


CHAIRPERSON	
<p>Christine RICHARDSON</p> 	<p>I am really aware of the challenge of stepping into the shoes of such a long-standing leader of the Urban Bushland Council WA as Mary Gray, but I also believe it is equally important for the future success of UBC that we do transition to a new and perhaps younger committee.</p> <p>I have been a member of the UBC Committee since 2010 and Vice Chair in 2020 and 2021.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 2021, I lead the grant writing for successful State NRM grant for UBC – Building community capacity to care for urban bushland. This project starts in March 2022 • In 2020, I lead the Communities Environment Program (CEP) funded project to re-form a Friends group for the bushland at Coolbinia Primary School. • In both 2011 and 2018, I lead the UBC website renewal projects including helping secure the funds. Along with Chris Allbeury I am one of the UBC website admins • I also look after UBC’s social platforms (Facebook and UBC blog with some presence on Instagram and Twitter) and lead on technology for the UBC Committee. <p>Nominee of the Friends of Inglewood Triangle where I’ve been in leadership roles since 2007. I have recently retired and can now spend more time with my local Friends groups and UBC. I bring a depth of senior administrative, strategic planning and leadership skills to UBC. One important focus area for UBC is increasing our number of member groups, helping them to be successful and helping them with succession planning. These are vitally important to the continuation of the Urban Bushland Council.</p>
VICE CHAIRPERSON	
<p>Colma KEATING</p> 	<p>Cut my conservation teeth in 80s with Cons Council & ACF on World Heritage for Shark Bay & Mt Lesueur NP protection & with ‘Trigg Dune Heritage Group’, when we tried to stop road thru dunes.</p> <p>90s had me working closely with WA’s emerging landcare movement through Dept. Agriculture, Greening Australia & Landcare Australia Ltd. & learning much about groups, their amazing commitment & resilience.</p> <p>Active hands-on & leadership roles with Canning River Residents Environment Protection Assn. (CRREPA’s) since 1995.</p> <p>My knowledge & skills around Bush Forever, facilitation & planning get used the most by UBC. 2020 joined C’tee.</p> <p>I believe UBC’s collective strength is our active group members, supporters & committee. Having an influential seat at decision-making tables is critical. We must work hard to maintain this respect & seek seats at all relevant tables to secure good conservation outcomes.</p> <p>Let’s enjoy & celebrate even more, our broader community conservation family that we are all a part of...</p> <p>Botanist/Geographer/Facilitator.</p>
SECRETARY	
<p>Margaret OWEN</p> 	<p>If I was to be turned into an animal, I’d probably be a Swamp Hen, easily startled. Or perhaps a species of duck, seemingly calm on the outside but furiously paddling underwater. I have been Secretary of the Urban Bushland Council for many a long year. However, when I say ‘long year’, I do observe that the years are getting shorter and shorter.</p> <p>I thank the UBC member groups, supporters, and all the volunteers who work to protect and manage our bushlands, wetlands, heathlands and coasts.</p> <p><i>[Ed. Note: Many of you would also know Marg for her wildlife photography coupled with raising awareness of our natural world and calling for action (including weekly articles in the POST Newspaper. Marg also drafts many of the submissions and appeals on behalf of UBC and member groups. She has contributed on UBC Committee since 2004.]</i></p>

