



Friends of Trigg Bushland

NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Calendar Dates

more details available [here](#)

Sat 30 Apr @ 8am, Guided Walk
Sun 1 May @ 8am, Bushland Restoration
Sun 5 Jun @ 9am, Bushland Restoration
Sun 31 Jul @ 2pm, Annual General Meeting



Special Projects Funding Award



The City awarded our Friends group funds of \$5940 (inc GST) to continue our work on restoring the buffer zone of the Rottne Island Pine TEC this winter. The project will extend manual weed control in the buffer zone along Bournemouth Parade and Peet Crescent, and

will potentially include other activities such as infill planting, mulching and erosion control.

Seedling Watering

Since the planting at Bournemouth Parade in July last year, the Friends of Trigg Bushland undertook four watering events from December to March to give the plants the best chance of survival. There were lots of helpers at each watering event, with volunteers contributing a total of 70 hours work.



The City of Stirling provided a 1,000 litre water tank on-site for this purpose. Each plant receiving over 2 L of water mixed with seasol and wettasoil on each occasion, which was highly successful at ensuring the water soaked straight into the soil. Monitoring of final survival rates will occur later this month.

Limestone Tracks



The City has upgraded 1.6km of limestone tracks in the south-western pocket of the reserve adjacent to Elliott Rd and West Coast Hwy. The Friends group consulted with the City as part of the planning for the works and no track widening or vegetation removal occurred during the works.

People visiting the reserve might have noticed the raw material was dark. This was because the crushed limestone has 2% bitumen, which makes the track more robust from water erosion, which is a particular issue in steep areas. The track will lighten over time to a colour consistent with the limestone tracks throughout the remainder of the reserve.

We Need You!

We are currently seeking new members to join our Management Committee. There are Office Bearer and Committee Member positions available, and we would gratefully accept whatever amount of time you are able to provide. Please email Mitch or Mel to find out more [here](#).

Volunteer of the Month Nomination

Our Chairperson Mitch Polain was nominated for the City of Stirling Volunteer of the Month in February. It is a well deserved recognition of the leadership and many hours of service that Mitch contributes to our Friends Group. Well done Mitch!



Weeding Areas

Friends of Trigg Bushland will work with the City of Stirling on four priority areas for weed control over the next four years:

- Rottnest Island Pine TEC
- Millington Reserve (adjacent to oval)
- Karrynyup/Jeans Road corner
- Duart-Arnott bushland section



Coastwest Grant Application

Our Friends Group worked with the City of Stirling, Perth NRM and Stirling Natural Environment Coastcare to submit a CoastWest grant application for \$60,000 towards the restoration of the Rottnest Island Pine TEC.

The application recognises the continuity of the TEC community from the coast to the bushland, and includes funds for weeding and planting in 16 ha of the TEC, and 8 ha of surrounding buffer zone. We will hear the outcome by July, fingers crossed!

Rushes and Reptiles Workshop

The Perth NRM Rushes and Reptiles Workshop, held on 19 March, provided valuable training for our Friends Group. Key points included the importance of getting to know native grasses so that they are not accidentally weeded, and adding grasses to species lists for restoration projects.



There is a rich diversity of reptile species that live in Perth's bushland areas, including gecko's, skinks, dragons, goannas and snakes. A summary of the presentations can be found on Cottelsoe Coastcare's website [here](#).



Feeding Wildlife

Visitors love seeing native wildlife in Trigg Bushland Reserve, and the experience of seeing a quenda, reptile or rare bird is incredible rewarding. People have the best of intentions when feeding wildlife, but unfortunately it does more harm than good.

Wildlife need to be able to fend for themselves, and not become reliant on humans. Artificial sources of food can have negative effects on an animals health and alter their natural behaviour. A well-vegetated area will provide quenda with ample natural food sources, without the need for supplementary feeding.

Under the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016, it is an offence to feed wildlife without a licence. If you find sick or injured wildlife, please call the Wildcare Helpline on 9474 9055.