

# FRIENDS OF ALLEN PARK BUSHLAND GROUP



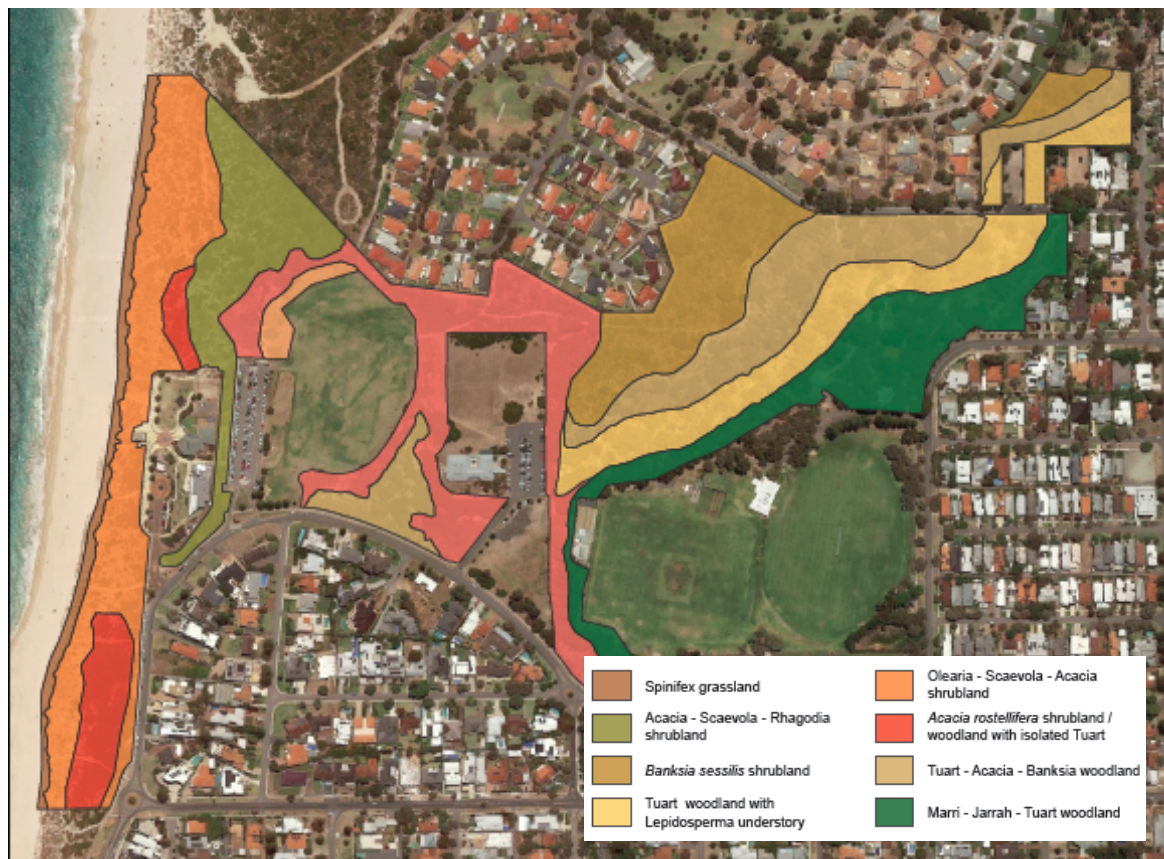
## AUTUMN 2021

It has been such a relief to have good rain over the autumn, with current levels above average for the year. Hopefully the trend will continue through June as the plants have arrived and will be planted over coming weeks. A very big thank you to all those who helped water seedlings on the log-and-chain and up the Sayer Street steps over many hot months. Those efforts have paid off and many plants are looking quite good now. Fortunately the limestone rocks served their purpose to curb erosion during the recent torrential downpour that delivered 60mm of rain in a very short period of time. Other areas were less fortunate. There was still the need to shovel sand and gravel and clean up a river of sand on Sayer Street.

### Planting 2021

It is to be an exciting planting season with 1700 seedlings allocated to Melon Hill and more for the Coastwest Stage 2 project on the southern end of the Swanbourne Beach oval. Some species will be reintroduced as they had been either cleared when land use changed after colonisation or localised extinctions occurred due to a range of other reasons.

