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Together we care for country.*



Photo: Subas Dhakal

Help Save the Greater Brixton Street Wetlands

The Greater Brixton Street Wetlands (GBSW) is a Bush Forever site (BF387) located in Kenwick and surrounded by the major roads Tonkin Highway, Welshpool Road, and Roe Highway. It is the most biodiverse area of native vegetation on the Swan Coastal Plain. It consists of naturally vegetated wetlands that are rare or no longer exist elsewhere, and it is one of the largest consolidated wetland areas of high conservation value on the Swan Coastal Plain. Its unique biodiversity is attributed to the specialised plant adaptations responding to the complex soils, chemistry, and hydrology of the site.

The City of Gosnells are proposing two amendments to their town planning scheme to rezone land to business development of Precincts 2 and 3B in the Maddington Kenwick Strategic Employment Area (MKSEA) and have invited public comment on those plans. These precincts sit either side of the GBSW with limited buffer zones. Scientists believe that if the hydrology is disturbed, it is inevitable that there will be loss of habitat and species, some of which grow nowhere else in the world.

A coalition including The Beeliar Group, Friends of Alison Baird Reserve, Friends of Brixton Street Wetlands, Save the Great Brixton Wetlands Alliance, Urban Bushland Council, Wildflower Society of WA and others is working together to develop responses to the Environmental Review document and to create guides to assist others to make submissions.

We believe the proponents have misunderstood the complexity of the area and have thus under-estimated the impacts that industrial/business development will have on the GBSW. Much has been written scientifically about this area, and that research appears to have been given little regard.

Submissions close on 28 August 2023.

A summary of key issues and a mini guide to help you write a submission can be found on the UBC website.

<https://www.bushlandperth.org.au/save-the-greater-brixton-street-wetlands/>

In addition, the coalition has developed an email campaign (take two minutes to make a comment) which can be found at:

bit.ly/save-the-gbsw

This sends an email to the City of Gosnells, copied to the Ministers for the Environment and for Planning.

Friends of Brixton Street Wetlands

<https://www.bushlandperth.org.au/groups/friends-of-brixton-street-wetlands/>

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Lesley Shaw at the 30th Anniversary Celebration at Herdsman Lake May 2023

Editorial: 30 Years of UBC

UBC celebrated its 30th anniversary on a perfect sunset evening at Herdsman Lake Discovery Centre on 21st May. Iva Hayward-Jackson gave an informative acknowledgement of country (see page 4). Other speakers included the Minister for the Environment, Reece Whitby, and facilitator of the 'City Bush Guides', Lesley Shaw.

Christine Richardson recognised the contributions of volunteers and acknowledged:

- All who have served on the 31 committees of the UBC.
- the leaders of the bushcare groups and the complexity of the roles they undertake – including volunteer recruitment, planning bushland restoration with land managers, keeping up to date with the latest science and best practice, engaging with community and working with schools.
- All the bushcare group volunteers who do many hours of on-ground work, as well as those who just as importantly advocate for local bushland to be understood, protected, well managed for conservation and linked to nearby patches.

We owe so much to the leadership by individuals, their persistence, and the sheer amount of time they commit to the cause. All present were reminded that our patches still very much need us; there is much to do and that we need to recruit new people into our groups to work with us so that we stay strong into the future.

It was also time to remember some of the key battles of the 1980s and 90s, such as Hepburn Heights and the Perth Airport wetlands, that led to the formation of UBC. Alan Lloyd played an important role at Hepburn Heights, see page 6 for his memorial.

From those formative years, UBC is now considered a significant community stakeholder for conservation issues and is regularly asked to contribute to reviews and enquiries such as the recent consultation by the Environmental Protection Authority over the Draft Forest Management Plan.

During this 30th anniversary year we continue to reflect on the impact UBC has had, and continues to have, on broader conservation and environment issues in Western Australia. Through productive relationships with environment organisations UBC can add weight to advocacy goals such as: the recent Roe 8 / 9 community consultation process, involvement in the consultation processes for the Westport project, partnering with NatureLink Perth and Keep Carnaby's Flying projects (both with Murdoch University) and contributor to the Save the Black Cockatoos campaign. See Group News from page 8 to read more on these developments.

