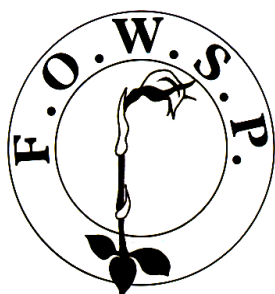


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Editor's Corner

Hi

September's newsletter. Apart from a few brief bursts of sunshine, we are being reminded that it is still winter. However, the wattles are out!

Some of my regular contributors are up north getting some winter sunshine, so good luck to them. Thanks to Kelvin for providing an article from one of the recent TAGs, highlighting some of the good work being done in the field.

The TAG team go out every week to do some interesting work around our patch. This part of our volunteer work may appeal to those of you who would like to explore some of the areas of the National Park that are off-limits or inaccessible to most of us. No need to book, just turn up at the nursery by 9am on a Thursday.

John Young

Don't forget you can donate to FOWSP. Deductions can be included in your tax assessment.

<https://www.landcarevictoria.org.au/LVI/Donate/Make%20a%20donation.aspx>

Email the treasurer treasurer@fowsp.org.au to let him know about your donation.

Here's a question for FOWSPians. This is a very large apple tree (I think) in full bloom near Endeavour Bank. It looks lovely at this time of year and, I assume, is left over from when the area was full of orchards.

However, what is it doing in a National Park? It is right next to an area we are actively revegetating as part of National Tree Day.

**Deadline for October's newsletter is
Friday **September 26th, 2025**
contributions can be emailed to [John Young editor@fowsp.org.au](mailto:John.Young@fowsp.org.au)
or posted to PO Box 220, Warrandyte 3113**

Around The Traps



Another unclaimed birthday cake from Sybille. Really, we are a shy lot. The recipe for this Sand Cake is on the right.



A while ago, Alwyn brought some paint pens in and encouraged members to draw/paint flowers (or anything that took their fancy) on this piece of fencing.

It's coming up well and there is still space!

Recipes of the Month

Quick mix Sand Cake

185g butter
2 teaspoons vanilla essence
1 1/4 cups castor sugar
3 eggs
1/3 cup milk
1 1/2 cups self raising flour
1/2 cup cornflour.

Grease 23cm square slab tin. Line with greased paper.

Combine all ingredients in a medium bowl.

Beat with electric beater until combined, then beat on medium speed until smooth and changed in colour.

Spread in tin and bake moderate oven for approx 45 minutes.

Stand 5 minutes before turning out to cool. Dust with icing sugar.

Keeping time 2 days.

Amazing Coconut Rough Bliss Balls.

10 medjool dates (I used dried dates, approx 150g, and soaked them in boiled water for approx 10 minutes)
1 1/2 cups shredded or desiccated coconut
1/4 cup raw cacao powder
2 tbsp coconut oil
1 tsp vanilla extract

Add all ingredients to a food processor or high speed blender and process until well combined. (or puree dates and mix all ingredients by hand).

Roll into balls and toss in dessicated coconut, almond meal, cocoa or seeds.

Store in fridge until ready to eat.

Sybille

TAG to Morrisons bushland 7th August 2025

Our first task of the day was to remove woody weeds from the southern end of Morrisons bushland (part of Warrandyte State Park) in North Warrandyte. Our main objectives were non-indigenous wattles, including *Acacia floribunda*, *Acacia prominens*, *Acacia decurrens*, *Acacia baileyana* and also some hybrids. Some of the specimens were quite large but were no match for our dedicated crew.

Disappointingly, we also noticed increasing numbers of highly invasive freesias. Hopefully, funding for spraying can be found before they become unmanageable.



Above: David, Esme and Kelvin removing *Acacia floribunda*

We then moved on to view the critically endangered spider orchid, *Caladenia rosella*.



Above: *Caladenia rosella* about to flower

Due to Cam's tireless efforts and the Royal Botanic Gardens propagation program, numbers are slowly increasing. Seeds from the Morrisons site are being used to replenish other populations within Nil-lumbik. Unfortunately, many orchid species are disappearing within the Melbourne region due to loss of habitat and grazing by deer, rabbits and introduced millipedes.

Spring is the main flowering season for many of our indigenous orchids. Keep an eye out for greenhoods, spider orchids and leopard orchids, just to name a few.



Above: This photo of *Pterostylis nana* was captured due to the handy work of Jono

Over the years, Cam's eagle eye and attention to detail has helped to identify hundreds and hundreds of plant species. Some time ago, a *Correa* at Morrisons caught his attention and, with the help of Jeff Carr, it was deemed to be a new species. It has now been formally named as *Correa beardsellii* (see photo below).



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TAG to Morrisons bushland 7th August 2025 (cont'd)



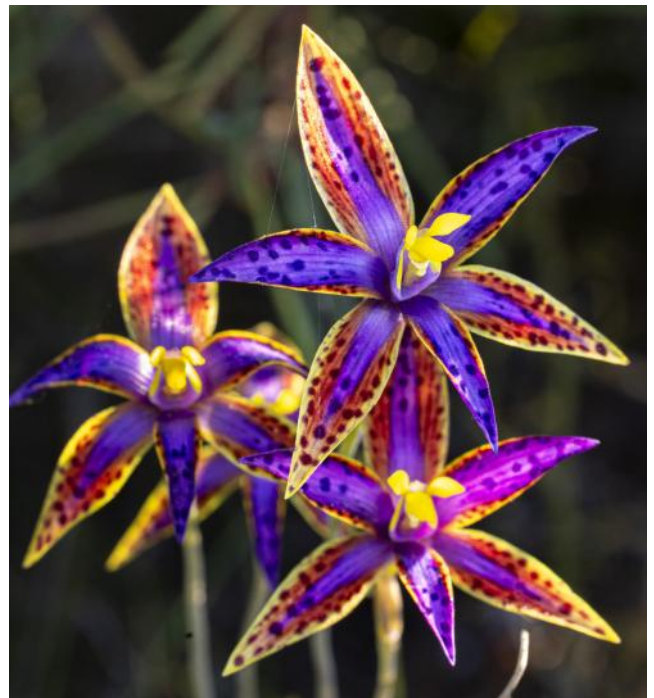
Above: Cam and Esme planting *Glycine latrobiana*