TREASURER	
<p>Chris ALLBEURY</p> 	<p>First can I thank all those passionate people who have been out there supporting UBC and day in day out working to protect our unique bushland.</p> <p>And I would also like to thank Friends of Star Swamp Bushland who have nominated me as Treasurer on the UBC Committee. Their support is very much appreciated.</p> <p>During that time, I have been responsible for financial management, insurance, and any financial and governance reporting. I have also been involved with several iterations of the UBC website. I am actively involved with several groups from the Northern Suburbs. And am keen to help other groups and introduce young children to the wonders of our bushland.</p> <p>Personally, I am the typical back-room type and am much happier working on spreadsheets or weeding in bushland rather than fronting meetings.</p> <p><i>[Ed Note: Chris has contributed on UBC Committee since 2007]</i></p>
COMMITTEE MEMBERS (alpha order)	
<p>Sue CONLAN</p> 	<p>Volunteering with outstanding dedicated, talented, passionate, UBC committee members, member groups and supporters on the relentless challenges our bushland faces has been a power of learning.</p> <p>We're thinking differently, we're working together, sharing your knowledge to empower our groups to avert the threats so we can keep doing what we started out to do, looking after our patch and building community.</p> <p>Convenor, Friends of Mosman Park Bushland.</p> <p><i>[Ed Note: Over the past three years, Sue has learnt and contributed enormously alongside her fellow 'Save Ocean Reef' campaigners. Sue has contributed on UBC Committee since 2017.]</i></p>
<p>Mary GRAY</p> 	<p>Active on UBC Committee as the Wildflower Society of WA's representative for all but a few of its 29 years. Staunch supporter and educator of bushland protection and management.</p> <p>Appreciate that our member groups are key to UBC and admire their great, active care for their local bushland. Assisted in reinvigorating Friends of Inglewood Triangle many years ago.</p> <p>Wealth of knowledge around bushland and wetland management, environmental laws and policies. Key knowledge around Bush Forever and its lagging implementation.</p> <p>Great collaborator with local groups, agencies (Local, State, Federal), tertiary institutions and individuals.</p> <p>Initiated nomination process - with assistance from top botanists and biologists etc - for listing of the Banksia Woodlands as a Threatened Ecological Community (TEC) under the <i>EPBC Act</i>.</p> <p>Key issues I would like UBC to continue focussing on include: fostering more community engagement with their local bushland; sharing information on controlling invasive species, fire risk management; advocacy; and enriching the UBC team with paid staff and projects.</p>
<p>Heidi HARDISTY</p> 	<p>I am a devoted conservation volunteer and campaigner. I am planting supervisor for the Friends of Lake Claremont (past coordinator 2008-2017). I am currently on the Friends of Underwood Ave Bushland Committee and the Urban Bushland Council Committee (2021-2022).</p> <p>I have been highly acknowledged for my conservation work including the honour of Freeman of the Town of Claremont.</p> <p>This year I would like to assist UBC in developing their advocacy program, especially to solicit government support to progress and complete the Bush Forever program. I would like to assist the committee in building our environmental networks; be UBC's liaison for the Save the Black Cockatoo campaign; help with submissions; and contribute where I can.</p> <p>UBC must continue to lobby all stakeholders to improve legislation for better planning and environmental outcomes.</p> <p>Personal skills: Experienced volunteer coordinator, motivator, adept at stakeholder engagement across all sectors, great listener, dedicated, pragmatic, straightforward, tough.</p> <p>Degrees: BSc - Geological Engineering; MSc - Biological Sciences.</p>

Nominations for UBC Committee 2022

<p>Lynn MacLAREN</p> 	<p>My commitment for environmental protection and conservation began as a young person growing up among the beautiful forests, desert, and coasts in California. Later in life my professional communication skills were put to good use in animal welfare advocacy where I helped to build an international movement against live sheep exports. My passion for the rights of the voiceless drove me to help build the green party in Western Australia and eventually saw me elected as Greens MP (2009 -2017). There I campaigned tirelessly for urban bushland, most prominently to Save the Beelihar Wetlands (2004-2017), protect Moore River, and amend biodiversity laws. One of my successes was to help save the numbats of Dryandra by preventing a nearby landfill.</p> <p>I work for St Patrick’s Community Support Centre in homelessness programs and as a consultant trainer for Evolve.</p> <p>Current Memberships: UBC Committee (Member 2021-2022); Friends of Samson Park; Compassion in Action (Director); Fremantle Greens (Co-Convenor); Women’s Shed Movement of WA (Board Member).</p>
<p>Vacancy</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 100px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center; margin: 10px auto;"> <p>YOU!</p> </div>	<p>Consider nominating ‘from the floor’ at the AGM.</p> <p>Why not contact Mary (9444 5647) or Christine (0427 777 135) to discuss?</p>

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