At a Save the Black Cockatoos rally at Parliament House on 23 May Heidi Hardisty reminded the assembled conservationists about the importance of banksia woodlands as a foraging source for Black Cockatoos and how their loss through clearing was jeopardising their future existence. She called for an all-of-government approach to step in and save the black cockatoos (see overleaf).

In June, UBC launched its guide for bushcare volunteering – the culmination of a 12 month project funded by the WA Government's State NRM Program. Read more about it on the UBC website and find links to the toolkit and guide on page 5.

Member groups are at the heart of UBC and our membership is currently 88. All groups play a vital role in caring for their local patch, helping to maintain and increase Perth's unique biodiversity. You also contribute significantly to human and planet health and provide opportunities for your local community to connect with nature.

Thank you for all that you do.



Outside parliament: Umbrellas in the shape of a Red-tailed Forest Black Cockatoo

Save the Black Cockatoo Rally May

Heidi Hardisty spoke on behalf of UBC at the Rally held on 23rd May 2023. This is an edited version of her speech.

The Urban Bushland Council has worked tirelessly for 30 years to protect Perth's iconic landscape- Banksia Woodlands that are so important for our health and well-being, cooling our city, improving air and water quality, mitigating floods and climate change. What beauty and peace they provide!

Banksia Woodlands consist of an extremely rich and diverse array of plants and animals and support 20 nationally threatened species including the endangered Carnaby's Cockatoos. For millennia, Carnaby's have depended on the the Swan Coastal Plain where they forage during the non-breeding season. Their most important natural foods are Banksias, and Parrot Bush. Once patches of banksias formed an almost continuous band across Perth. But now, over 60 % of the original banksia woodlands have been cleared and are highly fragmented; most of the patches that are left are the size of a footy field. It's no wonder that in the Perth-Peel region, the key threat to Carnaby's cockatoo is the clearing of their foraging habitat.

In 2016, after enormous efforts by Mary Gray and the Urban Bushland Council, Banksia Woodlands on the Swan Coastal Plain were listed as an endangered ecological community under Australia's peak environmental law the EPBC Act. Yet this has not stopped the continued clearing, degradation and fragmentation of Banksia Woodlands, the Carnaby's most important natural food source. So what's the problem?

Firstly, our environmental laws are failing – at national and state levels. A recent review of the EPBC Act stated that it was not fit for purpose. A major loophole is that each proposal having an impact on black cockatoos is assessed on its own, on a project-to-project basis. Cumulative effects of habitat-clearing, disease, mortality and climate change are not being considered.

Key state environmental policies are outdated. Look at the Bush Forever Policy – so instrumental in conserving Perth's bushlands – yet it only strives only to save 10% of urban bushland. This is way outside world best practice. Scientists say we need to keep a minimum of 30% of the original size of an ecosystem to keep it healthy and viable – so the plants and animals can survive into the future.



Heidi Hardisty

Secondly our state planning laws and processes are convoluted, outdated, and often secretive. We fall behind most of the world in lacking laws to protect trees on private property, trees that are becoming increasingly important as food for black cockatoos and for community amenity.

Thirdly, the Minister for Planning has sweeping discretionary powers when making decisions that rezone public land and allow clearing. She must give "due consideration" to many issues, but there is no clear definition what this means. When the WAPC approves clearing for a subdivision, they are not required to publish their reasons. Only the proponent (developer) can appeal the decision. The public has no right of appeal.

WA desperately needs planning reform, but that takes time the black cockatoos don't have. So right now, we need good leaders and urgent action to save them. We are calling on the State Government to step up and use common sense. Stop clearing Banksia Woodlands. Delay harvesting the remaining Gngangara pines. And start revegetating the southwest at landscape scale. We need an all-of -government approach.

Please Premier and Cabinet step in and save the black cockatoos.



Iva Hayward-Jackson at UBC 30th Celebration at Herdsman Lake 2023

Iva Hayward-Jackson addresses UBC

Kaya Wanju Urban Bushland Council and all guests

My name is Iva Hayward-Jackson. I am a Nyungar Researcher and Land and Culture Protector. I firstly Acknowledge Honour and Respect my Ancestors who lived and thrived on these Sacred Lands and Waterways, including here at Ngoojenboro ("Big Lake" or Herdsman Lake) around which an ever-expanding Urban Environment now exists.

