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Dear Friends,

At this time every year we say "what a busy year it has been for the Friends". I truly reckon 2021 has been the busiest year yet!. Here are some highlights:

- Expanded the Spring Walk program
- Held an educational event to engage community in the care of Birdie Bush
- Secured a grant in partnership with the Mt Lawley Golf Club and City of Stirling to boost revegetation activities at both our sites
- Advised the City of Stirling on selection of verge trees and on seedlings to plant in the Triangle's new 'tip'
- Planted over 600 seedlings in the tip, many of which are surviving thanks to twice weekly watering efforts
- Removed spoil and Black Flag from Section D in readiness for revegetation
- Successfully trialed steam weeding around the fence lines
- Extended our reach in the community through increased Facebook posts
- Produced a promotional book mark which was distributed to Spring Walkers and local residents through letterbox drops, local businesses and the library
- Undertook a signage audit to inform a refresh of interpretive signs
- Commenced a Citizen Science project to measure the health of trees
- Continued bushland education of pre-kindergarten children from Perth College
- Redoubled our weeding to tackle the extras that popped up after extended Winter rains
- Educated volunteers on identification and removal of weeds and on Dieback management
- Participated in Clean Up Australia Day in partnership with Mt Lawley Golf Club
- Instigated a process for recording the hours Friends contribute to caring for the bushland which is used in our reports to CoS and in grant applications

So, what will 2022 bring? Come along to our Annual meeting 10.00 am Thu 20 Jan at Inglewood Library and/or look out for the January newsletter.

Thank you for your support and Best Wishes for 2022.

Sue



WEEDING, WEEDING, WEEDING...

Grassy weeds will always need attention in the Triangle - and we have made great progress over the years! To all our dedicated weeders, thank you for all your efforts over 2021. Our Triangle had seen passionate weeders removing bags of weeds most weekends and some week days. Some of our early efforts, before the autumn rains, were focused on removing huge clumps of Bridal Creeper from under Banksias in Section B. It was a very labour intensive task but very rewarding.

Once the rains came we switched our focus to Veldt and other pesky weeds. A priority was removing weeds from the reveg. plants and both the internal and external fence lines.

While most of us focused on the pesky weeds in A, B and C, Tim was in D removing every Black Flag seedling that sprouted. And in 2022 we will start to revegetate this very bare, sandy area.

2021 was the year we were introduced to GreenSteam by Jo Saunders from the City of Stirling. They concentrated on the internal and external fence lines and areas having little native vegetation. It was certainly much faster than hand weeding. And another new initiative was the trialling of slashing also organised by Jo Saunders. Both these latter two weed control methods have proven very successful.

Finally as we walk around the Triangle we can all take much satisfaction from the efforts of the Friends and all the others including the City staff and contractors who have helped us meet our target of once again having the Triangle weed free by 31 December 2021.



Spring Walks: On the back of last year's feedback from participants and Friends we offered an extended program with eight walks held over the months of September and October, including one in the school holidays. A total of 59 people joined the walks. Ten Friends were involved in delivering the walks, clocking up at least 50 volunteer hours. If you have ideas for other walks we might do, or would like to be involved in future planning or delivering, please get in contact. Suggestions already on the table include bird walks, evening walks and seasonal walks.

Alison



Birdie Bush: In the September school holidays the Friends delivered family friendly Bushland Discovery Walks in Birdie Bush. Despite a stormy weather forecast the rain held off and 50 people attended. A banner created by Friend Jane Coffey provided outlines of these and other plants found at Birdie Bush which children had great fun colouring in. A number of attendees are now on our mailing list.



Perth College Pre-Kindys and the "tip": In 2021 we continued our bushland education program for the Pre-kindy class from Perth College. They helped us plant out the tube stock in the new "tip" of the Triangle and then, for their last bushland adventure, helped us water the seedlings. You can see just how small the children are and also how well our seedlings have grown. Thank you Suzanne for your passion and enthusiasm. Thank you also to the City of Stirling for revegetating this barren area as part of their verge tree planting program.



