



Friends of Trigg Bushland

NEWSLETTER

JULY 2022 EDITION - MAKURU

Upcoming Calendar Dates

more details available [here](#)

Sat 30 Jul @ 8am, Guided Walk

Sun 31 Jul @ 1.30pm, AGM

Sun 7 Aug @ 9am, Bushland Restoration

Sun 4 Sep @ 9am, Bushland Restoration



Notice of Annual General Meeting

Please join us for our Annual General Meeting at the Henderson Environment Centre on Sunday 31 July.

Our three guest speakers will discuss recruitment and retention of bushland volunteers, succession planning for Friends of groups, and how to engage young people in conservation efforts. We hope to see you there!

- 1.30 pm Registration and Housekeeping
- 1.45 pm AGM Friends of Trigg Bushland
- 2.30 pm AGM Friends of Star Swamp Bushland
- 3.30 pm Presentation from the Urban Bushland Council
- 3.50 pm Presentation from City of Stirling
- 4.10 pm Presentation from Intrepid Landcare
- 4.30 pm Afternoon Tea

Seedling survival

In early June, we monitored the survival rate of the 324 native seedlings planted by St Mary's Junior School students along Bournemouth Parade in July last year. In total, 63% of seedlings survived the recent summer, which is moderately successful given the 2021-22 summer was the hottest on record across the Greater Perth area (Australian Government Bureau of Meteorology, 2022).



There were significant differences in survival rates between species. The top performing species were Prickle Lily (*Acanthocarpus preissii*), Coastal Daisybush (*Olearia axillaris*) and Fanflower (*Scaevola crassifolia*), with an average of 90% survival.

The lowest performing species were *Grevillea crithmifolia* and Dune Eggs and Bacon (*Gastrolobium nervosum*), with less than 30% survival. Information on plant survival at this site is useful as we plan the winter 2023 planting season.

Weeding gets boost



We have engaged a bushland specialist to hand weed the buffer zone of the Rottneest Island Pine TEC this winter, funded by the City's Special Project Grants. Hand weeding commenced in June and will continue through to the end of October.



Weeds removed so far include Bridal creeper, *Fumaria* and Geraldton Carnation Weed.

During weeding, large flocks of Carnaby Cockatoos have been observed feeding on the Rottneest Island Pines that dominate this Threatened Ecological Community.

Bushland treasures

A group of 15 participants joined the Friends of Trigg Bushland guided walk in late April.

There is always something new to see in the bush, and this time we found an underground scleroderma, a type of truffle fungi.

These mycorrhizal fungi form symbiotic relationships with bushland plants and assist with their mineral uptake.

The photo shows a cut section of the fruiting body of the fungus, with the spores released from the top. A surprisingly beautiful pattern is within!



Celebrating World Environment Day

This year, World Environment Day on Sunday, 5th June 2022 happened to coincide with our monthly restoration morning. To honour this day and bring a local focus, we designed a unique flyer that was displayed around Trigg

Bushland to encourage people to join us in celebrating, protecting and restoring our very special bushland.

Our core group swelled substantially, including at least three young members, who were keen to repeat the experience. This was a fantastic outcome! As usual it was a very productive and satisfying morning, wrapped up with a restorative snack and chat.



Call for Committee Member nominations

Our Management Committee needs new members. Nominations are now invited, and positions will be appointed at our AGM in July. Please call Melanie Davies, Secretary, on 0427 655 588 if you are interested in finding out

what is involved. Volunteers are key to keeping our group operating, and giving even a small amount of your time makes a big difference.

Urban Bushland Council's 'Building Community Capacity' Project

The Urban Bushland Council has received grant funding to research the latest trends in volunteering, identify training needs of bushland Friends of groups, and deliver capacity building workshops. Our Friends group has been engaged to participate in the project. An exciting deliverable will be a festival style event this spring to engage the community with the natural wonders of Trigg Bushland. Watch this space for more details!



Wildlife Friendly Rodent Control

Did you know that carnivorous mammals, reptiles and birds can be poisoned by eating rodents that have ingested a certain type of rodent bait, known as second generation anticoagulant rodenticides (SGARs)?

To reduce the risk to wildlife, Birdlife Australia recommends rodent baits with less harmful active constituents like warfarin and coumatetralyl are used. Please see more information on what products can be safely used and what should be avoided [here](#).

Photos are courtesy of Sharon Mearthur, Trish Berridge and Melanie Davies.