

WANDI WARBLER

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Wandi Progress Association 2012 AGM

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Dramatic Increase in WA Population on the Cards – by 100% in Kwinana!

Roger Cook MLA, Member for Kwinana focused on the dramatic increase in the WA population. The Town of Kwinana population is expected to soar to 50,000+ by 2026 (currently about 25,000) causing significant pressure on social infrastructure. He advised that the State Labor party has recently appointed Ken Travers as Shadow Minister for the Suburbs as it was felt that the outer suburbs tended to be overlooked and that the present government appears to be concentrating efforts on CBD.

Mayor Carol Adams Reported

Federal Grant Application for Resource Centre Unsuccessful

The Federal grant application for extension to The Shed was unsuccessful. Application now made to WA Sport & Rec for \$170,000. If successful then Lotterywest will be approached for \$600,000. The Town of Kwinana has already allocated \$100,000. This is a \$1 million project so further funding will still be necessary.

Mandogalup Train Station – Cockburn still Pushes for Russell Road Location.

Proposed Mandogalup train station is sited almost halfway between Cockburn Central and Kwinana stations and has been gazetted by Parliament. However, Fran Logan, MLA, Member for Cockburn is trying to get it moved further north. With the Town's population set to double, the two ports (Fremantle Outer Harbour & James Point) and the large industrial development of Latitude 32 to the west, Council maintains that the Mandogalup station is in the correct place. Residents are encouraged contact Fran Logan to express their views.

Complaints about Speeding on Lyon Road

Complaints have been made about speeding drivers on Lyon Road. Main Roads have done some modeling but reported there was not enough traffic to warrant the installation of traffic calming devices. A new north-south road is to be constructed within the Honeywood site with a T intersection at the northern end where it meets Lyon Road south of Rowley Rd, and a round-about at the southern end. A local resident reported that he had submitted to Council a proposal that the intersection be moved 50 – 100m north which would allow him and his neighbour safer entry/exit to their properties on the eastern side of Lyon Road had been unsuccessful in changing the current plan.

Rivers Regional Council McLaughlin Road Plan Dumped

Following the Town of Kwinana's opposition, the Rivers Regional Council is no longer planning to dump their rubbish on the site off McLaughlin Road.

Honeywood Update - Garry Fisher & Lorien Doherty, Satterley Property Group reported; There are about 850 lots to be released with 2500 residents anticipated. So far 156 lots have been sold and one home is occupied. The 31 display home village is almost finished. Parklands and linear park are also complete. Satterleys are in discussion with the Dept of Environment & Conservation on the use of the two areas of wetlands. There will be a free movie night at the park on Friday 2 March. "Red Dog" will commence about 7.45pm. The display village will be formally opened on Saturday 24 March and there will various stalls and activities on that day. Satterleys are working hard to resolve parking issues along Lyon Road.



Clean Up in Wandi - Sunday 4 March 2012 between 9am and 11am.

We will be based at the Community Centre but teams will collect rubbish from the roadsides around the suburb. Many hands make light work so we look forward to seeing lots of residents helping out on the day. Satterleys have kindly sponsored a coffee van to provide free refreshments to registered volunteers.

WPA Committee Reports

TREASURER: Julia Freeman

Julia's written report and Auditor's report were distributed at the meeting. Julia noted the main source of income came from hall hiring with half of that money being used for cleaning and maintenance. She acknowledged the huge workload undertaken by Rod & Debbie Cocks. Due to delays in obtaining the books from the previous auditor, Pascoe Partners, the committee had agreed to appoint new auditors, Francis A Jones. WPA has already paid out \$10,809 on the proposed building project. Following a number of issues with Bankwest, the committee has agreed to change banks to Westpac. In future electronic internet banking will be available. Julia thanked Peter Hegarty for his assistance over the last twelve months. Carol Adams advised that there was a big push for a branch of the Bendigo Bank to open in Kwinana.

FACILITIES: Debbie Cocks

Debbie reported that many groups use the facilities to the point that the WPA are now having to turn people away. In particular a large number of woodworking groups use the centre and several caravan clubs stay here for three day weekends.