Preparing Section D for Reveg: During the year, Tim has worked hard to get an area along the fenceline of Section D ready for revegetation. He coordinate the removal of over burden from that bare area and then spent Winter and Spring removing Black Flag corms by hand - with his trusty trowel. This included removing corms from underneath shrubs as well as from open ground. Sometimes Tim went over the same patch up to 7 times before it was finally cleared. Thanks Tim for your persistence over the year. Your efforts are very much appreciated. We are sure that every last Black Flag corm has been removed. We will be planting out this area in 2022.



Clean Up Australia Day at MLGC: A group of 25 volunteers from FOIT and the Mt Lawley Golf Club (MLGC) teamed up on 7 March to clear litter in MLGC's bushland for the annual Clean Up Australia Day. Over the course of 1½ hours, around 20 Clean-up bags were filled with a variety of waste items. A delicious morning tea provided by the Club gave us the opportunity to chat with one another and to cement the growing partnership.
Rosita



Citizen science project – tree monitoring: This year FOIT initiated a Citizen Science Project whose purpose is to monitor the health of the trees in the Triangle over time. On 10 April Graham Zemunik led nine other Friends in a workshop at which we learned how to use a GPS Unit to identify the location of the tree, how to measure the diameter of tree trunks and limbs and how to record the data on a spreadsheet. Between that workshop and 11 July, Sue, Veronica and Rosita collected data on all the eligible trees in Section B. After a break during winter, monitoring will recommence on Sunday 23 January and interested Friends are invited to help.
Rosita

DIEBACK PROTECTION AREA





Inglewood Triangle has native plants affected by *Phytophthora dieback* - a deadly plant disease spread by infected soil that attacks roots and starves plants.

You can help prevent spread of Dieback by:

- ✓ Cleaning soil from your shoes and avoiding wet areas
- ✓ Staying on the limestone paths
- ✓ Keeping your dog on a lead

Please scrape your shoes across the metal grate AND the brush when you enter and exit the reserve.

Thank you for helping protect this precious bushland.



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New Dieback Signs: A recommendation by Bruno Rikli, Dieback Interpreter and principal of Bark Environmental, whom some Friends met on the Dieback volunteer workshop held in May, was for FoIT to design and erect signs at each of our boot cleaning stations. These signs aim to inform visitors that Dieback exists in the Triangle and request use of the boot cleaning stations and other behaviours to minimise its spread. After reviewing signs in other locations we decided to use the design of the Dieback Working Group and insert our own text. The signs are now in place and old signs removed.

GRANT SUCCESS

After a lot of work between the Friends of Inglewood Triangle and the Mount Lawley Golf Club, we successfully obtained \$10,650 for a **Community Stewardship** grant with **State NRM** for a project titled: *Consolidating an ecological linkage in inner city Inglewood*. And we said: It is challenging to maintain ecological linkages across inner city bush remnants managed by different organisations. This project will resource conservation volunteers from two groups, Friends of Inglewood Triangle and Mount Lawley Golf Club, to work together on 44 hectares of quality urban bushland either side of, and within, the golf club. Volunteers from both groups will work across fences to manage threats and carry out targeted revegetation to enhance the whole area. They will demonstrate the ecological connections between two local government managed reserves and the remnant bush on the golf course and foster community involvement in their preservation. And, we have also won a **Volunteer Grant** for \$2,500 which will allow us to provide a range of bushcare training for our members, such as weed management, Dieback management and seed collection. We will be busy in 2022!

Christine R

DESPITE THE HEAT, THERE'S MORE IN FLOWER...

Despite the heat of the past few weeks, there are plants now coming into flower. You can see the vibrant yellow of the *Calytrix flavescens*, the delicate pink flowers of the *Scholtzia involucrata*, and there are signs of the *Eucalyptus tottiana* coming into flower. Come down and have a look. You can find our [Field Guides here](#).



2022 MEMBERSHIP FEES

Thank you for reading right to the bottom of the newsletter. We hope that you will support us by being a paid member of the Friends of Inglewood Triangle. Our membership fee is \$10 per annum and this helps us meet running costs.

You can EFT it into our bank account with Bendigo Community Bank at Bayswater. Account name: Friends of Inglewood Triangle. BSB: 633-000 Account Number: 182 686 923. Don't forget to put your name in the reference field.

Many thanks, Tim



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