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Hello to all our Friends

Each year we describe the year just gone and invite you to come along to our annual planning meeting. Here is our 2020 wrap!

Despite a year like no other, we can report that conservation efforts at Inglewood Triangle have never been stronger. This year we have been recipients of 3 separate grants and so we have been able to carry out activities that we have previously only wished for.

A small committee has been ably supported by many volunteers over the year

We challenge you to read through to the end of this long email - you will then be up to date with all things Inglewood Triangle. You can find a bundle of resources on our web page here

There is always something flowering in the Triangle. We start with photos of some of the flowers of Birak (December - January): *Scholtzia involucrata, Persoonia saccata, Calytrix fraseri, Calytrix flavescens*









MANAGING KEY THREATS



Phytophthora Dieback

a Communities We were successful with Environment Grant through the office of Patrick Gorman MP and this allowed us to undertake Dieback mitigation actions at Inglewood Triangle. We treated Sections A and D with Phosphite; trained the Friends in dieback management protocols and replaced the boot cleaning stations. You can find our protocols here. City of Stirling also carried out Dieback testing creating the map of affected areas that you can see attached to our protocols. Sadly, that testing shows that Phytophthora Dieback is more extensive in the Triangle than only 2 years ago. You can see this as you walk in from the northern gate. We are now seeking more grant funding to extend Phosphite treatment throughout Section C.

Thanks to **Bruno Rikli** from <u>Bark Environmental</u> and **Maria Holland** from Holland Products Pty Ltd.

Grassy and invasive weeds

Congratulations all on the great volunteer weeding efforts in 2020. Thanks to regular weeders Alison, Chris, Christine, Danielle, Jane, Jo, Tim, Sue, Stephen, Veronica and Vicky. We know that others came down when they had time and we thank you all. The Friends focused on Perennial Veldt, Fumaria and pink Gladdies in sections A, B and C whilst our grant funded professional weeders helped out with Freesias in Section A and Perennial Veldt in Section D. Thank you Tracy and Brian. The City of Stirling trialed steam weeding in parts of Section D and are hopeful that it may be a successful treatment for Black Flag.

Through our Volunteer Grant, Tracy from Harmony Weeding delivered an excellent Weeding Workshop, introducing us to our most problematic weeds.



REVEGETATION AND RECOVERY



Summer hand watering

We continued summer hand watering in the revegetated areas in Section B (the corner of Walter and Hamer) and Section C (Perth College Kindy planting 2018) through until well into May. in sections B and C. Thank you to Tim (and Jo Saunders from City of Stirling) for keeping the tank filled and to the many Friends who have come down to the Triangle every week over Summer and Autumn. We watered on some very hot days and were sad when our seedlings didn't survive that harsh environment along Walter Road. We have now finished watering in these sections!

'Thanks to Tim for watering the newly planted *Dasypogon* with a backpack this Summer

Soil pits, soil removal and targeted revegetation

We dug soil pits in Section D to investigate the extent of the overburden (dumped soil) in those barren sections along the 8th Ave fence line and soon discovered why native plants don't germinate in there. We have funding via City of Stirling grant to trial the removal of that layer of waste soil so that we can get the area ready for revegetation. Tim has sourced a contractor to remove the overburden and we can now plan for targeted revegetation.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Perth College collaboration

We continued our collaboration with Suzanne and the Perth College Kindy class. However Covid-19 restrictions impacted greatly on our normal activities. We were able to fit in a visit in Term 1 but they were then unable to return until Term 3.

In Term 1 the children helped with watering seedlings planted by the class of 2018 (see photo) and in Term 3 they rambled through the bushland curious to see the creatures and plants before pulling Freesias. They just loved the flowers - and we loved having them removed. Then in Term 4 we were invited back to Perth College for a Christmas morning tea.

Thanks to Alison, Chris, Christine, Jane, Sue and Tim for the gentle guidance on the wonders of our bush.



Changing the name to Inglewood Triangle

We discovered early in the year that the City of Stirling officially referred to Inglewood Triangle as Walter Hamer Eighth Reserve and so we have campaigned all year for that to be changed!.

Tim has patiently led our campaign to have the name officially changed to Inglewood Triangle Reserve. It has been a long process that involved formal community consultation. Thank you if you were one of the respondents. All seems to have gone well and the sign at the northern has been changed. We just now await the changing of the sign at the Hamer Parade entrance.



Spring Walks

The Covid-19 restrictions lifted sufficiently that we were able to deliver our inaugural series of Spring Walks for the local community. The resources needed were funded through our City of Stirling grant. This included team shirts plus hard copy resources used as aids by the walk leader.

This initiative was excellently led by Alison, Jill and Sue with support from Chris, Christine, Graham, Stephen, Vicki and Wendy.

We ran 7 walks from September to November; promoted them on our Facebook page and were delighted that many were over-subscribed. Many of the attendees were local but had little awareness of Inglewood Triangle. We appreciate the support provided by Patrick Gorman and Lisa Baker.



EXTENDING OUR CONSERVATION EFFORTS



Links with Mt Lawley Golf Club

During the year we connected with the bush care volunteers at the Mt Lawley Golf Club. We have learnt about their attempts to control weeds in bush pockets, revegetate with native species and their intention to engage with the local community. They have a clear commitment to look after their bush. We toured the bush opposite Inglewood Triangle, finding sedges, a spider orchid, *Calectasia cyanea* and a stand of *Banksia prionotes* and we agreed to continue to share knowledge and undertake joint events such as Cleanup Australia Day 2021. We followed up with a weeding session in the bushland directly opposite Inglewood Triangle. It was great to see the difference that we made in those 2 hours. Thanks to Danielle for her leadership here.



Reminder - Annual Meeting 2021 - Thursday 7 January

Clean Up Australia Day at "Birdie Bush"

TLC from volunteers.

like carpet and an ironing board.

This year we moved our Clean Up Australia Day event to the bushland behind the Terry Tyzack Centre and adjacent to the Mt Lawley Golf Club that we refer to as "Birdie Bush". It is a bio-diverse but neglected and rubbish filled piece of bushland close to our own reserve that needs

20 people came along including local MP Simon Millman. We managed to remove the usual paper and plastic bottles, but also some large items

In closing we thank all City of Stirling staff involved with Inglewood Triangle, Community Newspaper Group, Inglewood on Beaufort, Inglewood Mt Lawley Community Garden, Perth NRM, Post Newspaper Group and Urban Bushland Council WA for their support during 2020.



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