

WANDI WARBLER

WANDI PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC.

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December 2009

Wandi Progress Association Report

Summer has come and we all look forward to those balmy days and of course the upcoming festive season.

Things are pretty quiet in terms of WPA activity over the past couple of months, the work with assisting Smithy's Gym continues and a few "tidy up" activities have been completed.

We have just received notification about a proposed major substation being planned for the corner of Rowley and DeHaer Road. Whilst it is about another 8 years before commencement the whole concept of a 1 Hectare development like this being permitted on a bush block in a special rural designated area raises many questions. These include how can it be permitted when individuals have to adhere to rigorous environmental standards and what additional infrastructure may be required such as pylons etc. Also the limitation on subdivision building blocks is 2000 sq m. Therefore it is important to residents to attend the public meeting on the 9th December so that they can get more information and ask questions. Please see the Western Power announcement following in the newsletter which gives more details. It is important to realise that whilst as an individual you may not feel affected, you may well be.

Have you seen the new identification signs on the wall at the entry to the Wandí Community Centre? They look really good and we must thank Fred Erdtsieck for coordinating this... a good job Fred!

We had several offers for sponsoring the printing of the Warbler and thank all of those that came forward. Special thanks go to SY Knight & CO, CPA Accountants & Registered Tax Agents who will be sponsoring us next year.

We notice that there have been a number of new subdivisions and welcome all new residents to our vibrant Wandí community!

Enjoy your bumper edition of the warbler, we also appreciate your feedback or any ideas for articles, please contact us at WandiProgress@gmail.com

WPA COMMITTEE & MEETING DATES 09/2010

Dates for 2009 – 16 Dec

2010 – 20 Jan, 17 Feb, 17 Mar, 21 Apr, 19 May, 16 June, 21 July, 18 Aug, 15 Sep, 20 Oct, 17 Nov, 15 Dec

President: Peter Hegarty

Vice Presidents: Fred Erdtsieck, Les Whiddett

Treasurer: Sandra Knight

Minute Secretary: Ken Workman

Committee members: Janet Carr, Debbie Cocks, John Lydon, Rod Cocks, Jim Russell, Rod Pattinson

The committee meets every third Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm. All residents are most welcome to attend or if you have some concerns in the Wandí area and would like the Progress Association to assist, please contact any member.

New committee members are always welcome and we would love YOU to become part of our community, contact Ken Workman on 9397 1060 or email woodboroughwa@bigpond.com for further details.

The Wandí Progress Association wishes all our Residents a Happy and Safe Christmas and 2010.



Wandi Community News

Western Power has purchased a property and proposes a 132kV Substation on corner of Rowley and DeHaer Road.

The 132kV zone substation, which will be known as the Banjup zone substation, will provide power to the Banjup and Wandi communities. It is required in order to meet rapidly growing power demands in the area, largely due to residential growth and new subdivisions. Western Power current forecasts indicate that it will be required by 2020 to provide for future energy needs.

Although the site is 3.5 hectares in size, the substation will only require approximately 1 hectare of land. This means that there will be an opportunity to retain some existing vegetation on the site to aid in screening the substation from community view.

A number of sites in the locality were initially considered for the substation, but this option has been identified as most suitable when balancing a number of considerations. This site is central to the load area (the area which required the power) and will easily allow for connection into the existing network.

Western Power is keen to engage with the local community so that you can provide input into future planning for your area's power needs.

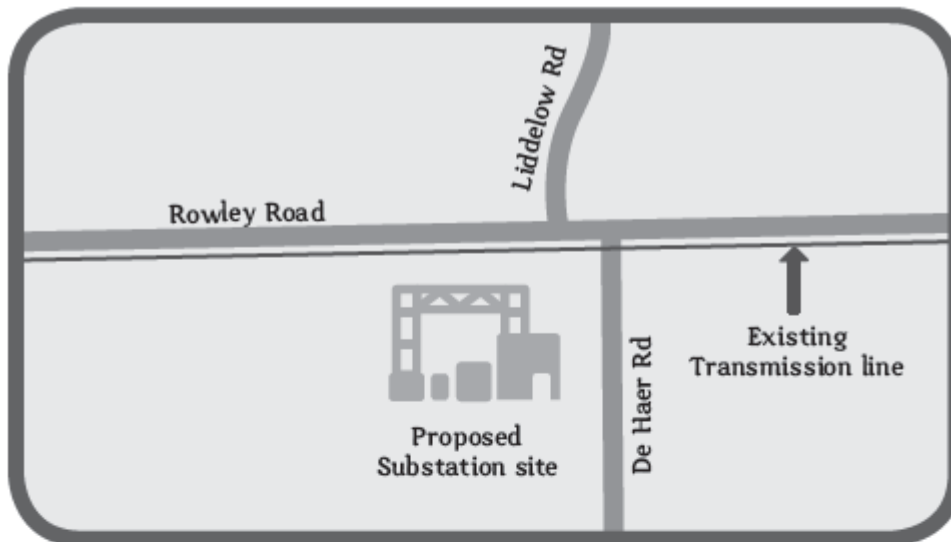
Proposed timeline (subject to change)

The following table contains an overview of works and anticipated timelines. It is likely that nothing will occur on site for around 8 or 9 years.

