

# FRIENDS OF ALLEN PARK BUSHLAND GROUP



SUMMER 2014

## INTRODUCING ALLEN PARK'S BUSHLAND GROUP

If you are new to Swanbourne or live close to Allen Park, you can't help but notice "Melon Hill", the dune north of the playing fields. A number of residents are involved in the care of the bushland remnant around Allen Park. The group is always keen to retain members and recruit new ones too. If you are passionate about the bush, perhaps you will consider contributing to this community asset. The FOAPBG meets on the first Saturday of the month (unless otherwise advised), to carry out a number of duties relating to the management of Allen Park bushland. We have a number of information boards at entry points to the bush informing the public of our proposed activities. We generally meet from 9-11am except Nov., Dec. and March when we meet at 8am to beat the heat. We meet first at the cottage near the cricket oval unless activities occur well away from there. We have a whiteboard with the outline of the activity of the day and a map indicating the whereabouts of the group should anyone arrive after we've moved to that area. There is also a small group who meet on a Tuesday morning (9.00 – 11.00) throughout the year. This is a good time to come along if the weekend proves difficult, and a great way to meet locals, get some exercise and enjoy a communal morning tea. If you would like to contact us, or register interest in joining us, we can be reached on 9384 7983 or 9383 1501, or email foapbg@gmail.com

A newsletter is circulated at the end of each season - there's always lots of news to share! All members receive a copy. We are a not for profit organization and rely on memberships, grants and funding from Nedlands Council to undertake a vast array of activities associated with keeping the bushland healthy.

This summer has been particularly dry and we encourage you to keep a watchful eye on the bush and report any suspicious behaviour to respective authorities. If there's a fire, report immediately to 9382 2222. Please also beware of snakes, which are very active now. Migratory Rainbow bee-eaters have burrows near the Seaward Corridor and until their young have fledged they are particularly vulnerable to attack. A dugite was witnessed recently approaching the burrows but was shooed off by the birds and a cheeky Willie Wagtail. Therefore we urge dog owners to keep their dogs on leads (also for the benefit of other wildlife and to curb erosion). Owners are encouraged to pick up after them and make use of the dog poo bins.

### **Lotterywest Grant**

We received a second *Lotterywest* grant to fund improvements to the entrances to the bushland. Work is underway at the Sayer Street entry below Melon Hill, and upon entering the Seaward Corridor from the beach oval. There will be more interpretive signage on the paths through the area. Locals are encouraged to participate in the near future and help us mount colourful tiles that were made by Swanbourne Primary School students onto the walls at the two entry points.

The City of Nedlands Conservation team has won another *Coastwest* grant. In support, we will join in on efforts to continue the green corridor towards the coast and revegetation near Flyash Hill, as well as on the embankment off Odern Crescent.

FOAPBG was recently nominated for an Active Citizenship Award, at the City of Nedlands' Australia Day ceremony. Although we did not win, we were very pleased to receive a nomination and the certificate is now on our display board on Melon Hill.

**Clean Up Australia Day** as usual falls on the long weekend in March. We have not registered for an event at Allen Park but will be having an unofficial clean up event and encourage members to take a plastic bag and gloves and perhaps take a walk, or if you own and walk the dog, may we suggest walking around areas on the perimeter of the reserve as this is where most of the rubbish is collected. Areas most affected are: Odern Crescent (opposite building sites); Near the beach car park area; The footpath leading from the bridge club car park down to the Rugby Club; The edge of the ovals down the rugby club road towards the cottages.

Join us on **15<sup>th</sup> March from 8am -10am** for the first activity of 2014. We will be mounting tiles at the wall on Sayer Street. Meet at the cottage near the Allen Park pavilion building, and if you are running late there's always a sign directing you to our whereabouts. So why don't you don your hat, sunscreen and your drink bottle, and come on down for a couple of hours?

Please note the following bushcare morning will be on the **5th April from 9 -11am**.

## Local news

### Community Event

**For the last 20 years, Friends of Allen Park has served Swanbourne by fostering community wellbeing and environmental interests from the highway to the beach. To celebrate this milestone there will be a party on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, starting at 4.00pm at the Hollow adjacent to Tom Collins House on Wood Street. All welcome. 'Kalahari Busmen' will play their funky jazz. Bring a picnic, chairs, your friends and neighbours.**

### Lot 150, number 11 Sayer Street

Now that the site has been cleared it is more apparent how important the area is to the integrity of the greater Allen Park precinct and the recently completed Bush to Beach regional walk. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> March, come and hear about the avenues being explored to retain the block in the Park.

### Mayo Community Garden

Do you want to grow your own vegies but don't have the space? Why not join in on an exciting community initiative and get involved in the Mayo community garden in the grounds of the former Mayo cottage, near Tom Collins House in the Allen Park Heritage Precinct? The first working day is from 8am on Sunday March 9<sup>th</sup> on site. The task is mulching, so bring gloves, hat, garden fork/shovel, or sturdy bucket. For more information, contact 0449 686 928.

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If you were unable to attend the FOAPBG AGM in Nov and would like to pay your membership fees please fill out your details below and return to: The Treasurer FRIENDS OF ALLEN PARK BUSHLAND GROUP INC. 20 Lynton Street, Swanbourne, 6010. Membership: Individual (\$5) Family (\$10)

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