For thousands of years my Ancestors practised a Living Science which they handed down by word of mouth in an unbroken continuum from generation to generation. This deep scientific knowledge included Hydrology, Entomology and Animal Husbandry together with Fire Science and Horticultural practices to name just a few.

My people had a deep understanding of the natural cycles that determined all aspects of their lives. They lived in a society that was in balance with the environment. Their practical evidence-based knowledge gave them the tools to manage and predict animal and food cycles which they relied on for their economic, cultural and spiritual needs. The inter-connectedness of natural phenomena in the sky and on land and water was understood and they used Natural indicators to predict and measure time and seasonality. Without this scientific knowledge they could not have survived to become the oldest living culture on the planet.

One could say that their traditional science was a holistic blend of the natural sciences unlike Western science which has separate categories for all the different specialised fields, such as botany, ecology, meteorology, astronomy etc. Ours was an all-inclusive science and this inclusiveness is something that we can learn from today.

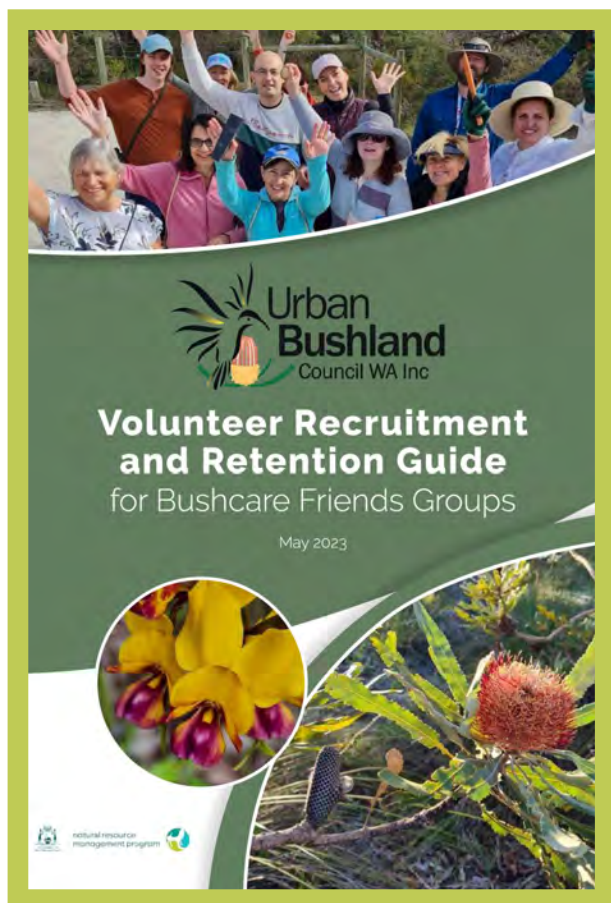
Here at Herdsman Lake we are surrounded by plenty of Yanjet or Typha bulrush which was once cultivated by my Ancestors. The large rhizomes, which were dug up soon after the first rains of autumn, provided a rich source of carbohydrate. Prior to harvest the Yanjet were fired. This burning fertilised the soil, controlled the muck and dead vegetation litter and provided a reliable source of protein in the form of small animals, snakes and birds that used the lakeside vegetation as habitat. Firing also improved the taste of Yanjet giving it a slightly sweetish flavour. The roots were harvested and eaten when large groups of people came together for ceremony around April. This was a time of plenty.

Our people were fully aware that smoke and fire were essential ingredients in the germination and maintenance of a healthy bushland. Many of our bushfoods and medicine plants depend on fire to propagate.

I would like to congratulate the Urban Bushland Council for all their hard work over the past 30 years of restoring bushlands throughout the Perth Metropolitan Area and resisting the ever-encroaching Urban Development which is destroying our Sacred Bushlands and Waterways. Without Natural Bushlands and Clean Rivers and Wetlands, our wildlife which depend on it for their habitat and breeding, cannot survive. Nor can we humans. We as people need the Natural Environment for our own psychological well-being.