Demolition of existing house on site	2018
Construction of substation	2018-2020
Substation and line in-service	2020



Western Power Community Information Meeting



Western Power community information

You are invited to come and meet with Western Power representatives about plans to improve the power supply in the Banjup and Wandu community.

We have recently identified a site for a proposed new zone substation - on the corner of De Haer and Rowley Roads, Wandu.

We would like to meet with interested community members to discuss the project, take your comments and answer your questions. We invite you to come along to our Community Contact Session.

Date: Wednesday 9 December 2009

Timing: Short presentation and Q&A session - 6 pm

Western Power staff available to take queries - until 8 pm

Location: Wandu Community Hall, De Haer Road, Wandu

If you would like to speak to us in the meantime, please contact Mark Stevens on (08) 9326 4144 or email mark.stevens@westernpower.com.au

We hope to see you there



Community Meeting – Rivers Regional Council Proposal to Build a “Composting Facility” Close to the BioWise Site on McLaughlan Road (Between Anketell and Thomas Roads)

The recent community meeting attracted around 20 residents who heard Rivers Regional Council CEO, Alex Sheridan present an interesting community update on the Regional Council's Feasibility Study i.e. Site Selection, Technology Selection etc. into the establishment of an AWT at the Water Corporation's, McLaughlan Road, Waste Water Treatment Plant site. What was interesting to hear was that the final site had not been concluded and that the RRC were waiting for Rockingham Council to advise if they were going to become part of the group. Many questions were raised with resident concerns being expressed in respect of truck movements, the potential impact on the Spectacles, the technology and choice of site.

Hey Kids!...Santa Clause is coming to Town

Look out for on Santa and his local firefighter volunteer helpers on Christmas morning. As he will be very busy he will not have the time to come down driveways. He will play loud Christmas music so the best thing for families to do is to listen out for him and to wait at their gate/driveway. A clearly visible "Santa Please Stop Here" sign is helpful, especially if there are small children. Thanks also to the Town of Kwinana who provide Santa with the lollies all bagged up.



The Wandi Progress Association wishes everybody a Happy, Safe and Joyous Christmas along with a healthy successful 2010 ☺

Horse Fees

Whoops, for those horse owners out there I am afraid the editor mistakenly (one cannot get good help anymore...yes it was me) stated that the fee was \$100 per horse rather than \$100 per equine premises. Please accept my apologies for what was a genuine mistake. The following is directly from the Kwinana Council website so I presume it is right!...Ed

Council's budget has a series of fees for equine premises as follows;

- A) Initial application fee for approval or to vary an Equine Premises \$ 90
- B) Initial Equine Premises registration fee per property \$100
- C) Renewal of Equine premises registration \$100

Battery Recycling Centre

Did you know that old household batteries are a real environmental problem when they go to landfill? In a good initiative Kwinana Council have installed two household battery recycle bins in the Kwinana library and at the Hub shopping centre. So save up those little environmental "bombs" and recycle them!

Wandi "Hoofbeats" gets Funding Boost

You learn something every day, did you know that the publication "Hoofbeats" is produced here in Wandi? Anyway the Wandi business has had some good news with an \$8600 grant as part of the governments Fresh Ideas for Work and Family Program. Long term Wandi residents Robert and Sandy Hannan employ eight people to work on the magazine which is distributed Australia wide every two months. The magazine covers equestrian community interests except racing and distributes over 16,000 copies per annum. Visit www.hoofbeats.com.au for more information.

Watch Out – Those Thieves are still About!

There have been further reports of break-ins in the Wandi area recently so with the festive season coming we should all be more vigilant. People are encouraged to report registration plates of suspicious vehicles and any suspicious activity to Kwinana police on 94114311. So lock up your home, sheds etc., and above all keep alert as a community watching out for yourself and your neighbours.

Snakes Alive – Watch Out – Lots Around.

Just by walking around Wandi streets it is quite obvious that this is a very active snake season so make sure that you keep watch. The common ones that you will see are the Tiger Snake and Dugite. Peoples' dislike of snakes is most often based in fear and the lack of knowledge on how to live with them, but by taking precautions and making a few adjustments in lifestyle, the possibility of a dangerous encounter with any snakes is reduced.