Over the year there have been problems with empty water tanks and pump burn outs which have involved urgent attention by various committee members, generally on long weekends.

The Town of Kwinana paid for the hall floor to be re-sealed and the oval had been verti-mowed and sand spread. 'Hooning' on the oval in cars/quad bikes has increased and residents are asked to call the Ranger and, if possible, take a photo of the offending vehicles.

Over the last 4 months there have been a number of reports of cars (and caravans) being broken into whilst on the site. Residents are asked to report any suspicious behaviour. "Look, Lock and Leave" signs are to be installed.

PROJECTS: Rod Cocks

Rod referred to Carol Adams' report on the grant applications for The Shed extension.

He noted that, due to an arrangement instigated by Council, the land the Community Centre stands on is now owned by the State Government and is designated a Reserve.

WANDI WARBLER: Jim Russell

Jim reported that the Warbler will in future be only available via email (apart from a few special instances where a print copy will be provided to WPA paid up members only). The December 2011 issue had a circulation of 290. The editor tries to keep the news topical and welcomes local items of interest.

LANDCARE: Fred Erdtsieck

Fred distributed his written report which described the Graceful Sun Moth survey, the community and corporate tree planting days, the pigface control and weed spraying in WNR, the rare orchid survey, arum lily and Sydney wattle control.

2012 PRESIDENT'S RESPONSE

Rod Pattinson congratulated the new committee and, in particular, welcomed new members Angela and Chris. He advised that the WPA are planning to celebrate their 25th anniversary later in the year and details will be advertised in the Warbler. He also thanked retiring members Sandra Knight, Robyn Marschner and Julia Freeman.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Kwinana Shopping Centre

A question was asked about the progress of the shopping centre. Carol Adams advised that half the centre has been demolished and the Chisham Ave carpark has been levelled. The first stage should be ready in July with further stages opening towards the end of the year.

Caltrop and African love grass

A resident raised the problem of these weeds and noted that the Thomas Road verge was badly infested. The mayor will bring this to the attention of Council staff. Previously there have been articles in the Warbler about identifying weeds and eradicating them.

Road resurfacing

It was reported by a resident that Wandi Drive and parts of Bodeman Road were in need of resurfacing. The mayor will contact the appropriate Council officer to arrange an inspection.

WPA Committee & Meeting Dates 2012

21 Mar / 18 Apr / 16 May / 20 June / 18 July / 15 Aug / 19 Sept / 17 Oct / 21 Nov / 18 Dec

President: Rod Pattinson

Vice Presidents: Fred Erdtsieck, Les Whiddett

Treasurer: Peter Hegarty

Secretary: Janet Carr

Committee Members: Angela Bambaci, Chris Barnes, Debbie Cocks, Rod Cocks, Jim Russell, Wayne Tentori, Ken Workman

Mayor Carol Adams Corner

I would like to start this section by firstly congratulating the Wandi Progress Association for celebrating their 25th year as a community based group. I believe the caliber of the association members and their commitment to the area and rural lifestyle over the past quarter of a century would be the envy of many such progress associations throughout Australia. The committee have always presented as a professional group who have had the interests of the Wandi community at heart and as a result have achieved some significant results over the past 25 years for the betterment of the Wandi area. I would also like to thank the Wandi Progress Association for again extending an invitation for me to attend their AGM this month where I could share with the committee and residents three issues (outlined below) which I believe are particularly relevant to them.

Wandi Community Hall

Unfortunately the Town was not successful in our application for a Regional Development grant to assist with the construction of the Wandi Community Centre. Council has since submitted a \$170,000 Sports and Recreation grant. The successful grant recipients will be announced in late February/ early March. Should our application be successful then the Town will convene a meeting with Lotterywest and submit a further grant application seeking a grant of \$600,000. Council has already committed \$100,000 in this year's budget towards the project. Fingers crossed I will have some good news to report in the new edition of the Wandi Warbler!