Mental Health Wellness Centres are the Natural Environment and protecting the Bushland, Beaches and Wetland systems are all part of the solution to better Life and Living. The Government must commit to Law that Urban Bush land is Forever and Urban Waterways are Forever. Together we can all become People of the Earth. There is no other way.

Volunteer Recruitment and Retention Guide launched



Need more volunteers, but not sure where to start?

Look no further than the Urban Bushland Council website.

A toolkit of resources has been compiled on UBC's year-long project – Building Community Capacity to Care for Urban Bushland- funded by the WA Government's State NRM Program. It is useful for novice right through to experienced bushcare groups.

The toolkit showcases the **Volunteer Recruitment and Retention Guide for Bushcare Friends Groups** taking you through a 6-step cycle essential for success: reflection; planning; recruitment planning; promotion and recruitment; welcome/training/mentoring; and recognition. Other resources include presentations and tips on how to promote your group, use Facebook better and create a succession plan for your committee.

The project ran for just over a year, from May 2022. Johanna Riddell was recruited as project manager (0.70 Full Time Equivalent) and worked with other UBC volunteers to build capacity in four established groups: Friends of Trigg Bushland, Friends of Star Swamp Bushland, Friends of Lake Gwelup, Friends of Wireless Hill; and one new one -Friends of Erindale Road Bushland. She also aided in the formation of a new group – Friends of Cottonwood Bushland Reserve.

It's worth checking out the full report on the project outlining the methodologies, key findings, and many events and workshops held. UBC has recently applied to the State NRM Program to fund the project for another two years.

Weeds! One-leaved Cape Tulip

One-leaved Cape Tulip is a herb with a single sprawling basal, dark green, strap like leaf to 700 mm long produced annually from a small corm. The branched flowering stem has short-lived pink to orange (or rarely yellow) flowers. The flowers each have 6 petals, 3-4 cm long, 3 stamens and a 3-branched style in which each branch has 2 short lobes or 2 short crests. It reproduces by seeds as well as corms. It flowers in late winter and spring.

Prior to flowering, Cape Tulip can be recognised by the browning-off of the leaf tips. It has annual tops with a perennial corm. It is native to the Cape region of Southern Africa. It is toxic to livestock which die within 3 days.

Germinated corms can be controlled with herbicides but we remove the weed by hand before the flowers wilt and drop their seed. Lots of help required for this!

At the end of the day weeding Cape Tulip, try making a Cape Tulip Baskets from those pliable leaves.

Don Poynton North Ocean Reef Iluka Foreshore

Have you seen the weed photos on UBT website? If you've got a better one, please send it to us!

<https://www.bushlandperth.org.au/weeds-page/>



One-leaf Cape Tulip
(*Moraea flaccida*)

Photo: Sofia Melo Sousa





Alan Lloyd and group walk to Hepburn Heights in 2017

A remarkable man - Alan Lloyd

During the 30th year of UBC, it is fitting to remember some of the disputes that lead to our formation. The battle to save Hepburn Heights bushland was a pivotal point in urban bush preservation history. We also remember Alan Lloyd and his role in preserving our bush heritage.

Some of Alan Lloyd's ashes were spread in Hepburn Heights Bushland on 19 June 2023. Friends of Alan's, including members of the Urban Bushland Council, were there on that sunny but cold afternoon to honour Alan and to speak of how we knew him and the man he was.

Alan was a geologist and also a prolific writer of local history. He left with friends a thumb-drive containing around 130 books on local history including on the WA Museum, Perth and Leederville. And with co-author Bill Marwick, Alan wrote 'Saving Hepburn Heights Bushland - The Saga of the Hepburn Heights Bushland Reserve Campaign.' This is one of the most gripping books I have read. A friend from their University days described Alan as 'a lovely fellow but he was different...as the French say 'tres originale.'

The battle to save Hepburn Heights Bushland was 30 years ago so perhaps some readers would not even have been born then. When it became public that the government intended to rezone Hepburn Heights to build a housing estate, Alan attended the first community meeting.

As Alan said in recalling subsequent events: '*...almost before I knew it Norma [Norma Rundle] and I found ourselves guarantors to cover the cost of the legal expenses. It was a very big risk, because it meant putting our houses in jeopardy*'.

