & Margaret Hassall

Marion Thompson

Allison Thom

Artur Muchow

Adrienne Hilton

Lynda Gilbert & Ken Crook

Julie Bishop

Lynn Vary

Alan Woolcock

Geoff and Lee Speedy

Tim Bedford

Joan Broadberry & Brian James

Peter Curry

(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)

The Thursday Activity Group is co-ordinated by Ranger Jodie Godfrey and FOWSP member 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). Activities are cancelled on Total Fire ban Days

April 2

Ridge Block

Boneseed Removal with Jodie Godfrey

May 7

One Tree Hill...

Dig out Agapanthus with Jodie Godfrey

For more information contact either Jodie on 9844 2659 or Martyn 9844 4547

Manningham City Council Environment Seminars 2009

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)

May 6 Moths of Victoria with Peter Marriott, Melbourne Museum

June 3 Invasive Ants with Kirsti Abbott, Monash University



Seminars are FREE. No bookings required

Supper provided

Selections from Nillumbik Shire Council Environmental Events

3 May Sunday Diamond Creek Waterwatch bike ride

Join Waterwatch for a 12km (moderate level) bike ride along the Diamond Creek with stops along the way to test the water and learn about environmental issues affecting the creek. All ages are welcome and lunch is provided. Please bring your own bike, helmet and water bottle.

Time: 10am-1pm Cost: free

Meeting point: Edendale Farm, Gastons Road, Eltham (Melway 22 A1)

Bookings: Georgia Ramsey, Environment and Strategic Planning on 9433 3210 Limited to 25 participants.



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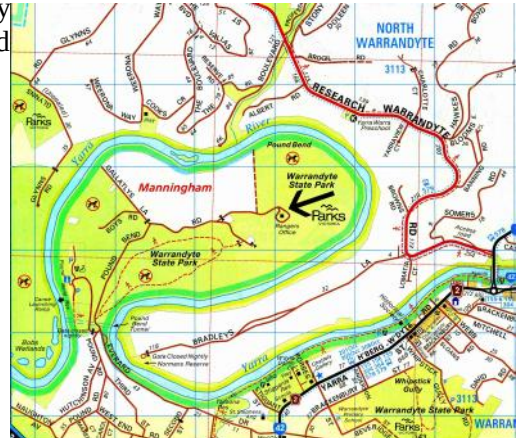
We meet for propagation and other nursery activities every Thursday morning at 9.30 am at the Warrandyte State Park depot, Pound Bend Road, Warrandyte (Melway 23 C10),

Propagation takes place from 9.30 am to 12.30 midday.

There is always someone available to show you the ropes.

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If the weather is suitable and there is enough interest, walks may be held on the fourth Thursday of the month at 1 pm after lunch. Meet at the nursery, Pound Bend Rangers depot, Pound Bend Rd, Warrandyte (Melway 23 C10). Walks 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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Bits and Pieces from the end of Bradleys Lane (see map page 6) by Joan MacMahon



IN RESPONSE to Val Polley's well expressed letter about 'Future Proofing' Warrandyte (*Warrandyte Diary*, July 2008):

Indeed, it's a grand project for the people of Warrandyte to embrace. Within the broad sweep of her vision I'd like to suggest we must include the non-human life community as well.

If you close your eyes you may envisage this other Warrandyte community; it includes the tiniest of micro-organisms in your soil, the insects and the frogs you may be privileged to hear, the magnificence of the sugar glider as it floats in the night, a heron so quietly stalking for a meal, dusky moorhens dabbling in deep water, the fungi which rise in deep winter, as if by a magical process, some appearing as tiny orange umbrellas, others as rounded brown lumps masquerading as horse droppings.

We humans face an uncertain future; there are many scenarios being painted, many possibilities being proposed. Let all of Warrandyte's community groups work together on this Grand project, keeping strongly in mind that as humans we are but one part of the whole Community of Beings.

"Some good news has arrived for a long neglected bit of our park. It's that narrow section of riparian bush that runs for about two kms. from the Warrandyte bridge down to the end of Bradleys Lane - (map p.6) I know it pretty well as our back gate opens into the park a bit downstream from where Andersons Creek joins the river

Even though you could say it's close to the heart of Warrandyte it gets few visitors and has been massively weed invaded over many decades. Melbourne Water is to fund weed control over three years by a company which rather quirkily calls itself Reveg Works. This means we should see the end of the blackberry and honeysuckle invasions as well as the extensive *Cupressus macrocarpa* forest at the jumping rock (a little way downstream from the Bakery. Much of the middle storey is contaminated by woody weeds.

You can walk almost all the way from the end of the lane to the bridge. There's a good path and the views over the river are great. As well you'll be walking under a magnificent canopy of Manna Gums when near the water and Yellow Box when further up the slope, which is quite steep in places. Why not give it a go?"

News from the Committee

- Initial consultation with architect Diana Kategian-nis have taken place and stage 1 improvements in the nursery will occur soon
- Website is functioning well and now listed on our newsletter.
- Flora of Warrandyte section is being added to the website. Plant lists and cultural information will be open to the public.
- The first New Members Tea will be held on May 3. see p.1. Individual invitations will be sent.

