

Friends of Warrandyte State Park



Newsletter

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Editor's Corner

Hello FOWSPians,
LOVELY PHOTOS and snippets of news from Pound Bend have let me know how out of touch I am at present. Unfortunately I am finding my tablet is not letting me handle photos as I am accustomed to doing.

My surroundings, as I work, are calming; usually in shorts, thongs and summer top, in the shade in a Caravan Park in Carnarvon or Erldunda where the temperature will reach about 23 degrees. Just about perfect weather but cold nights. We have been to Kennedy Range where early *Eremophila* and other wild flowers are in bloom with signs of much more to come and water standing in the clay pans. It was too early for Dawson's bees this season but I had to check. Best wildflower display was at Tom Price.

But back to the stalwart souls at FOWSP. Not only have you accomplished the erection of the long awaited watering frame (p. 2) you have celebrated Bastille and Lyndy's birthday with a cake covered in nursery flowers (above) and enjoyed very special morning teas (P. 8).

Bush regeneration is a long term project always taking much longer than the time taken to clear bushland, for example see p. 3.

Some special visitors to FOWSP are seen on p. 4. A get well wish and a safety item on p.7.
Rather elegant morning teas and some thank-you's on p. 8.

Stand back and think about all the successful grants that have kept FOWSP ticking over since 2009. These are listed on p.9.

Thanks to all who have sent photos and words for this newsletter. Enjoy and keep up the good work.

Linda



Lyndy with her birthday cake. Photo by Carol

Deadline for September edition newsletter is

Friday 24 August 2018

**contributions can be emailed to Linda Rogan editor@fowsp.org.au
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The watering frame becomes a reality at the nursery



The nursery was closed to everyone including volunteers one Thursday in winter because a fantastic new frame to hold nets and a watering system were being installed. As per Parks Vic instruction no volunteers were allowed on the building site only the registered tradies that were doing the building. The photo features Kelvin, Peter and Paul who were responsible for this huge job of erecting the frame. Many thanks to these three and especially to those FOWSPians whose unstinting effort made this happen including Kelvin. Thanks also to the Warrandyte Community Bank for the grant that provided the funding. (Photos Carolyn and Lyndy)



Taggers return to Pound Bend Ridge by Cathy Willis

About twenty years ago Parks Victoria rangers and FOWSP were concerned about species that were either already rare or threatened, or rapidly declining in the Warrandyte State Park. A 'species enrichment' plan was formed to try to address this decline. FOWSP collected seed and grew plants to bolster the numbers and the gene pool of these species.

One of the re-introduction sites was along the slash break above Pound Bend Rd. Small circular rabbit proof fences were erected and planted with ground storey species including Hoary Sunray; Australian Bindweed and Forest Cranesbill to name a few.

Twenty years on a group lead by Glenn Jameson re-visited the site. Glenn is one of the founding members of FOWSP, and an ex-Ranger. As a local he has been regularly monitoring the results. About 100 plants were put in, including 50 rare ground storey species in four new circular fences. The remaining plants were shrubs, including rare wattles. These were planted in guards around the site to add to the diversity and encourage pollinators to visit.

Who will lead the follow-up TAG in 20 years time?





And Bamboo Basti

It was an icy morning the other Thursday when a bloke turned up in shorts. Ok not that much unusual about someone in shorts even on one of the coldest mornings of the year but what was unusual he was on a bamboo bike. Yep, known as Bamboo Basti. (Basti short for Sebastian), he built the frame from bamboo and carbon. His "Ride For The Planet" will take him through 24 countries and then returning to Germany.

Basti likes to "walk the walk" and joined FOWSPians planting 200 riparian species along the river on his quest to plant 40,000 plants on his global adventure. Good luck Basti



Nursery Visitors

Sarah and Andy are off to the UK in 2 weeks time and won't be back for a few years. They said a fond farewell to all their friends at FOWSP and this cake carried FOWSP well wishes to them.

