



Friends of Pallister's Reserve Inc.

Pallister's Reserve is a 254 ha wetland reserve on Masons Road, Orford, owned by Trust for Nature, & managed by the Friends of Pallister's Reserve Inc. Established January 1990

Sept
2025



Next Meeting: Sunday, September 28, 2025

9:30am Committee 10am: Working Bee Noon: Lunch 12:30pm: Discussion

September Discussion

It is proposed to have a broad-ranging discussion to identify and prioritize issues for further in-depth examination. Some topics:

- What are the scientific and technical resources of Trust for Nature, and should we seek access to them?
- Should we review our ongoing – albeit dated – Management Plan, taking the opportunity to re-articulate management objectives and assess the successes – or otherwise – of current practices? All management aspects should be considered, including feral control, weed control, planting program, and monitoring.
- Is there a demonstrated need for a more offensive feral management program?
- How can our fiscal resources be used most effectively? In the past much of the Friends management program appears to have been achieved simply by dint of sheer volunteer effort. Nowadays, management practices increasingly demand the outlay of money, either for modern equipment, or for contracted services. Can we set up benchmarks for measuring the merits of such spending?
- What is the next step for the canopy monitoring?
- **Each member will have their own thoughts. Please bring your concerns along to share at the meeting!**

September Meeting Objectives

- Clear tracks of debris from recent storms.
- Coastal wattle weed control. Bring your favourite garden tools.
- Mowing ...



Pallisters Reserve lies in the traditional Country of the Eastern Maar and Gunditjmara peoples, who never ceded their sovereignty of the Land. We are indebted for their past and ongoing custodianship.



Dead Pobblebonk Frog (*Limnodynastes dumerilii*), photographed at Pallister's by Nick Glover. There are five subspecies of *L. dumerilii*, each with a different skin coloration. The flamboyantly-mottled underbelly identifies this specimen with the *L. dumerilii variegatus* subspecies that populates SW Victoria and the east of South Australia.

Planting

On September 14, seven Friends planted ≈750 plants in the area of the 2024 planting. Recycled fencing panels with netting were installed to expand the 2024 enclosure and exclude wallabies until the plantings are no longer susceptible to browsing.

Planted species:

Carex tasmanica	Carex appressa
Poa Labillardierei	Lomandra longifolia
Bulbine bulbosa	Eryngium ovium
Pelargonium australe	Xanthorrhoea minor
Goodenia humilis	Viola hederacea
Euchiton involucratus	

Meetings are held at the Reserve; usually every fourth Sunday except July and December.

Co-leaders: Julia Schlapp 0427 778 265 & Anthony Leddin 0408 333 046 Sec./Treasurer: Trevor Kennedy 5565 8692;

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Bolte's Birds

Each month Peter Bolte identifies bird species over five transects at Pallister's Reserve. The species list for recent months is shown below, along with dates, time of day, and weather.

May 18	0930-1205	Cool, heavy cloud, no wind				
June 17	0920-1200	Overcast, showers, windy				
July 20	0430-1135	Light cloud, cool, windy				
August 24	0800	Light cloud, cool, windy				
Sept. 14	0800-1100	Light cloud, cool, windy				
		May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Welcome Swallow				●		
Superb Fairy Wren		●	●	●		●
Striated Thornbill		●	●			
Brown Thornbill		●	●		●	●
White-browed Scrub-wren				●		
Yellow Robin			●		●	
Grey Fantail		●			●	●
Olive-backed Oriole					●	
Golden Whistler		●	●	●		
Grey Shrike-thrush		●		●	●	●
Varied Sitella					●	
White-throated Tree-creeper		●	●	●	●	●
Striated Pardalote		●	●	●	●	●
Spotted Pardalote				●		●
New Holland Honeyeater		●	●	●	●	●
White-eared Honeyeater		●	●	●	●	●
White-naped Honeyeater		●	●	●	●	●
Yellow-faced Honeyeater			●	●	●	●
Red Wattle Bird		●	●	●	●	●
Australian Magpie		●	●	●	●	●
Little Raven		●	●	●	●	●
Forest Raven			●		●	
Grey Currawong		●	●		●	●
Starling						●
Common Bronzewing		●				
Crimson Rosella		●	●	●	●	●
Eastern Rosella					●	●
Galah		●		●	●	●
Long-billed Corella		●	●	●	●	●
Red-rumped Parrot		●			●	
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo				●		
Gang-gang Cockatoo					●	
Fan-tailed Cuckoo					●	●
Sacred Kingfisher						●
Laughing Kookaburra		●		●	●	●
Shelduck			●	●	●	●
Black Duck			●	●		
Wood Duck				●		