The map below created by consultants Syrinx Environmental, is used to guide us when allocating plants to various areas across the reserve. This area is very special in that it traverses primary and secondary



coastal dunes, acacia shrubland and woodlands including peppermint, large tuart, marri and jarrah specimens.

Concerted efforts will be made over time to reintroduce species that have become almost extinct in Allen Park. These include *Leucopogon parviflorus*, (coast beard heath), *Xanthorrhoea preissii* (some remnant grass trees are located near the cricket pavilion building), and *Zamia* (see below) where just one male plant is in close proximity to the path approaching the Heritage Precinct. One small specimen was found many years ago but died a short time later.



*Zamia* seedlings take a couple of years to germinate, and these among others will be tenderly cared for. The old inverted bottle watering technique will be adopted for this purpose.



So if you have any 2L bottles around at home, please save them for us! Please remove the lids and cut the base off as shown here, and drop off next to the cottage. Thanking you in anticipation.

### **WE NEED YOUR HELP!!**

Please join us for a season of planting, whether on Tuesday mornings (9-11) or on the big planting days when we need to get lots of plants in the ground -

**12 June 9 -11.30am**

**3 July 9 -12 pm both sessions will be followed by morning tea**

### **Good news! Allen Park Cottage repairs imminent!**

The City administration advised that the works to progress the repairs to the cottage have gone out to tender. The works timeline is yet to be established and it is anticipated that the cottage will be off limits to our group during the process. Fortunately the Fellowship of Australian Writers WA has kindly offered the use of their kitchen facilities after our sessions. The MAYO Community Garden group has also granted use of one of their sheds to store a few things, whilst other bits and pieces will be stored under the Mattie Furphy house.

We did not get funding through the Federal Stronger Communities Grant - finding out that we were up against a very competitive field. It was hoped that a further injection of funds would have contributed to the cottage repairs.

### **Swanbourne Beach Oval Coastwest Grant Stage 2**

Watch the space alongside Odern Crescent near the beach upper car park entry and exit as preparations for revegetation get underway in coming months. Stage 1 at the northern end of the oval



has been hugely successful, bringing 0.4Ha into the reserve. The southern end has a big role to play too - establishing green corridors is important in providing habitat not just for mammals and reptiles, but for pollinators of native plants, particularly near areas that may have been impacted by fire. These little creatures have an enormous role to play in ecosystem health.

### **Bee survey**

We have been following up on the prospect of having a bee survey conducted in Allen Park, along the lines of the study that was undertaken at Lake Claremont. We will need to raise \$2500 in order to go ahead. If anyone has any suggestions regarding how we can raise this amount, we'd be happy to hear from you!

### **Childrens' Hospice**

Whilst the proposal to build a children's hospice on the grassed area north of the Bridge Club is currently being assessed, there have been only 3 meetings involving Site Assessment Working Group members over a 10-month period. SAWG is looking very closely at the community's concerns and issues associated with the prospect of the development going ahead, with the intent to present these issues/concerns to the City of Nedlands' Stakeholder Reference Group. The Project Control Group to which the SRG will direct our communications is made up of a larger collection of individuals including the proponents, the Perth Children's Hospital Foundation. What has been established is that the intent is still there; land is to be excised to allow this to go ahead; it will house 7-10 children and some of their families. As yet there have been no architectural drawings to view as the proponent is working through some technical issues (not divulged). Loss of amenity has been raised and the proponent intends giving something back to the community - what that looks like is yet to be determined.

However ..... **there is to be a community information session on Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup> July between 10-12pm at the WA Bridge Club off Odern Crescent.** It will display Architect renders and information about the planned hospice. Reps from Perth Children's Hospital Foundation, Child and Adolescent Health Services and a Palliative Care Family will be there to answer your questions. Please tell your neighbours! We understand the event is to be promoted by them on social media, in local press and a letterbox drop in the Swanbourne and Mt Claremont areas. The City of Nedlands will also liaise with the PCHF to promote the event.

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