

FRIENDS OF ALLEN PARK BUSHLAND GROUP



WINTER 2017

Most bushland groups will be rejoicing the level of rainfall so far this winter. It all began with a worryingly very dry June, particularly after the first planting event on the 10th June along Sayer Street. However, July delivered 175 mm over 22 days of rain taking it above the average, and just 3 days without rain by the 14th August. The readings from the rain gauge at the cottage is constantly being recorded and emptied on Tuesdays when the group gets together.

There were 1900 seedlings to be planted this year, with several planting days over winter in the Boobook Sector, Sayer Street and Flyash Hill. Thanks to Judy for supplying tasty hearty soups to the workers after planting mornings. In addition, Ecojobs was able to complete planting as part of the revegetation around the swale and down at the beach (Coastwest Community grant with Swanbourne Coastal Alliance).

There have been two fungi forays. Both events guided by Roz Hart, who is familiar with many community groups who are keen to learn more about fungi. Roz kindly donates her valuable time to search for fungi and share her knowledge about their importance in the ecosystem. Nine species were found during the first event in June which was quite disappointing, but given the lack of rain it might have been expected. However, the second event in August produced over 23 different species, so the group's inventory is growing quite significantly.

Adopt-a-Plot

A few families are getting involved by adopting an area to look after. They planted seedlings and aim to continue to monitor and weed through coming months. If anyone finds it difficult to join on bushcare days or Tuesdays then this is a good way for one to get involved. Let us know if you would like to do the same.



The daughters of pioneer conservationist Jack Allen, after whom the park was named when gazetted in 1928.

T-shirts launched in 1997 sported by the Allen sisters

Photo: L. Shaw

Fundraising

Allen Park T-shirts now on sale

S,M,L \$45.00 short sleeved

S,M,L \$55.00 long sleeved

Place your orders now for short or long sleeved T-shirts.

Contact Judy with size and order

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The more orders we get the bigger the discount that helps our fund raising efforts.

Orders close **31 August**.

In May, FOAPBG organised a gig with funky band Kalahari Busmen playing their music at the Allen Park Tennis Club, celebrating 20 years of bushcare in Allen Park. There was a sausage sizzle to help raise much-needed funds for the Allen Park cottage restoration project. It was also the platform to discuss the proposed Allen Park Master Plan. Community sentiment is strong that there are residual issues from the Swanbourne Precinct Master Plan (2010) not being adopted by Council, leaving land tenure and traffic issues unresolved, and rumours of new sporting groups looking to adopt green space.

Spearheading the master plan, ABV Consultancy Services and TPG presented an open day at Allen Park to gather community sentiment. FOAPBG also initiated a walk with one of the consultants, Jenni Brown, from Swanbourne Beach to Jones Park to highlight the importance of the bushland, land tenure and public open space. One just needs to witness the daily fly past of the flock of Carnaby's cockatoo, to realise that the urban tree canopy is critical to their survival, and many of us play a part in maintaining bushlands not only important for our own health, but for the wellbeing of all creatures great and small.

The City of Nedlands "Your Voice Nedlands" online survey sought the community's views on the project. 100 people responded. See results and update at <http://yourvoice.nedlands.wa.gov.au/allen-park-master-plan>

Community meeting: A traffic strategy briefing for the Allen Park precinct is scheduled for 28th August at the new Pavilion building 7-8pm. Council administrative staff will be present to respond to questions from the community on outstanding and unresolved traffic issues.

A User Group and Key Stakeholder workshop is scheduled for the 30th August 6-8.30pm at the Associates Rugby Club. It is necessary to register (apparently for materials for the workshop) to participate in this stage of the Master Plan process www.yourvoice.nedlands.wa.gov.au

The burgers are better at..... Grill'd

Grill'd Claremont in the Claremont Quarter have been very kind to our group of volunteers and invited us to take part in their community-giving project again. This means that if you eat out at Claremont Grill'd during the month of August (or get take away) you will be invited to place a bottle top in our FOAP jar so that we can obtain a donation from Grill'd. Which is just delightful of them.

Please consider putting their lovely food in your empty stomach and putting a bottle top in our jar. It would be really terrific if you did. Thanks go to John G for the initiative.

Upcoming events

Next bushcare day: 2nd September weeding. Meet at the cottage 9-11am. Bring gloves.

The annual **nightstalk** is to be held on the **13th October**. Bat box builder Joe Tonga, will lead a walk using a collection of gadgets to help detect wildlife close by. It proved a winner last year, so it is recommended to register now, as the walk will be limited to 20 people. See contact details at the end of this newsletter.

Meeting place: Friends of Allen Park cottage.

Time: 6 pm for a 6.20pm start. The walk will finish approximately 8pm with a light supper afterwards.

Bring: torch if you wish, dress warmly. Register early to book your place!

Save the Date: 3rd November. AGM presentation by PhD candidate Leanda Mason, on Trapdoor spiders in Allen Park. Venue to be confirmed.

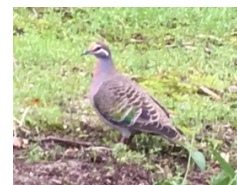
Community news: Bush to Beach Walk September 10th. Meet Friends of Hollywood Reserve and then walk to Lake Claremont (for picnic lunch) and Bold Park for afternoon tea before returning to Shenton Bushland around 3.30.

Please register via the website (<http://bushtoBeachwalk.blogspot.com.au/2017/06/2017-bush-to-beach-walk.html>). Numbers limited to 25.

Register for Allen Park Bushland Group events

Interested in joining the bushland group? Email Judy on

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Male Bronze wing pigeon