

FRIENDS OF ALLEN PARK BUSHLAND GROUP



WINTER 2018

This winter may be remembered for some time to come as the winter that delivered good rain, and its brilliant show of red flowering *Templetonia retusa* dotted across the slopes of Melon Hill and surrounding areas.



couple of months near the cottage. Unfortunately the bird was quick to dart across the path and away from raised cameras, so we have no evidence of its residency. The 'Birdlife' website has a number of images and this one shows the bird's vivid and distinctive colouring.

The winter reds have faded now and made way for the yellows and purples of spring flowering plants including native wisteria, acacia and attractive groundcover, the native Groundsell.

The Heritage Precinct where *Templetonia* flowers were abundant amidst the sedges also came to be the chosen habitat for an unusual visitor; what looked like a Buff-banded rail, a bird that would normally favour swampy areas. For some reason and much to our delight the bird spent a



Courtesy of <http://birdlife.org.au/bird-profile/Buff-banded-Rail>

Adopting the Model Rules

Following the Special Members' Meeting held in June, the group accepted minor changes to the Constitution, and a Notice of Special Resolution was lodged with the Commissioner of Consumer Protection on the 28th June. Under the Act, as a formality, an Information Statement is due to be lodged no later than 6 months after the end of the financial year. Having anticipated the group embarking on a fund raising campaign for the restoration of the cottage, an ABN and TFN have been acquired. We have since established that as the principle object of our association is not for the purpose of restoration of historic buildings, we are unable to establish a gift fund to fundraise for the building. Our principle purpose is to protect the natural areas in Allen Park for conservation, and will remain so. This will not dampen our enthusiasm to raise the funds, but we are dependent on the City of Nedlands' commitment to getting the cottage repaired.

Planting

It's been a busy period too for our volunteers, as half of this year's quota of 2007 seedlings were planted on 3 bushcare days, a number of Tuesday mornings, and the balance planted by the City's contractors, Ecojobs.

Planting areas included the top of Melon Hill, Boobook Sector, Rugby Club and Sayer Street.



Pictured below are pink markers indicating the location of little Wembley Wax plants. This is to distinguish them from the common variety, Geraldton Wax that we hope to remove over time.



Moments like these are precious as this shot (see left) captured Willy Wagtail hitching a ride on Tim's head while working in the bush recently.



Pink marker alongside Wembley Wax seedling

Bushwalkers may have noticed some small wooden stakes in the bushland. These are to indicate the whereabouts of Wembley wax plants. The markers differentiate them from Geraldton wax, an introduced variety. Geraldton wax seedlings proliferate and will be removed over time.

Bushcare's Major Day Out

1st September - guided walk from Jameson St at Jones Park to Swanbourne Beach . Yellow admiral butterflies are on the move and may be spotted on the walk.

9-11am with morning tea

Limited to 20 people, so please register early.

RSVP to Judy at jhe74786@bigpond.net.au

6th October

9-11 am Weeding Meet at the cottage.

3rd November

8-10 am Weeding

16th November

AGM Screening of "Secrets at Sunrise" saving the Western Ground Parrot



Yellow admiral butterfly