

FRIENDS OF ALLEN PARK BUSHLAND GROUP



SUMMER 2018

If you are new to Swanbourne or live close to Allen Park, you can't help but appreciate "Melon Hill", the forested dune north of the playing fields and the lovely bushland surrounding it. There is a small band of volunteers involved in the care of the bushland remnant around Allen Park. If you frequent this part of Swanbourne and appreciate the work done in the park, you might consider joining us for one or two hours a month to undertake a range of activities to keep the bushland in good health. If time poor, perhaps you might like to make a donation, (see overleaf).

The group is taking every opportunity to raise much-needed funds to allow for the upgrade of the little cottage used by the friends group in Allen Park. The cottage is due for repairs: needing to be restumped, asbestos needs to be removed and modifications to bring it up to scratch. With the Mayo cottage having burnt down in 2009, this cottage is the last original building left in the Heritage Precinct and it has been established that it is almost 100 years old. Tom Collins House, Mattie Furphy cottage, and Fricker cottage were moved into the precinct in the past 20 years. The aim is to go into a joint venture with the City of Nedlands to apply for a Lotterywest Grant to fund the restoration work.



Rear view of Allen Park cottage with templetonia retusa flowering in the foreground



Looking north towards Allen Park cottage

Once the logistics have been finalised, there will be a call for artisans: such as carpenters, plumbers, painters, etc who might like to help out in this community project. This should breathe new life into the little place that stands so proudly over the playing fields. The name "Pleasant Valley Cottage" has been mooted; after all, Pleasant Valley Farm occupied much of the land surrounding Allen Park at the turn of the last century.

A watering roster is underway to ensure that seedlings planted along Sayer Street get their roots down. If you'd like to help out, the next watering day is on the **13th March**.

Since discovering termites were attacking the landmark sign at the top of Melon Hill, 'Cottesloe Pest Control' came to the rescue. Being a local firm they were our first choice. They were most obliging and kindly offered their services for free.

The Walkway

Public Notice -

The City is to formally request that the Minister for Lands declares the Walkway in its entirety as A Class Reserve, after learning that a portion (Lot 353) of the Walkway was to be sold off for development as part of the State's Land Asset Sales program in 2017. Angst in this regard caused the community to rally against any sale occurring, and request that the whole Walkway be incorporated into the surrounding Allen Park reserve.



Large marri in the Walkway

Submissions were made through the Allen Park Master Plan process in favour of resolving outstanding land tenure issues to ensure loopholes such as this, cannot be exploited. There is however a call to send in your thoughts as this will govern the City's decision to formally request that the Minister goes ahead and incorporates the land into the A class reserve, and vests the land with the City for conservation purposes once and for all.

You can email Pollyanne Fisher at pfisher@nedlands.wa.gov.au(External link), write to City of Nedlands, PO Box 9, Nedlands WA, 6909, or deliver your submission by hand to the City's Administration building at 71 Stirling Highway, Nedlands WA, 6009.
Deadline by 5pm 9 March

Opportunities to get involved:

First Saturday of the month We generally meet from 9-11am. We meet first at the FOAPBG cottage near the cricket oval. Instructions are left on a whiteboard outside the cottage with the activity of the morning and a map indicating the whereabouts of the group should anyone arrive late.

Alternatively, there is also a small group that meets on a **Tuesday morning** (9.00 – 11.00) throughout the year. This is a good time to come along if the weekend proves difficult. Volunteering is a great way to meet locals and the exercise is free!

The following bushcare morning will be 9-11am on 7th April.

Contact us if you are interested in participating. Ring either 93847983 or 93831501, or email foapbg@gmail.com Find us on Facebook, and you can also visit us on the Urban Bushland Council's website at <http://www.bushlandperth.org.au/member-groups/3-north-of-the-river/44-friends-of-allen-park-bushland>

Community news

Splashfest . Don't forget that the annual 'Splashfest' is on the beach oval from **2-5pm on Sunday the 11th March**. Parking proceeds will contribute to the cottage restoration project.

Mayo Community Garden is holding their AGM 18 March, 9am 91 Wood St. Find out more at: <https://www.facebook.com/MayoCommunityGarden/>

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The Treasurer FRIENDS OF ALLEN PARK BUSHLAND GROUP INC. 16 Lynton Street, Swanbourne, 6010.

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Note: Please include your name in any EFTs.

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