For further info see: <http://bamboobasti.com/453-2/>

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

Thurs	2 Aug	9:00-12:00	Walert Creek	Planting, weeding	Moderate	FOWSP
Thurs	16 Aug	9:00-12:00	Endeavour Bank	Planting	Easy	FOWSP
Thurs	30 Aug	9:00-12:00	Yarra Brae	Weeding area	Difficult	FOWSP
Thurs	6 Sep	9:00-12:00	Ridge block	Weeding and planting	Moderate	FOWSP

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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Mel Coupar (Line drawings)

Next Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday 14 August 2018

Venue: Education Centre, Pound Bend

Time: 19:30 pm sharp

Manningham City Council Environment Seminars



The Environment Seminars are held on the first Wednesday of the month.

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Many of the seminars will be complemented with field trips to allow broader education on the topics.

Bookings are not required for the evening seminars; however, bookings are essential for the field trips.

Due to the popularity of field trips, bookings are limited to two field trips per person for the series.

Attendance is required for the corresponding seminar to be eligible to attend and keep your booking for field trips.

Wednesday 1 August 2018 Local Ecological Communities and how to recognise them presented by Local environmental scientist Dr Graeme Lorimer. Understanding ecological communities helps us better appreciate and enjoy nature. If we understand the roles of the many interactions between flora and fauna we can become better stewards of the world around us. Wild flora and fauna species (native and introduced) form ecological communities that are sometimes obviously distinct and sometimes very subtle. For example, the tall Manna Gum forest of our rivers is clearly distinct from the Red Box forests of our ridges — but have you noticed the community that occurs on bare, dry, rabbit-disturbed areas, with its rare plants? Local environmental scientist Dr Graeme Lorimer will guide you on how to recognise local communities and what condition they're in.

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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

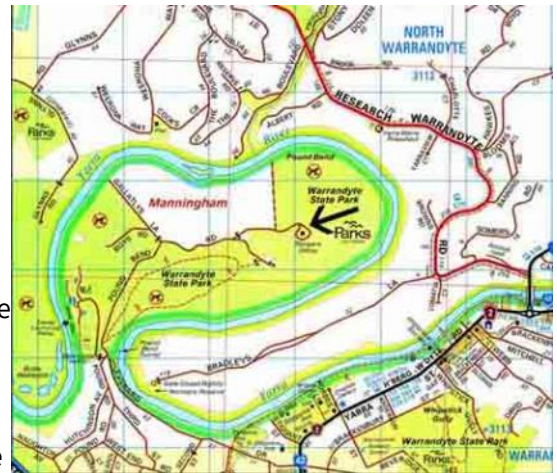
The nursery is open for plant sales every Thursday.

9.30 am to 12.30 pm and

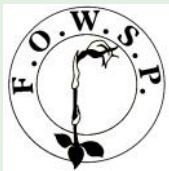
the first Saturday of every month, 9am to 2pm (to coincide with the Warrandyte Market) April to November only.

Closed Christmas and New Years days.

Also closed to customers and volunteers on days of severe weather and on Total Fire Ban Days



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FOWSP/Manningham Thursday nature walks



This series of free nature walks will explore various sections of the Yarra River from the eastern end of Manningham in Wonga Park downstream to Templestowe.

Each walk is paced to allow participants to enjoy and appreciate the natural beauty of the area.

Please wear appropriate clothing for the weather including a hat and sturdy footwear. Bring a water bottle and snack.

Wattles at Whipstick Thursday 23 August 2018, 9.30am - 12.30pm At the peak of wattle season we will ascend Fourth Hill and seek out the wattles that grow in the harsh stony hills, returning along the river to see the moisture loving species.

Distance: 4km **Time:** 2.5hrs **Rating:** Difficult

Blue Tongue Bend Loop Thursday 27 September 2018, 9.30am - 12.30pm

A circular walk that follows the management track over the ridge and then returns along the river, with stunning views, rare plants and an old chapel to discover along the way.

Distance: 4kms **Time:** 3hrs **Rating:** Difficult (some steep narrow sections of foot track)

Ratings:

Easy – Flat or undulating well formed tracks/paths with low tripping hazards.

Moderate – May include some moderately steep or narrow sections or have higher tripping hazards.

Difficult – Includes steep and/or narrow sections, slippery sections, or high tripping hazards.