Friends of Pallister's Membership

New Friends are always welcome! By registering as a member you contribute to the ongoing volunteer conservation work of the Friends of the Reserve.

Annual membership costs \$20 per person, and is due at the start of each calendar year. Included is an electronic copy of the monthly newsletter.

Click [here](#) for further information.

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT IN SOUTH-WEST VICTORIA

A Presentation of the Friends of Pallister's
Reserve to Celebrate National Water Week

Matthew Hudson & Natalie Craven
Southern Rural Water

Orford Hall Sunday October 26

Matthew Hudson is the Principal Hydrogeologist of Southern Rural Water, the agency that regulates and ensures the resilience of groundwater supplies for all of southern Victoria. A major priority for Matt is to seek "... a better understanding of the amount of groundwater that can be taken from each aquifer system without unduly affecting existing users, the environment and Traditional Owner values. This includes how we consider and adapt to climate change."

Subsequent to the presentation attendees are invited to visit Pallister's Reserve – 5 km from Orford – to share a BYO lunch and a walk in a Reserve that includes a rare remaining fragment of the extensive native forests which once covered much of the South-West.

Further details will be given in the October Newsletter.



Native Gardens for Wildlife

On Sunday October 12 the Warrnambool & District branch of the Australian Plant Society will be running an Open Gardens event, providing rare access to four members' "Gardens for Wildlife". For booking information. [click here](#).

Ticket price is \$20 per person. Proceeds benefit the Australian Plant Society and Mosswood Wildlife Rescue.

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23rd August, 1989: Minutes of First Meeting of Friends of Pallister's Reserve

FRIENDS OF PALLISTER RESERVE
c/o Kurri Kurri Co-operative Society Ltd,
P.O. Box 532,
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Victoria

1st MEETING

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 23RD AUGUST, 1989, at 7.30pm.

PRESENT : John Sherwood, Colleen Bolte, Michael Studhery,
Gordon and Pat Ryan, Robert Whitehead, John
Amor, Susan Hacker, Marion Duncan, Peter
Carruean

SUBJECT : The possible acquisition of 123.4 hectares of land
owned by Mr Bill Pallister, situated near Orford.
The property consists of 54 hectares of fenced
bushland and a further 70 hectares of largely
cleared land

PURPOSE OF MEETING:

- (1) To ascertain interest in the project
- (2) To possibly form a committee to raise money
towards the purchase of this land (which
will eventually be managed by Dept of CF&L)
Note : Need to raise \$15,000 locally, ~~\$10,000~~ of
which is already pledged for this
Victorian Conservation Trust purchase

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Arrangements were made to visit and inspect Pallister Reserve on Sunday, Sept. 3rd 1989. Participants to meet at the Orford Hall (in the township) at 1.30pm (Reserve is five minutes west of Orford, on Masov Rd)
2. The meeting resolved to form a Steering Committee which will accept responsibility for financial arrangements (eg establishing bank account, raising money, etc). They are:
Peter Carruean (Convener)
Rob Amor
John Sherwood
Susan Hacker (Secretary)
Robert and Mary Whitehead
Trevor Kennedy (Treasurer) and a rep. from Field Naturalist

General Business.

2.

- * It was arranged that 15 Brolga Poster be bought (6 to be laminated) for static display for fund raising.
- * Application forms for "Planning Victoria" were to be obtained to gain more grants for the reserve.
- * The ANZ bank, Liebig St was to be approached re static display in main window
- * Tom Hyland told the meeting that he would be speaking at Field Nat. State Conference and would mention Pallister Reserve.
- * Letter to be composed for sending to car barnes, individuals and clubs asking for donations.

Meeting closed 9.30pm

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