- Be aware and take care in bushland and grassy areas.
- Walk and/or cycle on cleared areas only, where the ground can be seen.
- When out bushwalking, wear long trousers and boots or other enclosed footwear that preferably cover the ankles.
- Keep a watchful eye on the ground about a metre ahead of where you are walking and avoid entering areas of long grass, rushes and undergrowth.
- Remove from residences, any long grass and items lying on the ground such as corrugated iron, which may

provide cover for snakes.

- Reduce mice numbers around the house.
- Learn the correct treatment for snakebite.

What to do if you find a snake

If you encounter a snake it is important not to approach or aggravate it in any way. Most snakebites occur when people accidentally step on them, or when they are attempting to kill them. As the warmer days of spring approach, snakes become more active and noticeable as they leave their winter retreats in search of a mate and food.

If you find a snake in a house, you should contact the department on (08) 9334 0292 or 9334 0333 and you will be referred to one of a number of volunteer reptile removers.

If volunteers are unavailable at the time, there are commercial operators that provide snake removal services. Advice can be provided by phoning the department on (08) 9334 0292 or 9334 0333.

Fire Breaks and Fire Prevention Work

Now is the time to ensure that all fire breaks are in and fire prevention work is done. The rangers and fire officers wish all residents a happy and safe 2010.

If you have any questions in regards to preparations contact Ray Sousa on 94390221

Around the Resource Centre

BBQs

Don't forget that there are now a couple of free BBQ's, one near the tennis court and another on the "Wandi Resource Centre (Old Hope Valley School)" side. With the close access to the playground etc it is a great place to have those larger family gatherings. We ask that all you leave is your "footprints" along with a clean BBQ for the next user.

Tennis Courts

To book the tennis courts please phone Debbie (9410 2009) or Ken (93971060) between 9:00am and 5:00pm. The cost is \$5 per hour. Yearly memberships are available at \$125 as well. A \$20 key bond is required on both hourly and annual memberships.

Wandi Landcare Group News

As the warm weather settles in, the WLCG will be taking a well earned break for Xmas. I would like to thank all those that have participated in our land care activities around Wandi. Our efforts will be reflected through having an even nicer area within metropolitan Perth to live in.

The seedlings around the lake are doing well and will eventually displace the weeds that have previously had a strong hold over those plots. Over time we can enjoy a native vista where once weeds reigned supreme. Sadly, many seedlings planted around the Shed on the 2nd planting day are suffering and several have died. It was unfortunate that we had such an extended dry period which caught us by surprise. The re vegetated area closest to DeHaer road suffered the most from lack of moisture. Angela Jacob and I will have to re access the selection of native species required for a future planting in this area.

The planting area for next year is being prepared and will be at the entrance to the lake area next to the Equestrian Centre. An area has been slashed by one of our WLCG volunteers and this will shortly be sprayed with herbicide. In time, the grasses that choke the area will die and ploughing can take place. It will be great to see some bushland as you enter the lake area instead of a mass of run away grasses. I will keep you updated on the progress. Thanks Peter Hegarty for donating your time and tractor to prepare the 2010 planting site.

I am in the process on acquiring funding for ongoing courses and also for native seedling vouchers to be given to paid members for next year. I'm sorry that there were no native seedlings to be handed out last year and I'm working on rectifying that situation. Just a little bump in the road. I will keep you informed on the progress. I send out regular emails to members and if you would like to be on my mailing list feel free to contact me on the WLCG email address.

Wandi Nature Reserve update

So much has happened since the Wandi Nature Reserve (WNR) project was announced. Perhaps the best way to demonstrate this is with a time line. For those that missed last month's issue, a project was put together between Urban Nature (UN) from the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) formally CALM and the WLCG to return the WNR to its previous quality state. An application for grant monies was drafted by Julia Cullity of UN and myself

for \$10,000 to be used almost entirely for the spraying of the annual Veldt grass. We were successful for \$3000 of the Community grants leaving us with a shortfall of \$7000. The WLCG agreed to put in some days to hand weed the pigface infestations in the reserve. Then the activities began...

End of April.

The first undertaking was to execute a weed survey and this was completed over a 4 day period by a team from UN and the WLCG. Annual Veldt grass and pigface were our chief targets. Up to four members from UN and myself representing the WLCG marched over the entire 30.59 hectare site. My job was to map the pigface infestations.

End of September.