Rangers Report

The emergency phase of the bushfires has finished and the rehab phase is beginning. There is much to be done for erosion control, reopening or closing tracks as appropriate, signage as well as staff recovery from this stressful period.

Nursery Report

- Volunteer numbers and enthusiasm are high
- Several hundred plants were sold at the Warrandyte Festival.

Next Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday April 8, 2008

Venue: Ranger Station, Pound Bend

Time: 19:30 pm sharp



And from Gray

Hanging over a quiet back-street at the top of Rucker's Hill, Northcote, there is a large moribund *Pinus radiata*.

Recently I watched an Australian Hobby apparently 'chewing' on an open cone. No fragments of the cone were dislodged, and I could not see whether or not the bird [a female, judging by its size] had succeeded in finding anything edible. After about five minutes it calmly flew off.

What was going on?

Many thanks to those who helped put together this newsletter

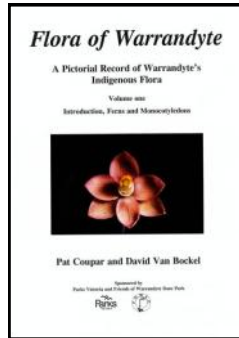
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Mel Coupar (Line drawings)
Julie Pryor (Collation)
Martyn Hiley (Labels)

The Making of the 'Flora of Warrandyte'

Part One – The Beginning

By Pat Coupar

IN 1999 RANGER David Van Bockel and I finally completed our ten year study of Warrandyte's indigenous flora culminating in a two volume work called 'Flora of Warrandyte – a Pictorial Record of Warrandyte's Indigenous Flora'.



Currently FOWSP member, Jason Patton, creator of our wonderful web site, is scanning the original pages of the Flora of Warrandyte with the intention of making them available on the web site and possible a future CD. With that in mind, I thought it would be timely to revisit the 'Flora of Warrandyte' and give members an insight into how it all came about.

The Beginning

It all began in 1991 with the orchids. David and I got together with the intention of finding and photographing all of the orchids listed for the Park. Inevitably our study broadened to include all of the Park's indigenous flora.

Several plant lists were already in existence including one prepared in 1969 for the report entitled 'Proposal for Warrandyte State Park'. In 1982, Phil Smith, a botanist with the National Parks Service also produced a list of flora for Pound Bend Reserve and Russell Road Reserve. However, by far the most comprehensive plant list was that compiled by amateur naturalist Arthur Williamson, from his observations of the Warrandyte flora from the 1960's to the early 80's.

One of the drawbacks of Arthur's list was that no specimens had been collected, although many of the plants had been photographed on slide film and the Melbourne Herbarium was able to verify some species from these slides. We spent a considerable time with Arthur both in the Park and studying his records and photographs.

By sorting through all the various lists we drew up our own list of unconfirmed species. We wanted to discover if these species still occurred in the Park. On a map of the appropriate reserve we marked the last known location of each species and the month in which it would be expected to flower. The maps were placed in order of months. In this way we ended up with a calendar of maps so that we knew where and when to search for each species.

Between 1991 and 1996 David and I undertook many field trips to survey the plants in all areas of the State Park. No formal quadrats were set up, but large areas were covered by simply walking off tracks

through the bush. We also did a few canoe trips to survey the riverbank.

It was a very exciting and enlightening time. Not only did we find many of the unconfirmed species, but along the way discovered over 60 new records for the Park, including several orchids. Each new Park record and previously unconfirmed species was photographed. Fresh specimens were collected in duplicate and pressed, with one pressing being lodged at the Melbourne Herbarium and the other specimen kept at the Park Office.

Searches for particular species were also carried out with the help of various expert botanists including Cam Beardsell, Graeme Lorimer and David Cameron. Geoff Carr, Jeff Jeanes and local naturalists Cecily Falkingham and John Reid. Local resident Josh Revell, also provided valuable assistance.

Having photographed all the orchids, the previously unconfirmed species and new records, it seemed a logical step to complete the pictorial record of the indigenous flora of WSP by photographing all the rest of the indigenous flora – an awesome task. We had no idea how long that would take. The decision to show the distribution of each species within the WSP and local district made our job much harder. In addition, status and abundance of each species was assessed and documented.

We ended up with a total of 485 species. A whole A4 page (sometimes two) was allocated to each species. Colour photographs were taken to show the plant in its habitat, its growth habit, flowers and any other features useful for identification. Descriptions were kept to a minimum – mainly height and flowering time.

An introductory chapter was added detailing (with photos) the different vegetation communities of WSP accorded by Cam Beardsell. The work was checked for accuracy by Graeme Lorimer.

After considering various options, we decided to get the finished product colour photocopied (double-sided), bound and stitched in two hard back volumes. Three loose-leaf 'working copies' were also produced and these have been available for loan from FOWSP library. The bound edition can be viewed at the Park, but is not available for loan. The whole project was supported and jointly funded by FOWSP and Parks Victoria.

