





CHAIRPERSON	
<p><b>Christine RICHARDSON</b></p> 	<p>I have completed 1 year in the position of Chairperson for UBC and have renominated for this role to see through initiatives commenced in 2022. Prior to this, I was Vice Chair in 2020 and 2021 and a committee member from 2010.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In my first year as Chairperson, UBC has updated its Rules to allow for Deductible Gift Reciprocity, has given great thought to succession planning, risk management and operating structures and has invested in a part-time, short term Executive Officer.</li> <li>• I have also led the implementation of the UBC State NRM grant for UBC – Building community capacity to care for urban bushland. This commenced in May 2022 with the appointment of Johanna Riddell. This project concludes in May 2023.</li> <li>• In 2020, I lead the Communities Environment Program (CEP) funded project to re-form a Friends group for the bushland at Coolbinia Primary School.</li> <li>• In both 2011 and 2018, I lead the UBC website renewal projects including helping secure the funds. Along with Chris Allbeury OAMI am one of the UBC website admins.</li> </ul> <p>I am a nominee of the Friends of Inglewood Triangle where I've been in leadership roles since 2007. 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>

SECRETARY	
<p><b>Margaret OWEN</b> OAM</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 effective conservation action (including weekly articles in the POST Newspaper). Underwood Avenue Bushland, Black Cockatoos and Urban Tree Canopy are just three campaigns greatly assisted by Marg.</i></p> <p><i>Marg also drafts many of the submissions and appeals on behalf of UBC and member groups. She has contributed on UBC Committee, including Secretarial duties since 2004.]</i></p>


COMMITTEE MEMBERS (alpha order)	
<p><b>Mary GRAY</b> OAM</p> 	<p>Active on UBC Committee as the Wildflower Society of WA's representative for all but a few of its 30 years. Staunch supporter and educator of bushland protection and management. Appreciates our member groups are key to UBC and admire their great, active care for their local bushland. Initiated re-starting Friends of Inglewood Triangle many years ago.</p> <p>Wealth of knowledge around bushland and wetland management, environmental laws, policies and Bush Forever (and its lagging implementation).</p> <p>Great collaborator with local groups, agencies (Local, State, Federal), and individuals. Initiated nomination process - with assistance from top botanists/ biologists etc - for listing of the Banksia Woodlands as a Threatened Ecological Community (TEC) under the EPBC Act.</p> <p>Key issues I would like UBC to continue focussing on include: biodiversity conservation campaign; advocating for no further loss of our urban bushland; much greater government investment (ie funding) in biodiversity conservation; fostering more community connection with local bushland; sharing information on controlling invasive species, fire risk management; and enriching the UBC team with paid staff and projects.</p>

<p><b>Colma KEATING</b></p> 	<p>Cut my conservation teeth in 80s with Cons Council &amp; ACF on World Heritage for Shark Bay &amp; Mt Lesueur NP protection &amp; 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 &amp; Landcare Australia Ltd. &amp; learning much about groups, their amazing commitment &amp; resilience.</p> <p>Active hands-on &amp; leadership roles with local Canning River Residents Environment Protection Assn (CRREPA) since 1995.</p> <p>My knowledge &amp; skills around Bush Forever, facilitation, planning &amp; administration get used the most by UBC.</p> <p>2020 joined C'tee.</p> <p>I believe UBC's collective strength is our active group members, supporters &amp; committee. Having an influential seat at decision-making tables is critical. We must work hard to maintain this respect &amp; seek seats at all relevant tables to secure good conservation outcomes.</p> <p>Let's enjoy &amp; celebrate even more our 'community conservation family' that we are all a part of... Botanist/Geographer/Facilitator.</p>
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**NOMINATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE CLOSING DATE 14 FEBRUARY 2023**

VICE CHAIRPERSON	
<p><b>Sue CONLAN</b></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 – look after our patch and building our community.</p> <p>Convenor, Friends of Mosman Park Bushland (FoMPB).</p> <p><i>[Ed Note: Under her FoMPB hat, Sue has also developed a strong, active understanding of local government laws, policies and processes and over the past four years, she has learnt and contributed enormously alongside her fellow 'Save Ocean Reef' campaigners. Sue has contributed on UBC Committee since 2017 including organising bi-monthly walks and talks for UBC members, supporters and visitors.]</i></p>