Bookings can be made online and are essential as places are limited. Bookings open 2 months before the walk date. www.manningham.vic.gov.au/nature-walks

The meeting place will be provided at the time of booking.

Please note that nature walks will be cancelled on a day of Total Fire Ban or extreme weather warning as Parks Victoria will close all local parks.

Around the nursery

FOWSPians send their Get Well wishes for Carol Page, recovering after knee surgery at Donvale Rehab. Hope to see you back at the nursery soon! Hope you enjoy this shot of Rough Bluebell from a hillside at Tom Price.



*Get well soon!
From Linda and FOWSP*



Josh's patented Tall People Safety Alert feature'- enough said (I tested it). Thanks Lisa for words and photo.

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Saturday 4 August 9:30 AM TO 12:30 PM Field Trip: Local Ecological Communities and how to recognise them. Join local environmental scientist Dr Graeme Lorimer on a three hour walk through a variety of ecological communities. Learn what makes them tick: the factors that determine their presence, the cycles they go through, their vulnerability to climate change or other influences, and their responses to land management choices. See how Manningham Council is monitoring change in the ecological condition of the communities. Please be prepared for a moderately hilly walk of 3–4 km on bush tracks.

Wednesday 5 September 7:30 pm Fish and crayfish of Mannningham's creeks presented by Chris Bloink
This seminar provides a background review of the fish and crayfish species found in Manningham's creeks. Chris will provide an outline of the species that were formerly known or suspected to occur in these waterways, together with a summary of their ecology.

Saturday 8 September 10:00 to 12:00 Field trip: Chris will lead backpack electrofishing demonstration in a local Manningham creek. The demonstration will include a display and discussion of any fish and crayfish species captured as well as habitat and threats.



FOWSP MARKET TRAILER

Thanks to those who helped out on Saturday 2 June and/or 7 July 2018
**Diane and John Baird, Jeff Cranston, Marion Thomson, Lyn Moore,
Christine Andell, Kim Cope, Lisa Jenkins, Joy Hick and Barrie Taylor,
Lyndy Gilbert and Ken Crook**



Special thanks to Artur Muchow and Kelvin Watkins who transported the market trailer.

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 for the future
please contact Jan Falconer 0419 872 096 email trailer@fowsp.org.au
First timers are always paired with someone more experienced.

Next market dates are: Saturdays, 4 August and 1 September 2018

FOWSP tea time excellence

Gloria says:

Lyndy's morning teas every Thursday morning are legendary and her French inspired spread to commemorate Bastille Day in July was no exception.

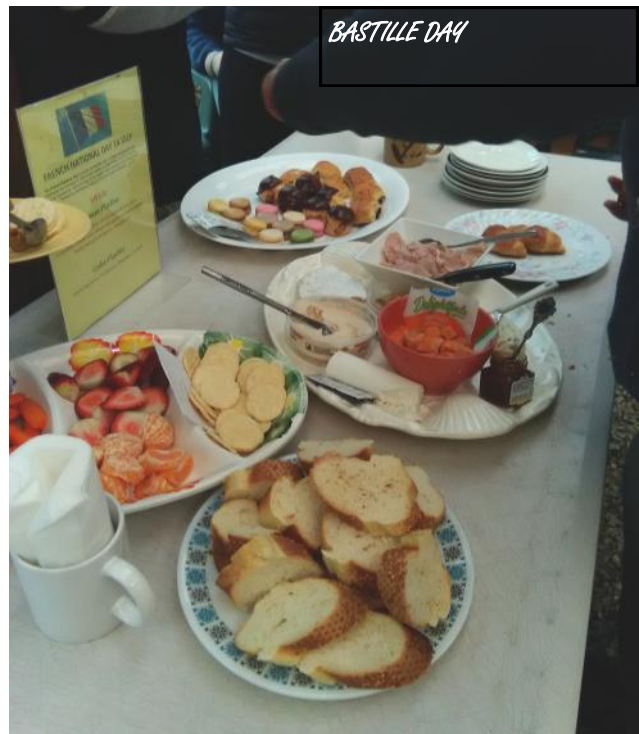
We all tucked into a platter of gourmet cheeses, ham and condiments, baguette, croissants, delicious French pastries, macarons and fresh fruit. (Photo right)

Merci, Lyndy. Viva la France!!