I remember participating in some of the events that the Friends of Hepburn Woodlands Preservation Group ran during the campaign, and I remember seeing the shocking stories and photographs in the media. People could have been killed in the confrontations with bulldozers and crashing trees.

Even during State Heritage Week with its theme of 'Save the Bush', government bulldozers were smashing down the bushland. Over years and in blatant opposition to the science presented, the government repeatedly stated that Hepburn Heights had no conservation value.

The government had prevailed, but with some compromise. As Chairman of the Hepburn Woodlands Preservation Group, Alan wrote to supporters:

'After the loss of part of our beloved bush, we should still feel proud of what we have achieved. We have saved 40% which is a lot more that we would have otherwise saved. Many thanks for all your support and please stand up and feel proud of what you have done'.

From that highly public campaign, people met in Kings Park and the Urban Bushland Council was formed, 'to represent and to support all groups involved in the preservation of Western Australian urban bushland'.

Thirty years later, in the Friends of Hepburn Heights and Pinnaroo Bushland's subsequent public guided walks with the UBC, Alan attended, even up to when he was nearly 90 years old and in a wheelchair and warmed by a soft blanket.

The group of friends and colleagues thanked Alan for his undying support for Hepburn Heights Bushland. He stood tall and was proud of what he and the group had achieved. Several banksias were planted in memory of Alan.

Marg Owen, UBC

Fire and Air Forum May 2023

Following the highly successful Fire & Biodiversity Forum, held in June 2021 at the Margaret River HEART, expert speakers at this Fire & Air Forum in May 2023 expanded the conversation on how best to protect our natural landscapes and our people, for a sustainable and healthy future.

Community concern regarding the destructive impacts of broad scale prescribed burning (PB) in our South West Biodiversity Hotspot is high. Pervasive smoke pollution heightens concern about the frequency, scale and intensity of planned burns, risks to public health and safety, risks to biodiversity, and the escalating risks of climate change.

Notably, the prescribed burning program in WA is the largest for any of the world's biodiversity hotspots. The target is for the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) to prescribe burn 200,000 ha per year, not counting escapes and private landholder burning.

Prescribed burning close to settlements should be informed by both western science and traditional knowledge. First Nations Elder Lynette Knapp advised there should be small patch burning only, no hot fires, no big fires, and 'if you can't manage it, don't do it!'

Presentations from the Fire and Air Forum will be available here: <https://wafa.org.au/fire-and-air-forum/>

Mary Gray, UBC

Have you been following recent media coverage of the prescribed burning issue?

Two critical articles from WAToday showing the impact of advocacy:

Last year 5 million hectares of land was burnt in WA. So, does prescribed burning work?

Welcome to the big smoke: hazy days from WA prescribed burns triple in a decade

Position Wanted: Volunteer Newsletter Editor

Are you passionate about urban bush conservation and have a knack with documents? UBC is looking for someone to help take their communications forward by compiling the quarterly Urban Bush Telegraph from member submissions. Through distribution to its 90 member groups the Urban Bush Telegraph is available to more than 2000 people so the newsletter editor is an important role for bushland advocacy. The UBC committee is involved in planning and producing the UBT in a collaborative team. Skill using Publisher, Canva or Adobe would be welcome but not essential. Interested? Have an obligation free chat to Christine Richardson via

ubc@bushlandperth.org.au





CCWC members and supporters are pleased that the Blackwood Ave bushland (a section of the Roe 9 road reserve) has been re-zoned "Parks and Recreation" in amended State Government plans.

Cockburn Community Wildlife Corridor

Improvement in the Roe 8/9 amended rezoning plans is welcome– but still concerning for the wetlands to waves Corridor

With the publication by the WA Government of amended plans for the rezoning of Roe 8 and 9, the Cockburn Community Wildlife Corridor (CCWC) was pleased to realise that the proposed plan is considerably better than the draft published late last year. You can find the Report and maps at: <http://www.wa.gov.au/roe-8-9>

An additional 9 hectares is now proposed to be re-zoned as Parks and Recreation, including the Blackwood Ave remnant bushland and remnant bushland and open space adjacent to the heritage-listed Randwick Stables.