In the decade following the completion of the 'Flora of Warrandyte' a number of new species have been recorded for the Park and others have undoubtedly been lost. In this time of climate change and extreme weather events it would be most interesting to follow up on at least some of the more vulnerable species David and I recorded.

Next month: The Orchids



"I SPY"

By B.G



Daniel Does

In mid February Daniel Gilligan was helping to prick out *Eucalyptus rubida*. Daniel has found our Friends group on the Parks Victoria website. He has completed a diploma in Natural Resources Management at Swinburne (Lilydale Campus) He has been applying for jobs in Parks Victoria, the D.S.E. The Melbourne Golf Club, etc. Daniel is also interested in joining the C.F.A. and/or S.E.S. and he has just joined FOWSP as a new member and participated in the recent canoeing experience on the Yarra.

Osborne Order

Ruth Rankin, Sheila Morton and Anne Penrose from the Osborne Road Land Care Group visited the WSP Depot late February to check on their plant order from FOWSP. They also helped with pricking out plants.

Nesting News

During the last two weeks of February, Artur Muchow, Martyn Hiley, Lee Johnson, Josh Revell, Noel Gaskett, and others have completed 26 nesting boxes for the wildlife carers depot. (Linda Rogan offered encouragement and took photos)

The plans for the boxes were from "The Nest Box Book" available from the Gould Group, Genoa Street, Moorabbin, 3189 or through the internet shop: <http://www.gould.edu.au/shop/>

BBQ lunch

The Thursday Friends had a BBQ lunch on Thursday 26 February. Visitors were Kylie Armstrong and sons Jordy 4 y.o. and Beau-Daniel, 1 y.o. They were staying in the Knox area temporarily while away from home on the Big Pats Creek Road (during the recent fires)

Duty Doing

Ranger Cam Beardsell's name was accidentally omitted by I SPY (last month) from the list of those supporting the bushfire -fighting rangers. He had been picking up the essential duties of those who were away from WSP. Cam is also helping Mick Cusack on the Mullum Mullum project.

March Movements

Early March the nursery was a hive of activity with over twenty helpers working at a devilish pace, carrying full boxes of seedling hither and thither, pricking out plants and a host of other jobs—and busily chatting. Josh and seven members of TAG (Thursday Activity Group) pulled weeds at the old home site in Glynn's Reserve. Daniel (mentioned earlier) commented "I don't know how many we pulled, but there was a b——y big pile"

"Ute" Unwell

And why was one of the Parks "ute" (loaded with pumping equipment) standing with its mouth agape (bonnet up) in the middle of the wide road entrance to the WSP depot workshop? According to Adam Carnegie, "she's not well. She's sick—we're waiting for the auto electrician to come down" Adam and Brad had just been clearing up debris from a fallen tree.

Louise on Leave

Louise Clear was using leave time to help Marion King and Alwynne Buntine to weed around large plants in large pots. (These are our stock plants)

Kookaburra Count

Sjaan Field, Volunteer and Community Program Coordinator for the state for Parks Victoria, was at the park for morning tea recently. Sjaan wanted to meet the FOWSP people and to see what they do. She is currently looking for nominations for the 2009 Biennial Kookaburra Awards, seeking individual or group names to be considered in the Environmental, Individual, Community, Parks People, Multicultural, Young and Lifetime categories.

Perhaps FOWSP or Rangers? Or volunteers you know can be nominated.

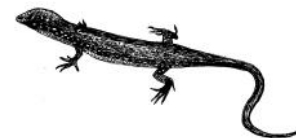
Even though the closing date is Friday 3 April 2009, the nomination period may be extended. See Parks Vic website or call 131963.

Quite Qualified

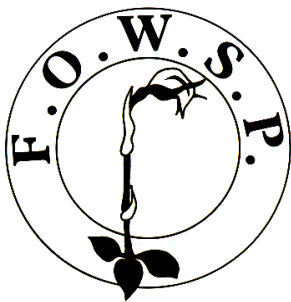
Sjaan has qualified as a Bachelor of Leisure Management and Outdoor Recreation and Parks Management, (Ba LOORPM!?)

Coupar's Continuing

According to Mike Coupar, he and Pat "are still here in Warrandyte and still helping to prick out seedlings."



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Echidna by Linda Rogan

Our Echidna is a real survivor, little changed from its ancestors 15 million years ago; Able to swim, to feed in total darkness, dig-in straight down if necessary, leaving only its spiny back exposed. The Echidna usually lays only a single egg directly into its pouch. A rare recording of apparent twins has occurred within nearby Round the Bend Conservation Cooperative at Bend of Islands.

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There's always some wildlife at the nursery. Here a Common Grass-blue on *Pelagonium australe* flower

The Tricolor soldier beetle *Chauliognathus tricolor*- While showy on a bursaria leaf, the mating pair is nearly invisible amongst the seed pods.



Damselflies from Mullum Mullum Creek in the wheel or mating position



Leaf Beetle larvae, they rear their tails in unison for defence and can produce a toxic fluid

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