Mandogalup Train Station

The Town remains committed to a station in Mandogalup despite attempts to have it moved further north. By way of background, in 2008 the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) resolved to endorse the Mandogalup Station south of Rowley Road as the preferred location for a future rail station in the Mandogalup Area.

The decision was made following extensive workshops held by the Department of Planning and Infrastructure on the matter which were attended by representatives from the Department of Transport. In January 2011 a Metropolitan Scheme Amendment was approved and gazetted for the Wandi Transit Orientated Development Precinct by rezoning a portion of rural water protection zone to urban. This decision of Parliament was predicated on the station location at Mandogalup South.

More recently Council staff have attended meetings with the Department of Transport (DOT) which is considering the most appropriate location for a station south of Cockburn as part of its Transport Planning Strategy. We have reminded them of the Department of Infrastructure's previous decision (which was then DOT) and argued that the Mandogalup station is the most central location between the two existing stations at Cockburn and Kwinana. It is also a good 'entry point' for public transport into the Western Trade Coast area where the planning of two ports is already well advanced.

Recent population growth statistics released by the Minister for Planning support our long held view that Kwinana's growth will continue into the future and much of the growth will be along the freeway corridor in the Wandi, Anketell, Mandogalup and Wellard East area.

Lyon Road

I can reconfirm that Lyon Road will not be the main road through the Honeywood and Wandi South residential areas. There will be a north – south distributor road built running internal to the developments and this road will link the Mandogalup Train Station to the future proposed Anketell District Centre. This north - south road (yet to be named) will link back into the northern most section of Lyon Road as part of the development of the Honeywood area near the station. Lyon Road will "T" intersect with this north south road and the speed limits reduced to discourage the use of Lyon Road.

Further south at Wandi South, Lyon Road will have roundabout treatments which we anticipate will further be a disincentive for heavy traffic use.

Speed limits on Lyon Road have been the subject of numerous complaints to the Council. Following inquiries with Main Roads we have been advised that there will be no traffic calming or speed reduction planned until the Honeywood development has been completed and there are more residents living in the development.

Hooning in Wandi

Following the AGM, several residents raised individual issues with me. One of those issues related to the hooning of vehicles in the Wandi and De Haer Road areas which in particular seemed to occur after the Perth Motorplex competition has finished for the night. I have since had a meeting with the new Peel District Superintendent, Peter Halliday, and have raised this particular issue with him and asked if it was possible for police resources to be directed to this area to address hooning and anti-social problems.

Thank you once again for allowing me this opportunity to communicate Wandi and Town issues and all the very best in you 25 year milestone.

Yours in Kwinana, Mayor Carol Adams

Road to Rail: How it affects you in Wand! Let's get on Track and Fight this.

Fremantle Road to Rail Campaign

Calling for freight on rail to keep our roads and community safe!



Wandi Residents, I would like to update you on the proposed closure of the T3 wheat belt train lines. Great you're probably thinking – it won't affect me... **WRONG!!**

Hi everyone my name is Les Whiddett and I attended the Fremantle Road to Rail meeting at the Kwinana Recquatic on Tuesday (21/02) evening.

The meeting was chaired by Kwinana's Mayor Carol Adams with various speakers including;

Jane Fuchsichler - Wheatbelt Railway Retention Alliance

Hon. Lynn MacLaren - MLC, Member for South Metropolitan Region

Jon Strachan - Fremantle City Councillor

Annolies Truman - Road to Rail Campaign

George Crisp - Doctors for the Environment

as well as representatives from local council, government agencies and members of the community.

This meeting was well presented and I came away shaking my head on the proposals being implemented by our State Government which would see the closure of the current T3 railway lines and wheat transport transferred to road train shipment. As it currently stands wheat farmers take their crop to local bulk storage bins located on the rail lines where it is loaded on to trains for shipment to the coastal facilities. These trains currently pull quite a few thousand tons per trip compared to 50 tons by some 500 road trains per day as proposed by State Government.

So what does this mean to you?