The rest of the land is designated as 'Urban' zoning, with an "indicative" map of the Roe 9 lands showing possible development for housing, roads, school expansion, green space, and community facilities. Although our clearly stated preference is for all the road reserve to be designated 'Parks', we are heartened by the apparent willingness of the government to listen to the overwhelming feedback of the community. Fifty percent of the 409 submissions to the Department of Planning, Land and Heritage (DPLH) explicitly mentioned the Wildlife Corridor and an incredible 75% expressed support for protecting the environment. The inclusion of 3 parcels of land identified with an "indicative" use of "local parks and recreation" is an indication that green connectivity has at least been considered.

However, most of the Roe 9 land is still proposed to be rezoned "Urban" and what happens when it is developed may not resemble the "non-binding indicative" plan. The "indicative" plan has far more "development" and "residential" zones than "local parks and recreation". We reiterate that CCWC remains steadfastly committed to our vision of a connected Wildlife Corridor through the Roe 8 and Roe 9 lands, from the wetlands at Bibra Lake to the waves at South Fremantle and North Coogee.

We will continue to advocate and fight for this vision – one that is so well supported by the community.

We feel that a connected green corridor may not occur with this re-zoning. It is our hope that connectivity will be front of mind as this land is further planned and developed by both the WA Government and the City of Cockburn. It is vital that the larger patches of urban bushland are connected by tree canopy and understorey.

The integrity of the Corridor is also threatened by the omission of the Stock and Forrest Road intersection from the proposed re-zoning. Despite 15% of submissions specifically calling for the inclusion of the bushland on all 4 sides of this intersection to be included in the proposed "Parks" zoning, the whole intersection has been left as Main Roads land. Stock Road is planned to become a 'freeway style' road totalling 6 lanes (see Appendix I, Vol 2 of the Report). The widening of Stock Rd to facilitate another 2 lanes and the likely construction of a Forest Rd flyover would be devastating to the Corridor. The bushland in this part of the Corridor is some of the best: containing nationally protected Banksia and Tuart woodlands and is home to countless plants and animals. It is rare insofar as it contains Marri, Tuart, Jarrah, Nuytsia, Banksia and Allocasuarina in the tree canopy – an unusual combination thought to have resulted because of the meeting of two dune systems. The Environmental Assessment Study conducted for the DPLH rates the ecological value of much of the bushland in this intersection as "high" (see Fig C, Appendix G, Vol 2).

CCWC thank you, the community, for your support of the Corridor and specifically for your submissions and attendance at public information sessions. We believe it had a very big impact on the changes made to the plan. The process is now moving into a new public consultation phase with submissions open until 6th October 2023. CCWC has invited NatureLink and UWA Landscape Design to hold an information/discussion session to present their work on biodiversity corridors specifically in relation to the Cockburn Community Wildlife Corridor. This will be held at the Wetlands Centre on Sunday August 20th 2-5pm. See our Facebook page for further details. Please join us to learn how we might advocate for an even better rezoning outcome.

Sally Marsh and Lou Corteen, CCWC



Friends of Erindale Road Bushland

As US talk show host Dr Phil used to say, “You don’t know what you don’t know.” This was certainly true for the Friends of Erindale Road Bushland when it came to building support for our campaign to protect 13.5 hectares of Banksia and Tuart woodland in suburban Hamersley. For the three years following our group’s inception, our actions were based mainly on gut instinct combined with one member’s prior campaigning experience. Our combined passion and skills led to the creation of a Facebook page, website, petition, mailing list, and some important early wins, including the City of Stirling’s decision not to rezone the area for development. However, the increasing scale of our campaign demanded greater resources – both human and financial.

Enter the Urban Bushland Council’s project, ‘Building community capacity to care for urban bushland’. In 2022, the Friends of Erindale Road Bushland was fortunate to be selected to participate in this project, funded by the State Natural Resources Management Program, and facilitated by the UBC team. Our involvement in the project began with a strategy planning workshop with Shona Anne Hunter, whose extensive campaigning experience includes working with the WA Forest Alliance to end logging in WA’s native forests. Shona helped us to clarify our campaign vision, mission, and objectives, whilst highlighting the importance of ‘branding’ and tactics to build support.

