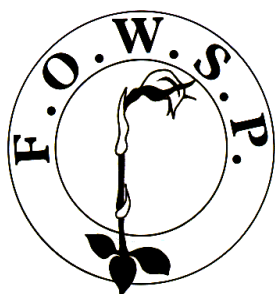


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Editor's Corner

Another jam-packed newsletter with Lana (right) providing our school holiday's smile. Find more smiles from birthday celebrations and FOWSP fashion on p. 7.

Ian Penrose presents photos of wild creatures which share his place p. 2. The same page starts off perspectives of history of Warrandyte State Park brought to our attention by John Hanson.

Ranger Phil brings us more good news from Mullum Mullum p.3 and Charles helps out in Frogland on the same page.

Deer are excluded by Artur and others on p. 4.

Seven species of bird's nests in one-day's wander at Pound Bend! Details on P. 9.

We sadly see a last smile from late Ray Kruger and send our best wishes to his family on p.8. *Linda*



School holidays brings welcomed visits from the younger generation. Here Marion and young Lana are hiding behind the *Hardenbergia* and orchids. However they spent more time as welcomed helpers weeding in Frogland.

Notice to all FOWSP members:

The AGM will be held on **Sunday 11 November 2018**, 5:00 pm at the Folly.

The purpose of this meeting is to receive annual reports and select the Committee of Management.

All positions will be declared open.

Nomination forms are available through the secretary at 0415 383328 artur@netspace.net.au.

Or at the nursery on Thursday mornings from 1 November

The meeting will be followed by BYO drinks and nibbles and a BYO everything BBQ.

Followed by **Native bees and pollinators in my garden by Linda Rogan**

A brief presentation.

A great chance to relax with Friends. See you there!

Deadline for December edition newsletter is

Friday 23 November

contributions can be emailed to Linda Rogan editor@fowsp.org.au
or posted to PO Box 220, Warrandyte 3113

Whose place? A message from Ian Penrose

30 September 2018



"On my walk to get the morning paper, I need to watch out for the "messages" that a local wombat leaves on our path over night. Here he is venturing outside his warren to sniff the cool air (photo left)."

"Then there is Wallace, the Black Wallaby, (photo below) who pops into our front garden to rest under the shade of our shrubs. Sure, he nibbles everything in the garden, much to my wife's distress. But to see this beautiful, wild creature up close in our place is a real thrill. But maybe we should think, "We are living in HIS place"?"



John Hanson found the following document early in 2018 when he was going through some of his historical files. It is uncertain who wrote the introductory paragraphs but it is relevant to the history of FOWSP.

PERSPECTIVES

Harold Taskis, a regular member of FOWSP projects & long-time member of the Doncaster and Templestowe Conservation Society, on which Harold has held prominent positions for many years sent us a bit of interesting history the other week.

Tidying up his files he came across the details of the original moves to establish the Warrandyte State Park. It seems that some company was interested in building a Country Club — Golf course in the Black Flat area. The company was hoping to use the Crown land there for this purpose. Luckily a member of the above organization saw the notice & a delegation was sent out to investigate the land. Harold was amongst the 3 or 4 people who looked at the land & decided it could be put to better use.

Letters were then sent off in all directions and as a result of work down by many dedicated people Warrandyte State Park was set up. Here is an outline of events:

(Continued on page 8)

Exciting news in the Mullum Mullum Creek area

Report from Phil Rance

BREAKING NEWS in the Mullum Mullum Reserve, Gray, Cam and I have found two remaining *Chiloglottis* colonies (out of an 5 reported historically). These were originally thought to be *Chiloglottis jeansii* (Mountain Bird Orchid). Re-examination of the orchid, blooming in this September, has revealed *Chiloglottis* sp. aff. *valida* (see pic of flower) and this could be one of our rarest orchids. Fortunately a joint PV/FOWSP grant (Walert Creek Grant) was successful which will allow us to construct a herbivore exclusion fence around these and we will devise some management actions to support their recovery. We will keep you posted on these developments.