If the State Government's proposal is successful **the closure of the wheatbelt rail lines threatens to dramatically increase the amount of trucks travelling through Kwinana to CBH at Kwinana Port. So just in case it wasn't clear enough this means** we will have this huge volume of traffic heading down Rowley, Anketell and Thomas roads through the Kwinana area on way to the Kwinana Wheat Terminal. It all seems absurd to allow an expensive, fuel wasting system of truck movements to congest our roads, pollute our area with diesel particulate pollution, and noise, where surely the existing infrastructure almost unnoticed could continue as it does this very second. Our council will bring the matter up at a future meeting to see if they will support the Road To Rail Group. If you have any further comments, concerns or queries feel free to contact our local member Roger Cook MLA (email kwinana@mp.wa.gov.au and the Kwinana Town Council. And if you wish to find out more visit the group's website; <http://www.freeroad2rail.org> .

Wandi Community Planting Day 2012

The Wand! Community Planting day will again be held adjacent to the Magenup Equestrian Centre in 2012. The date is Sunday, 20th May 2012. We meet at 9am and go till 12pm. Please wear appropriate clothing for the forecast weather conditions. A sausage sizzle will be held at the end of the planting.

ALL ARE WELCOME FOR AN ENJOYABLE FAMILY DAY.

Large Development Proposed for Banjup

The following report from the Banjup Residents Group recent AGM is interesting, they are doing some really good work for their community.

Residents discussed the proposed rezoning of about 150 ha of Banjup from rural to urban use. Residents were briefed on the facts of the proposal by the land developer, Stockland, to build 2,300 houses on the old sand quarry north of Armadale Road behind the Good Guys. The 'Banjup Urban Precinct' will cover an area as big as Atwell and will be home to 6,000 people. Residents also heard about the increased exposure to aircraft noise over the Quarry area that the WA Planning Commission expects over the next 10 years. They also heard about the technical report by Stockland's geologists that asserted that houses over the Quarry area would not adversely impact the quality of drinking water extracted from the Jandakot Water Mound.

The WA Planning Commission appears ready to accept assurances from Stockland about mitigating aircraft noise and

from the Department of Water that water quality will not be compromised by the proposed dense housing. The WAPC sees that the Quarry development is 'strategic' and a 'logical in-fill'.

Concerns about aircraft noise, water quality, and the continued encroachment of housing into bushland were voiced by many Banjup residents at the meeting. They noted that the Chairman of the WAPC had called Stockland's proposal a "test case" for further rezoning of the Jandakot Water Mound. Residents queried how long it would be before most of Banjup is urbanised and whether this would be for the benefit of big developers and whether small landowners' interests would be disregarded.

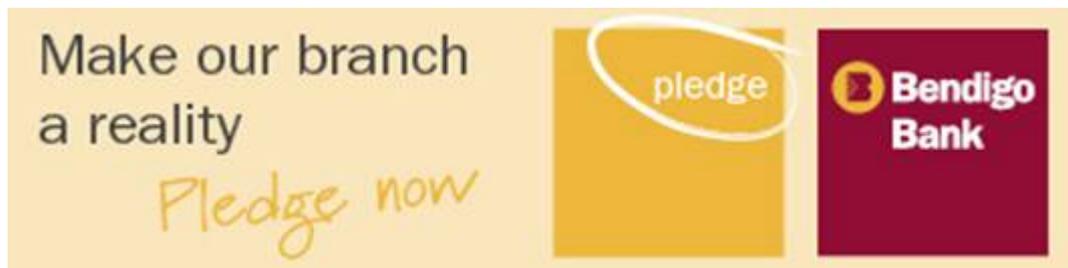
Residents resolved to prepare two submissions to the WAPC: one against the development and one in qualified support. Those in support are looking for improved infrastructure for the long term for the whole Banjup area and for clarity about zoning and development.

Residents also called upon the City of Cockburn to prepare a strategy for the development of Banjup over the next 10 years so as to give landowners some certainty about the future of their properties.