Our work with Shona, combined with the skill of one of our supporters, led to the design of our logo. This logo now features on our website, www.friendsoferindaleroadbushland.com as well as the flyers, signs, and bumper stickers that were created by another local supporter and volunteer, and brought to life via the creative and financial support of the UBC team. Volunteers from our wonderful community delivered the flyers to homes throughout Hamersley and many of our supporters have put the signs in their front gardens to raise awareness of our campaign.

The logo also features on t-shirts that we had printed using the remaining project funds. These t-shirts will serve two purposes: increasing campaign visibility and raising further funds.

In addition to these physical resources, our involvement in the project led to us organising a variety of activities. From stalls at community events, to banner painting with locals, and a guided ‘fence walk’ around the perimeter of the bushland, these events have all helped increase community awareness of and engagement in our campaign. The biggest event so far was a presentation we organised as part of the WA Tree Festival in April of this year. The presentation included talks by David Knowles (Field Naturalist) and Sam Clarke (Kaarakin Black Cockatoo Conservation Centre), who both brought along living examples of the creatures who depend on our native bushland areas for food and habitat. As you can see from the photos, the event was a positive and engaging experience for the 40-50 attendees.

You may be wondering, what’s next for the Friends of Erindale Road bushland? We are in the early days of planning a documentary screening to further inform and connect with the community. As we have been doing for more than a year, we are also preparing for when the EPA’s two-week public comment period begins, and we will need to call on all our supporters to make submissions. Thanks to the State NRM’s generous grant, and the tireless efforts of the UBC team (particularly Johanna, Christine and Heidi), we have many more supporters than we did three years ago. As a result of the community engagement activities we have undertaken, many of these supporters now know what they didn’t know before: that the Erindale Road Bushland is under threat, and that they can play a vital role in helping to protect this valuable bushland.





Friends Manning Park Ridge

Members of the Friends of Manning Park Ridge were very pleased to support the City of Cockburn's planting days at Manning Park on 3 and 24th June 2023, assisting in the planting of 5,000 seedlings of various local species. Importantly, this included fodder species to ensure increased viability of the Ngoolarks (Carnaby's Black Cockatoo). Plantings took place near the Manning stairs and in the vicinity of the Manning ruins. The fabulous Shah Satnam Ji Green 'S' Welfare Force Wing joined in on June 24th. Both days were great fun and it was wonderful to have so many people attend and provide support.

The City of Cockburn has partnered with Murdoch University in the "Keep Carnaby's Flying – Ngoolarks Forever" program, which is supported with funding by LotteryWest. The program will include revegetation of suitable habitat for the cockatoos as well as installation of bird water drinking stations at selected locations. It will also involve delivering a targeted Conservation Action Plan (CAP) to each Local Government Authority participating in the project to aid in long term protection of the black cockatoos.

The Friends of Manning Park Ridge has worked for a number of years to raise the profile of the Tamala Limestone ridge and its associated wetland at Manning Park as a significant location for the Ngoolarks and many other species of indigenous wildlife. The past few decades have seen excellent natural regeneration of this section. Importantly, this area includes Bush Forever Site No. 247, covering 50.5 ha. The vegetation includes *Melaleuca huegelii*-*Melaleuca systema* shrublands, identified as a Threatened Ecological Community. It is also a significant area for foraging, roosting and breeding by the threatened Carnaby Cockatoos. It is therefore critical that the ridge and wetland areas are prioritised for preservation of both fauna and flora and that any human activities are limited to ensure its future viability as a conservation precinct.

A total of 4 local governments participated in the project this year (City of Cockburn, City of Wanneroo, Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale and City of Melville). Negotiations are underway to secure the participation of City of Mandurah, City of Kwinana, Town of Cambridge, and City of Swan next year. Murdoch University plans to apply for further funding past 2024 and has partnered with many other organisations to ensure the project succeeds. Partners include: the Urban Bushland Council, Winjan Aboriginal Corporation, SERCUL, Perth NRM and Birdlife Australia. Check out the [Keep Carnaby's Flying: Ngoolarks Forever website](#) for more info.