Future works for the Mullum - within the Walert grant site include:

- contractor weed control targeting the non-indigenous Wonga Vine cultivar (running riot out there), Japanese Honeysuckle and Angled Onion,
- fencing the *Chiloglottis* sp. aff. *valida* populations,
- weed/leaf litter removal around these populations,
- TAG events targeted on woody weed removal
- further revegetation of selected sites.

Future works outside of the grant site:

- enrichment plantings at the Chaim house site,
- enlarging the existing fence at Chaim Crt.
- enrichment plantings within the new and improved fence including the endangered *Platylobium infecundum* which the FOWSP nursery is currently growing for us,
- woody weed control in the area with TAG assistance.

Correction: In the October Newsletter rare plants near Chaim Court along Mullum Mullum, the *Wahlenbergia* listed should not be *W. luteola* but instead *W. multicaulis*.



Chiloglottis sp. aff. *valida* Photo: P. Rance

Finding the right bit

Many thanks to Charles for taking the time to find the right bits to adjust our Frogland tap to suit our light weight hose.

Much that has been planted over the past year has needed ongoing watering due to the very dry conditions.

Marie has vigilantly looked after these plants in the hope that once they are established they will tolerate the drier conditions.

Linda



Deer fence exclosures now completed



Three exclosure fences have been constructed at Endeavour Bank over three Thursdays by Friends and TAFE students. First Peter Voutier trained us in construction techniques.

On the second Thursday two new volunteers, Nadia and Peter, assisted while enjoying a day at the river bank. (photo). The work was completed on the third Thursday by the capable Brian and me.

These fences are necessary due to browsing of deer. The fence is 10x10m and 1.8m high. That should discourage deer from jumping over. A gap of 20cm at the bottom allows wombats and other

Volunteers Nadia and Peter inspect the deer exclosure fencing. Photo Artur

natives access while excluding deer and kangaroos.

Plans are to plant locally rare species such as: *Prostanthera lasianthos*, *Pomaderris elliptica*, *Goodia lotifolia*, *Spyridium parvifolium*, *Ozothamnus ferrugineus*, *Carex iynx* and *Pomaderris vacciniifolia*.

Melbourne Water gave us this grant and has agreed with our three year plan for the area. The year 2 application has been already submitted.

Artur

TAGS (Thursday activity groups)

TAGS meet at the nursery at 9.00 am for a 9.15 am departure. Please remember to wear appropriate footwear and clothing for the weather, and please bring your own filled water bottle.

Contact number: 0408 317 327

Difficulty ratings:

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

Moderate: Uneven terrain, light to heavy lifting, kneeling and bending involved. Tripping hazards present.

Difficult: Steep terrain, light to heavy lifting, working in over-grown areas and lots of bending. Many tripping hazards and slippery surfaces present.

Thurs	15 Nov	9:00-12:00	Walert Creek	Follow up and maintenance	Easy	FOWSP
Thurs	29 Nov	9:00-12:00	Nilja/ Alexander Rd.	Woody weeding	Easy	FOWSP

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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Newsletter Team this month: Linda Rogan,
Gloria Moore, Lisa Jenkins, Kay Williams
Mel Coupar (Line drawings)

Next Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday 11 November 2018 with the AGM

Venue: Education Centre, Pound Bend

Time: 17:00 pm sharp

Manningham City Council Environment Seminars



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

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.

Seminar Venue: River View Room, The Grand Hotel, Warrandyte

Time: Please arrive at 7.20pm for a 7.30pm start

Enquiries: 9840 9326

Wednesday 5 December 2018, 7.30pm Arboreal mammal surveys for conservation management

Leadbeater's Possum and the Greater Glider Presented by Louise Durkin, Threatened Species Ecologist at the Arthur Rylah Institute for Environmental Research. Louise will be speaking about local arboreal mammal communities in Manningham and beyond in the forests of the Victorian highlands.

Louise will summarise recent work on targeted surveys for conservation management of two threatened arboreals – camera trapping in the canopy to rapidly detect new Leadbeater's possum colonies, and line transect spot-lighting to estimate current population densities of Greater Gliders

Please note the seminars and field trips will be cancelled in the event of extreme weather, including a Total Fire Ban or Code Red Fire Danger Day.