Wandi Progress Association 25 YEARS OLD

In 2012 the Wandi Progress Association will be celebrating its 25th anniversary. A final decision on how we will commemorate this important milestone will be made by the incoming committee following the annual general meeting in February. Further details will appear on the website.

Prospect of Bendigo Community Bank being established in Kwinana



Excitement has been building in the Kwinana Community at the prospect of a **Community Bank**® branch being established. A steering committee has been formed to ensure the campaign has the best chance of success. We have built a team of dedicated community members who have come together to help drive the project, and our first goal is to ensure everyone in the community understands what a rewarding initiative this could be.

The **Community Bank**® is owned by people in the community, all profits earned stay in the local community as distributions or dividends. Before any profits are distributed to the shareholders 80% is paid into the community in the form of grants to community organizations.

The Bank now requires indicative pledges for \$1 shares from locals of between \$250 (minimum) and \$10,000 (maximum) and have set a target of \$800,000 from 300 shareholders.

The committee is also looking for a representative from the Wandi Community to join it. Please contact Steering Committee Chairman John Iriks 0417904419 if you are interested.

Primary School Proposed for Anketell – 200 metres Away from 300kV Power Lines! This Issue Might just “SPARK UP”!

At a recent Kwinana Council meeting a structure plan for a new Primary School development between Anketell and Treeby roads was given approval. It seems that the Health, Education departments and councils have no concerns in regards to the proposed close proximity to the power lines. Whilst the evidence of hazards is non-conclusive one would think that common sense would prevail in locating the school further away from any potential hazard which could be identified in the future. Whilst there are different schools of thought (pardon the pun) on this there is an interesting debate at <http://www.emwatch.com/PowerLines.htm> and <http://www.powerlinefacts.com/faq.htm> . Please note I did search for the argument that the EMF levels in close proximity 32kV powerlines are safe to give a balanced view, but could find no references....doesn't that say something??...Ed

Preventing Burglary - Did you know that every week more than 500 Western Australian homes are burgled?

Recent figures from the WA Police show the number of house break-ins is on the rise and burglary remains one of the most frequent crimes in Australia¹. There is a clear rise in the frequency of burglaries during the summer months, when people unlock windows or doors to cool the house down and take long holidays or trips. Thieves often target household items like televisions and stereos, followed by credit cards, cash, outdoor furniture, tools and computer equipment as these are items that can easily be resold or traded. Often the most valuable item stolen is jewellery, and in many instances goods stolen are never recovered.

What should you do?

It is recommended that you take the following steps to protect your home and contents and make your property less attractive to opportunistic burglars.

Lock up

- Always lock up the house, even when you are home.
- Did you know? According to the WA Police, one in three burglaries involves someone climbing through an open window or walking through an unlocked door.²
- Install quality deadlocks on all external doors and your main door should have a peephole or locked security door.
- Key locks on your windows and security screens will allow you let the breeze in during the summer months.
- Keeping all gates locked when not in use
- SECURE your home while you are sleeping, watching TV or gardening.

Eliminate hiding places

- Cut back trees and shrubs to remove places where someone could hide.
- Consider lower or see-through fences as high fences may offer burglars good cover for their activities
- Install motion-activated lighting to help reveal what is happening outside at night.

Don't make it easy for burglars

- Avoid leaving spare keys outside the home in obvious locations, like under floor mats or flowerpots. It may be better to leave the key with a trusted neighbour.
- Install an Alarm.
- Install CCTV.
- Lock up tools, gardening equipment and ladders, as these can be used to gain access to your home.
- Keep equipment locked up after use as many thefts occur from sheds and garages.
- Secure your pet door if not in use.
- Buy a safe to secure your valuables.
- Engrave or mark your valuables for identification.
- Record serial numbers of your goods.

Don't advertise

- Consider who you tell when you go away on holiday.
- Don't leave large boxes on the verge that shows you have recently bought new electrical goods.
- Avoid leaving notes on your door, as it announces to unexpected visitors that the house is unoccupied.