COMMITTEE MEMBERS (alpha order)	
<p>Prof. <b>Treena BURGESS</b></p> 	<p>Treena is a Research Director at the Harry Butler Institute, Murdoch University. Her research field is the biology, ecology and genetics of beneficial and detrimental microorganisms in natural ecosystems, plantation forestry and horticulture, with a focus on biodiversity and biosecurity issues.</p> <p>One of her specific areas of research and application is the dieback <i>Phytophthora cinnamomi</i>, listed globally as one of the 100 worst invasive alien species where active management is required to reduce the impact and prevent spread in both horticulture and natural ecosystems. Other experience includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Since 2004 senior editor for Australasia Plant Pathology.</li> <li>• In the past 5 years reviewed for 14 international plant pathology, forest pathology and mycology journals. Reviews grant applications for the National Research Foundation (South Africa) and examines PhD theses.</li> <li>• Manages the finances for all the grants she has received for the Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) for Forestry (WA node) and a member of the Project Steering Committees related to Trees in the Landscape and Education.</li> </ul> <p>Treena is also on the board of The Wetlands Centre Cockburn.</p> <p>Photo &amp; Extract: Murdoch University: <a href="http://profiles.murdoch.edu.au/myprofile/treena-burgess/">http://profiles.murdoch.edu.au/myprofile/treena-burgess/</a></p>

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<p><b>Elizabeth EATON</b></p> 	<p>A strong interest in our state’s natural resources, uppermost being our flora, fauna, and water and land use resources including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• commencing with the Guilderton Community Association in 1996</li> <li>• Shire of Gingin councillor (&gt; 10 ten years), and deputy president for the last couple of years</li> <li>• Shire of Gingin’s representative on Moore Catchment Council</li> <li>• non-metropolitan member of the WA Planning Commission, 1999-2001</li> <li>• member of Northern Agricultural Catchments Council (NACC), then NACC chair until 2007.</li> </ul> <p>I took a step back after this busy period. whilst being community liaison for the Town of Cambridge for Roscommon Reserve for some 15 years.</p> <p>In recent years I have been involved with the Friends of Mosman Park Bushland.</p> <p>Prior to my involvement with natural resource management, and after completing a B. Psych at UWA, I worked with (then) Mt Newman Mining at Port Hedland, CSIRO and UWA, the latter including a contract on teaching assessment followed by lecturing in psychology. One contract with CSIRO was on community attitudes to groundwater extraction in Jandakot Groundwater Mound.</p>
<p><b>James MUMME OAM</b></p> 	<p>Impressed at UBC’s level of professionalism, follow through, expertise and effective networking with bureaucracy and governments.</p> <p>Relevant experience and commitments include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Convenor and Founder Friends of Point Peron since 2006</li> <li>• Member RLRP Community Advisory Committee since 2012</li> <li>• Member City of Rockingham Environmental Advisory Committee since 2022</li> <li>• Facilitator in Alternatives to Violence Project since 2001</li> <li>• Chair, Naragebup Rockingham Regional Environment Centre 2008-2010</li> <li>• Community Member Cockburn Sound Management Council 2013-19</li> <li>• Founding member Preserve Point Peron Inc. 2006-2016</li> <li>• Ongoing questioner of City of Rockingham Council since 2009</li> <li>• Ongoing respondent to EPA, DWER, DMIRS publications of projects for assessment.</li> </ul> <p>Things I can bring to UBC include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• connections with ordinary people who range politically across the spectrum and who have a wide range of views towards the environment</li> <li>• writing grammatically, clearly and with sensitivity to a variety of audiences from politicians, bureaucrats to councillors and officers to ordinary residents.</li> <li>• editing for clarity and brevity – committed to "less is more"</li> <li>• conflict resolution and some skills at working with people who hold different views from mine.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Mitch POLAIN</b></p> 	<p>Currently Chairperson of the Friends of Trigg Bushland, Mitch has for many years also been a committed and active member of the Friends of Star Swamp, Friends of Lake Gwelup and Friends of Koondoola Regional Bushland.</p> <p>Because of the accompanying exposure given to environmental volunteering (that it typically does not receive), Mitch was especially pleased to be awarded the City of Stirling’s ‘2022 Volunteer of the Year Award’ and thus assist in raising the profile of environmental volunteers and the bushlands they care for.</p> <p>Mitch prefers a collaborative approach and has an extensive network within Friends groups, local governments and schools.</p> <p>He is especially interested in environmental education and developing projects like the ‘Reptile Awareness Workshop’ run with St Mary’s Anglican Girls’ School and visits to the Native Animal Rescue facility in Malaga to be run later this year.</p> <p>More recently Mitch has been involved with the UBC’s ‘Building Community Capacity to Care for Urban Bushland’ project and the successful Wildflower Fiesta and Bushtucker Tasting events.</p>

TREASURER	
<b>Vacancy</b>	Consider nominating 'from the floor' at the AGM.
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;">YOU!</div>	Why not contact <u>Christine</u> (0427 777 135) or <u>Colma</u> (0407 180660) to discuss?

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