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.

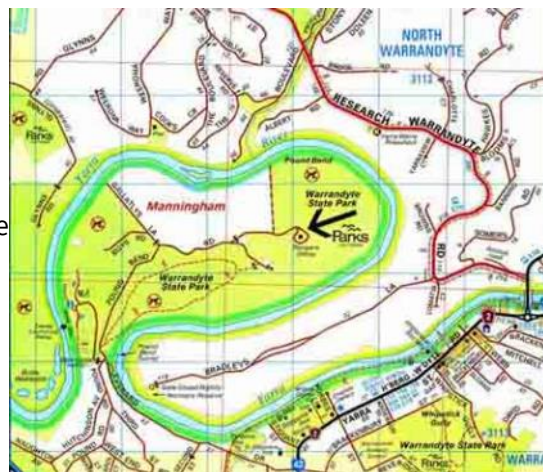
9.30 am to 12.30 pm and

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

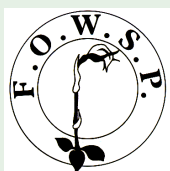
Closed Christmas and New Years days.

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

Prices: Members \$2.00 Non-members \$2.50



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FOWSP/Manningham Thursday nature walks



This series of nature walks will explore various sections of the natural areas of Manningham. Each walk is paced to allow participants to enjoy and appreciate the natural beauty of the area.

Bookings are essential as places are limited. Bookings will open two months before the walk date.

The meeting point for each nature walk will be provided at the time of your booking. All walk durations are approximate.

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

9:30 am Thursday 22 November Jumping Creek to Warrandyte Bridge We follow the river downstream, over the escarpment and then onto alluvial flats, through an old orchard and past some gold mining heritage. This walk will involve a 4km shared car shuttle as the walk is one way.

Distance: 3.5 km **Time:** 3 hrs **Rating:** Difficult (some sections of steep, narrow, rocky foot tracks)

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.

At the nursery in October



Lisa and Carolyn are making a serious effort to raise the standard of fashion amongst FOWSPians (photo left by Lyndy G). Carolyn is making sure there are plenty of sun hats to go around as sunny days increase.

No sooner had we celebrated Kay's birthday (below left, photo Carolyn N.) than it was time to celebrate Lisa's (below right, photo Linda). It was the fancy candelabra, not the number of candles that meant it took both Annette and Kay to get them alight.

Linda



Propagation Workshop on 22/11/18, 13.30-15.30 at the nursery.

Josh Revell will be running a workshop for members of all MYLN groups to learn the skills needed for successful propagation of our local native plants. Limit 12 participants.

RSVP to ensure a place on myln@netspace.net.au or 0415383328



FOWSP MARKET TRAILER

Thanks to those who helped out on Saturday 6 October 2018
Diane and John Baird, Jeff Cranston, Marion Thomson
Christine Andell, Lyn Moore, Lyndy Gilbert and Ken Crook



Special thanks to **John Young** 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
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, 1 December 2018 and 2 February 2019

Vale Ray Kruger 7 February 1931—25 September 2018

Ray was most involved with FOWSP starting after the death of his beloved wife. At this time he found the Pound Bend nursery a special place of peace and beauty and he valued the friendships he found there.

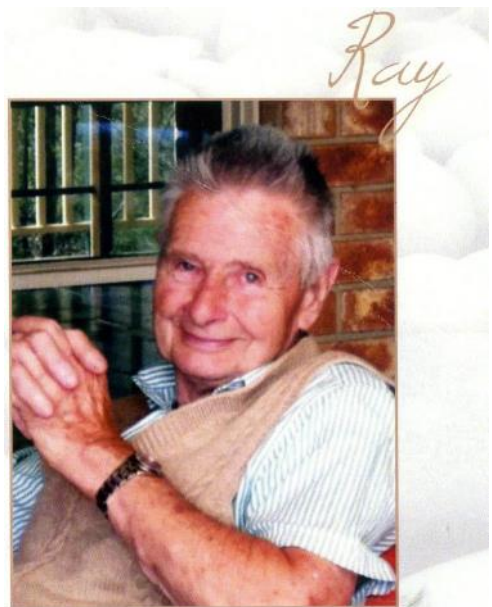
A stone mason by trade, his skills found good use at FOWSP. Members remember him with a wheelbarrow doing some of the heavy work in forming the gardens at the front of the nursery.