Lyndy adds:

Morning teas continue to be provided for our wonderful volunteers, who turn up, rain, hail or shine.

This year, we have organised special morning teas including - Easter, Mothers Day and Bastille Day, which have been a wonderful way of sharing special stories about our families and the richness of our cultures.



Above was a Mother's Day High Tea. We had white chocolate cake surrounded by macarons, ribbon sandwiches, fruit and chocolate flower cups, rocky road and lavender cupcakes. The morning tea brought up precious memories of mothers past and present, a most significant one was that of Michelle's family - 4 generations - grandmother, mother, children and grandchildren - have been knitting together to produce wonderful garments passed from generation to generation.

We are truly grateful for the continuing contributions to our morning teas - members have kindly donated fruit, dips, cheeses, cakes, flour, duck eggs and money.

Thank you to everyone, your donations are very much appreciated.

And another thank you:

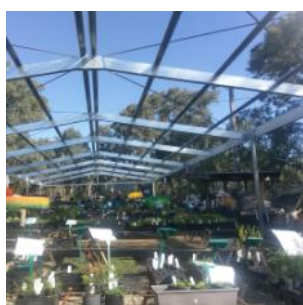
The boomerang cloth bags that our members have been making have been a real hit at the Warrandyte market. Not only have we had favourable remarks from people for providing them, but they have also started to return them to the trailer.

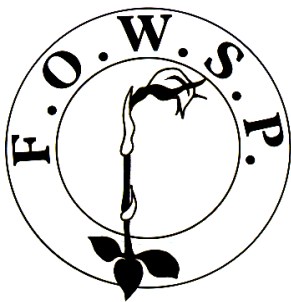
Thank you to all the hardworking people who have made the bags. It was worth the effort.

**From watering plants to saving lives:
Grants are essential to FOWSP**

Thank you to our FOWSP members who have over the years written grant applications to help achieve our goals. Here is a summary of successful grants for the past 9 years.

YEAR	AMOUNT	FROM	PURPOSE
2018	\$1000	Middle Yarra Landcare Group	First aid and CPR training.
2018	\$270	Manningham City Council	50% contribution to BBQ and table.
2018	\$4004	Wettenhall Environment Funding	Provision of interpretive signage for Frogland.
2018	\$5227	Dept of Infrastructure	Provision of irrigation equipment and nets to cover the sales area.
2018	\$7555	Warrandyte Community Bank	Construction of a steel frame for the FOWSP nursery sales area. (See page 2)
2018	\$6557	Melbourne Water	Rehabilitate Endeavour Bank, Warrandyte State Park.
2017	\$43500	DELWP	Rehabilitate Walert Creek – 3 year project (administered by Parks Vic)
2017	\$500	Field Naturalist Society of Victoria	Laptop for the FOWSP nursery.
2016	\$2600	Warrandyte Community Bank	Defibrillator Unit (in the Education Centre).
2014	\$957	Melbourne Water	Rehabilitate the Orchard Track
2013	\$1100	Melbourne Water	Rehabilitate the Orchard Track.
2013	\$1400	Rotary Club Templestowe	2 x 10,000 litre water tanks.
2013	\$3150	Manningham City Council	
2013	\$800	Manningham City Council	Better Living Program
2009	\$2000	Bendigo Bank	Primary School Environmental competition – WPPS, WPS, ACPS, POPS
Ongoing	\$800 per annum	Parks Vic	Tools and equipment for FOWSP nursery & TAGS.





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Handsome black and white wasp

This handsome fellow was photographed when he was trapped in our caravan while in Marble Bar. While travelling I haven't taken time to sort out an identity.

Marble Bar, by the way has very pleasant temperatures in July and we found the jasper bar on the Coongan that gave it the town a name to be astonishingly beautiful. It is easy to see how it was formerly mistaken for marble. See photos p.11.

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Joy's Roo



Lisa reports 'roos have neatly pruned our *Poa* trays
And Carolyn shares lovely dewdrops on FOWSP plants.
Peter anoints the rocks at Marble Bar to show their full
colours.



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