A survey for declared and rare flora was undertaken by a team of four from DEC and Les Whiddet and I represented the WLCG. A significant new population of the endangered *Caladenia huegelii* or King Slipper Spider orchid was discovered which lifted the status of the WNR and opened the doors to new pools of funding. \$7000 was sourced and we now have the full \$10,000 to run an extensive annual Veldt grass program for 2010.



Wildflower Walk and Pigface Removal Day, Saturday, 10th October 2009.

The first WLCG day was published in the Wandi Warbler, Bushland News and the Kwinana Courier. We had a great turnout of volunteers from Wandi and surrounds all eager to get their hands dirty. We started off by removing the infestations of pigface along the southern firebreak and by morning tea time, the firebreak was awash with piles of pigface. It was a great sight to see. After morning tea which was very tasty, we walked along a passage that had been created to arrest a bush fire several years ago. Julia Cullity, our wildflower guide, gave an informative talk about the diversity of the flora in the reserve. Wildflowers were identified and an informative description was given. We all learnt a lot from Julia's informative discussions about the native wildflowers, many that exist naturally in our backyards.. The best part was that all the native flora that we saw was indigenous to the Wandi area...no plantings here. Thanks to all those that helped out on the day.



The Happy Group of Volunteers

To see some photos of our day on the WNR, you can go to the Wandi Landcare website or direct link @ <http://www.wandiprogress.org/wlcg/html/2009.htm> and scroll to the bottom of the page. I have also added some new films showing parts of our wildflower walk in the Video Page. Just go to <http://www.wandiprogress.org/wlcg/html/videos.html> and scroll to the bottom of the playlist.

Ancillary Pigface Removal Days, Saturday 21st & Thursday 26th November 2009.

Two extra days of volunteer activities were required to achieve our goal of removing the maximum amount of pigface in the reserve. The turnouts were less than on the opening day but we were still very effective. The teams were able to decrease the area infected by pigface and in total, approximately 2/3 of the total infestations were cleared. It's fantastic to see so much great work achieved by people wishing to improve the environment. Some volunteers had put in more than one day on this project Well done for all your efforts.

The WLCG has been very active this year working to improve the environment around Wandi. We are always looking for new members so if you would like to become a volunteer and be part of a friendly motivated group, I'll be more

than happy to sign you up. Merry Xmas to everyone and have a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Fred Erdsieck – Coordinator Wandilandcare Group T: 9397 2232 M: 0428 604 032

Email: wandilandcare@gmail.com Web: www.wandilandcare.org

Wandi Landcare / Progress Association Website

The Wandilandcare Group and the Progress Association now have their respective web domains. They are www.wandilandcare.org and www.wandiprogess.org. There is still much work to be done but the sites will develop over time. You can also download the latest edition of the "Wandi Warbler" in full colour here.

Smithy's Gym Scores another "Knockout"

Wandi and Smithy's Gym was in the news a couple of weeks ago with a report in the West Australian and on Channel 7 about teenage boxer Haylee Verrier who trains at the Gym. See the full article and video at <http://au.news.yahoo.com/thewest/a/-/mp/6467185/girl-boxer-13-fights-boys-and-opinions/>

The Wandil Progress Association needs YOU!

Our Annual General Meeting is scheduled for sometime in February and we are always looking for new members of this vibrant group. So why not come along, give it a go and make a contribution to your community. The next meetings prior to the AGM are on the 16th December and January 20th – you will certainly be welcome!

Wandi Playgroup Vacancies

There are a number of vacancies at the Wandil Playgroup. If you would like to meet with a delightful group of mums and let your children have the opportunity to play with a super range of toys / mix with others, the group would be pleased to see you. The Playgroup meets at Wandil Hall on a Tuesday at 9:30am. A small fee applies. Contact - Jenny (President) - 94379484 or Melissa - 93972841

Do you have any useful community news such as crime in the area etc? Contact the Editor on 93970249 or email jimrussell@iceweb.com.au

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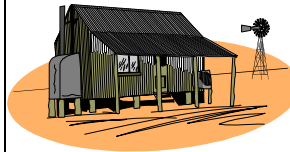
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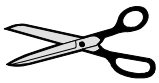
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Contact - Jenny (President) - 94379484

Melissa - 93972841

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for further information

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Wandi Hall Club rooms 7.30 pm

Contact: Marie Tully 9410 0245.

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1st Monday of each month, at 7.30pm. All horse
lovers are welcome

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Contact: Kevin Treasure – 9529 3227



WEST AUSTRALIAN GUILD OF WOODCARVERS INC. WANDI

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9.00am &
12.00. - Beginners or advanced welcome.
Contact- Fred Brewer 9419 3558

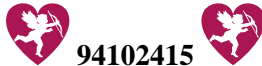
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