He was also remembered for his ready smile and friendly ways.

Ray became less active around FOWSP around 2011 when he required a total hip replacement.

He will be remembered fondly by many long time FOWSPIANS.

Our sympathetic thoughts go out to his family and friends.



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WARRANTYTE STATE PARK - HISTORY of PROPOSAL timeline

August 1969 Proposal submitted to Minister of State Development with copies to other Ministers, Department Heads, and local Municipalities.

September 1969 Minister for Local Government expressed enthusiasm for the proposal and advised that he had requested to examine it closely as part of its special study of the Yarra Valley.

October—December 1969 Proposal endorsed in principle by municipalities of Eltham, Lilydale and Doncaster and Templestowe.

December 1969 Minister for Lands advised. that his department would await advice from MMBW before considering the proposal;

1969-1972 The Member for Templestowe Province (Hon. W. V. Houghton) spoke several times for the proposal in the Legislative Council.

February 1970 Minister for State Development advised that the National Parks Authority while agreeing that there was "great merit" in the proposal, felt that the management of the Park was beyond their capacity at the time.

September 1971 Chairman of Land Conservation Council advised that it was planning a study of Crown land in the Melbourne area "outside the boundaries of cities, towns or boroughs" and would therefore include those parts of the proposed Park not in the City of Doncaster and Templestowe

November 1971 The M. M.B.W. in its Planning Scheme Amendments 3 and 21 proposed changes giving appropriate zoning to Ali (?) land in the proposed Park

August 1972 Because of the deterioration in the Park area caused by rubbish—dumping and other vandalism moves were made in the City of Doncaster and Templestowe Council to seek Forests Commission and Lands Department assistance for the appointment of two permanent rangers.

September 1972 The new Minister for Conservation (Hon. W. A. Borthwick MLA) was brought up to date with development in the proposal and his support and action sought.

November 1972 Minister for Conservation advised that part of the area of the proposed Park is public land under the provisions of the Land Conservation Act and decision on its future use would have to await the completion of the Melbourne Study Area investigation.

February 1973 National Parks Service asked by Minister for Conservation to report on the Proposal. Interim Committee. assisted National Parks Service in survey of the Park area.

April 1973 The Premier announced decision to establish Warrandyte State Park under the control of the National Parks Service.

Friends of Warrandyte State Park (FOWSP) dates its beginning as 1982. "Warrandyte State Park in 1982 - Initially it was just Pound Bend, Jumping Creek, and Black Flat but by 1981 had taken shape with the addition of parcels such as the Common, Timber Reserve and Fourth Hill. By 1982 lots of work waiting to be done, areas neglected over decades." from Val Polley at the 30th celebration 2012.

Seven species of birds nesting found in one day at Pound Bend

But this was 1938



I'm sorry I have lost track of who sent me the excerpt below from The Field Naturalist December 1938. It's a joy to read and to imagine accompanying A.S. Chalk and others on this wander through Pound Bend as it once was.

The photos here are much more recent, courtesy of Lynda Chambers.



Linda R

EXCURSION TO POUND BEND, WARRANDYTE

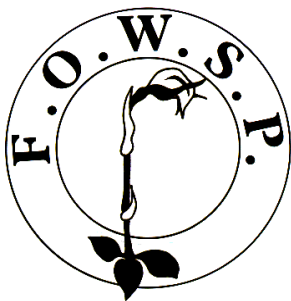
Hot, sultry weather did not deter about 16 members and friends from attending the above excursion on November 19. Owing to the exceptionally dry season, bird life was not so much in evidence as on former visits to this locality in previous years. Nevertheless, some 35 species were met with, and an interesting outing resulted.