Robyn College, Friends of Manning Park Ridge





Friends of Point Peron

Friends of Point Peron has had a great planting season: 5,000 seedlings were planted, most grown locally. Survival so far is near 100%. One of the highlights was the visit of about 60 people from Shah Satnam Ji Green 'S' Welfare Force Wing organised through Vanessa McGuiness of Perth NRM for the second year. Together with local community members we planted over 2000 in a morning along the sewer pipe reserve beside Point Peron Road.

In our usual planting areas, we put in over 3000, mostly under Rottnest Island pine/tea tree and tuart canopy. The area has recently been cleared of our nemesis, buckthorn. The stacks of dead and dying buckthorn are now providing climbing support for *Hardenbergia* which have grown by over a metre since being planted in March. We hope they will look stunning and cover these eyesores until they rot down.

Welcome news was our success as part of a large SERCUL grant for woody weed control over three years. We thank SERCUL for the work in applying and managing this grant. Stage one of the grant was an on-ground digital survey of woody weeds, which revealed a serious problem. However, Greenskills Inc. are beginning work to tackle the mature woody weeds using Tree Poppers and poison for the largest ones. This project is supported by funding from the Western Australian Government's State NRM Program.

At our regular Sunday and Thursday sessions Friends of Point Peron will tackle the smaller weeds with spades as well as watering seedlings when necessary. One other success was a surprise to me. We have about 4000 pots and trays to be cleaned and disinfected before next year. So we decided to hold a pot washing session one Sunday. Nine people turned up and washed and stacked merrily for three hours before a yummy barbie. We now hold Sunday sessions at two locations – Cape Peron and Co-convenor Sarah's house/garden. The split suits members who are not physically up to yanking our woody weeds or carrying 10 litre water bottles. After the work, we meet for the now celebrated barbie – the magic of shared food!

James Mumme, Friends of Point Peron



Ready, Set, Rewild!

A family-friendly festival connecting people, nature and culture.

Enjoy stalls, markets, music and more! Join in on workshops, walks, talks and activities that showcase our amazing fauna and flora, what you can do in your home and local area, as well as celebrating Noongar culture!

We have a fun-filled schedule including ABC's Gardening Australia presenter Josh Byrne on 'Our Gardens', and Ecologist Simon Cherriman who seems to spend half his life up a tree either researching eagles or installing nest boxes. Plus, science speed talks from young conservationists and experienced researchers, hands-on activities including painting, bug hunts, board games... you can even build a nest box, and more!

This event is a collaboration hosted by [ReWild Perth](#), [Naturelink Perth](#) and [Birdlife Australia](#). Thanks to major supporter Lotterywest and support from Murdoch University.

Details:

Saturday 2 September 2023

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Place: Boola Katitjin -
Murdoch University

[BOOK NOW](#)

Urban Forest Strategy

Challenges and Opportunities.

The Urban Forest Strategy is a WA State Government strategy that our local governments are working toward.

We face many challenges to protect our local biodiversity and yet we also know that keeping nature and functioning ecosystems nearby is paramount for our health, well-being and prosperity. And the best way now to connect our fragmented bushland remnants to save species is through streetscape treatments.

The importance of urban forest in developed areas is prompting State and local governments to take steps to improve and manage tree canopy. How can we help?

At this [UBC](#) event you will hear from an expert panel: John Murray from City of South Perth, Professor Hans Lambers from UWA and Dr Jane Chambers from Murdoch University, for what they see are the biggest challenges, opportunities and greatest rewards.

Details:

Tuesday 5 September 2023

6:00 PM

Place: City West Lottery
House - 2 Delhi St West Perth

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What future do you want for one of the most biodiverse landscapes in Australia?

Industrial development?



A New Yule Brook Regional Park?



In a changing climate, biodiversity will be our lifeline



Without appropriate buffers, the proposed industrial rezoning will strangle biodiversity, hydrology and connectivity.



Support The Beeliar Group's plan for a Regional Park with broad, connected buffers, limiting the industrial area by just 27%.

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Individuals

Supporter membership is only \$50 per year (GST included). Supporters can attend meetings and receive copies of the “Urban Bush Telegraph” The annual membership fees include an electronic copy of the Urban Bush Telegraph (currently published quarterly).

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