After admiring various plant species and devouring morning tea we moved on to plant out 20 *Glycine latrobiana*. (Soy beans are a member of this family) Thought to be extinct back in the early 1970s, Cam rediscovered it while doing his Honours degree. As part of a World Health Organisation program, it was then crossed with a tropical *Glycine* species and this produced a plant that would grow in the subtropics.

The *Glycine latrobiana* seedlings were propagated and pricked out by Esme at the nursery. With help from Cam, Judith and Robyn, Esme prepared the soil and planted the 20 specimens.

Thanks to Cam and the Parks Victoria team for another wonderful morning roaming our beautiful bushland.

Kelvin



Above: Queen of Sheba orchid *Thelymitra variegata* seen by Fiona in WA. Possibly one of the world's most beautiful orchids, it is much sought after and locations are often kept secret.

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.

Check the website for any changes at <http://fowsp.org.au/activities.php>

04/09/25	Rifle Range/ Butterman's Track	David/ Robyn	Planting/reveg. maintenance	Easy
11/09/25	One Tree Hill	Phil/Cam	Dunnart housing/weeding	Easy/Mod
18/09/25	Nilja/Longridge Farm	Gray	Agapanthicide/lillies/freesia removal/planting	Easy/Mod
25/09/25	Flora Cres St.Andrews	Phil	Planting, woody/grassy weed control	Easy/Mod
02/10/25	St.Andrews NCR	Kylie/ Justin	Sallow wattle, broom, gorse, boneseed, bulbine weeds	Difficult
09/10/25	Frogland/Endeavour Bank	Linda/ Josh	Ixia removal, planting, weeding	Easy

National Tree Day

National Tree Day was on Sunday 27th of July. Here are a couple of shots showing how things are going.



Market Trailer

If you are able to help out with transport of the Market Trailer please contact Artur (mylnet7@gmail.com)

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.

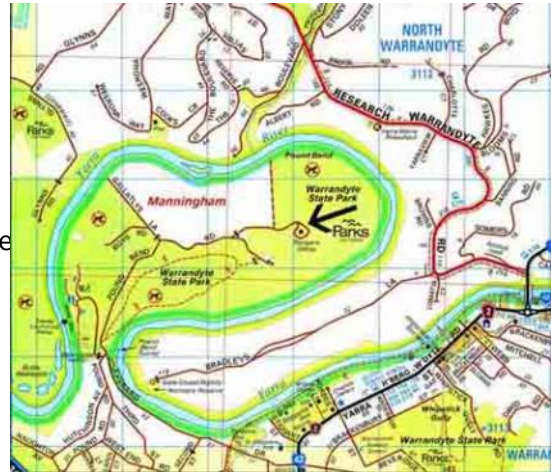
9.30 am to 12.30 pm and

the first Saturday of every month, 9am to 1pm (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 \$2.50 Non-members \$3.00 (tube stock)



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Nillumbik Gardens For Wildlife

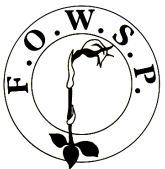
Gardens For Wildlife is a Nillumbik Council initiative designed to encourage and guide local residents to create wildlife-friendly gardens that support biodiversity and improve habitat connectivity.

Upon registering your interest (Google Nillumbik Gardens for Wildlife where you will see an on-line form), you will be visited by two trained, friendly and local 'Garden Guides' who will undertake an assessment, provide suggestions and a written report.

The programme is designed to provide guidance on habitat planting with indigenous plants. It is not a general gardening advice service, nor does it provide guidance on design or landscaping.

There is a newsletter with plenty of ideas for our own gardens, as well as a featured plant.

Each edition starts with the indigenous season we are currently in and runs through some of the things that might be happening.



FOWSP MARKET TRAILER

Thanks to those who volunteered to run the trailer on **Saturday, 2 August**, Christine Arndell, Chris Kay, Joy Hick, Marie Krause, Pam von Drehnen, Lyn Moore, Jeff Cranston and Jan Falconer.

Trailer transport: Artur Muchow

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 on 0419 872 096 or email trailer@fowsp.org.au
First timers are always paired with someone more experienced.

Next market dates are:
Saturday, 6th September 2025
Saturday, 4th October 2025



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Next Committee Meeting	
Date:	Tuesday September 9, 2025
Venue:	Education Centre Pound Bend
Time:	17:00 sharp

Are your subs due??

Please check the message on the email you receive with the newsletter link by scrolling down beyond the link . If subs are due soon a message such as below will be seen in the email.:

‘Please note that, according to our records, your Membership is due to expire on . Please click on the link below to renew your Membership.

http://fowsp.org.au/membership.php?member_id=&membership_renewal=Yes
Of course, if this matter has been attended to recently, please disregard.’

FOWSP Membership Renewal Form

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Send to: FOWSP PO Box 220, Warrandyte 3113 or renew on the website www.fowsp.org.au with the option of direct deposit payment.