A number of Yellow Robins were observed nesting, and in every instance, whether the nest contained eggs or young, one of the parents remained constantly standing on the edge of the nest with outstretched wings, sheltering the precious nestlings and/or eggs, from the burning rays of the sun. A visit was paid to the beautifully fashioned cob-web covered home of the Grey Fantail. While we stood alongside, the sitting male bird was relieved from his task of brooding by his mate, the change over being effected in a flash. Several photographs of the bird and nest were taken from very close range without disturbing the little mother, while later on the leader of the party was able to stroke with his hand the trustful little creature as she stuck to her task of incubation. Under

the circumstances, we had not the heart to compel the brave little bird to leave the nest, which it is thought contained eggs. The nest of the Superb Blue Wren (containing three eggs) was found about eight feet off the ground in a Melaleuca bush on the river bank. Usually this bird builds close to the ground. Similarly placed, and close by, was the green moss nest of the Yellow-faced Honeyeater, sheltering three young. Many nests of the Red-browed Firetail were seen in the shrubs growing near the water. The cleverly concealed home of the White-browed Scrub Wren was discovered under a small tussock of grass on a hillside and it held three eggs, well incubated. Golden and Rufous Whistlers entertained us most of the afternoon with their usual outpourings of rich melody.

The sight of the day, however, was the Owlet-Nightjar. The bird was seen to fly from a hollow about 10 feet above ground, in a small stringy-bark tree. Upon peering into the cavity we saw two glossy-white oval-shaped eggs and a recently hatched young bird, clad in a dense coat of pure white down resembling cotton wool. We spent over half an hour at this nest, and during the whole of that time the parent bird sat motionless watching the proceedings from a nearby tree, and gave us a wonderful opportunity of studying her very closely. Although not actually rare, this bird is not often seen while the nest and eggs are even less frequently found. The Kunzea scrub was in full blossom, and was much admired, but the Christmas Bush (*Prostanthera lasianthos*), although in bud, had drooped its leaves, and appeared to be languishing from want of moisture, even on the river banks.

A. S. CHALK.



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Castiarina octomaculata

This is my first jewel beetle for this season and it was found on *Melaleuca* sp. at Langwarrin.

Since most of the jewel beetles at my place have been seen on *Kunzea ericoides* and this shrub has just started to come into bloom at the last week of October, I am hoping for more to be spotted soon.

My count of jewel beetles so far is eight.

Linda

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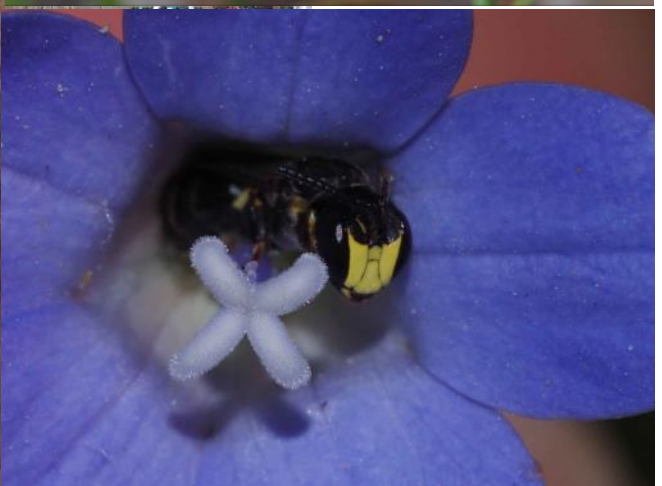
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Lasioglossum on *Dillwynia cinerascens*

Photo key previous page, clockwise from upper left:
1-2 Tiny froglet at nursery, my ID is *Crinia signifera*.
3. Tiny Chocolate Lily blooming in Frogland in spite of the dry conditions.
4. *Hylaeus* species bee sheltering in *Wahlenbergia* for the night.
5. Beautifully blooming *Hibbertia obtusifolia* at nursery.
6. *Lasioglossum Chilalictus* bee on *Hibbertia* bloom.