Warn would-be thieves

- Use window stickers to advise that there is an alarm system and that property is marked.
- Dogs can deter burglars, according to the National Crime Prevention Programme. It cites an Australian study that found that three out of four burglars said the presence of a dog had put them off robbing a house.³

Be aware

- Make your house look occupied, leaving lights on at night if you are out.
- If you are going on holiday, use timers for lights and radios and be sure to cancel the newspaper and divert your mail or ask a neighbour to collect it for you.
- Ask a neighbour to park in your driveway occasionally or have friends or family drop by to check on the property from time to time.
- Don't open your door or provide access to your house without knowing who is there. Always check the identity of any charity collectors or salespeople. Install a peephole on your front door.

Keep a record

- Keep an inventory and photographs of valuables. This can help recover them if they are stolen and will also assist should you need to lodge an insurance claim.

Property marking

- Mark your property to help recover goods if they are stolen and make it more difficult for burglars to sell on.

¹ 2011. "Crime Statistics." Western Australian Police..

² Burglar Alert. WA Police, Office of Crime Prevention Western Australia.

³ 2009. Lock+Burglars+Out. National Crime Prevention Programme.

The above is based on an RAC fact sheet which has been updated with more information, a pdf version can be found at http://rac.com.au/Insurance/Committed-to-help/~media/Files/PDFs_11/2664_Insurance_Fact%20Sheets_A4_burglary_eBook.ashx

Graffiti Clean up kits available

The Town of Kwinana is reminding all residents to take advantage of the free graffiti clean-up kits now available to help with the removal of graffiti from private property. The non-toxic graffiti removal kits are available from the Town of Kwinana administration office, and are offered in two types, for painted and smooth surfaces and for porous and brick surfaces. The kits can only be used on your own individual properties, for all other instances of graffiti, such as on council property or commercial buildings please call the State Graffiti Hotline on 1800 44 22 55 and Kwinana Police on 9411 4311. For further information on the new graffiti clean-up kits and to arrange pickup of one call 9439 0200.

Library, Volunteer Resource Centre and Justices of the Peace Temporarily Relocated

The Kwinana Public Library, Volunteer Resource Centre and Justices of the Peace have been temporarily relocated from their previous location within the Hub Shopping Centre to the Darius building, Hutchins Cove, within the Town Centre. The Darius building is located near the Technology Incubator building and behind the Koorliny Arts Centre. This will be a temporary relocation until the new Community Resource and Knowledge Centre construction is completed later this year. Although the new location will be smaller, the Town of Kwinana is pleased to announce that the Library will be open longer hours to meet community demand.

The Library will now open on Wednesdays.

Therefore the new Library opening hours at the Darius building will be, as follows:

Monday to Thursday 9.00 am to 7.00 pm

Friday 9.00 am to 5.00 pm

Saturday 9.00 am to 12.00 noon

Note: The Volunteer Resource Centre and Justices of the Peace have separate opening hours. Call 08 9439 0200 for further information.

Potential Adventure Park in Kwinana for Toddlers and Young Children

The Rotary Club of Kwinana and the Town of Kwinana have joined forces to investigate the possibility of establishing an adventure park in Kwinana for toddlers and young children. The Rotary Children's Adventure Park will be a major development with extensive play areas, shading, barbecues, toilet facilities, car parking and child proof fencing. Full details, plans and themes for the park are yet to be confirmed, but the vision is to create the best and most talked about play arena for children in the State. All suggestions, ideas and comments from residents are encouraged and can be made by calling the Rotary project manager John Iriks on 9419 1077 or 0417 904 419 or by emailing john@kpcaccounting.com.au. The proposal can also be discussed on the official Facebook page, just search for 'Kwinana Adventure Playground Project' on Facebook.

Guide to Kwinana Weeds

A new publication to assist property owners with identification of weeds on their blocks titled "Weeds of Kwinana Bushland – a guide for Residents" is now available from the Town of Kwinana. It provides an overview of weeds in Kwinana, their classification and resource information. Look out for it in your letterbox, or pick a copy up from the Town of Kwinana administration office.

Wandi Progress Association Website – <http://wandiprogess.org>

The Wandiprogess (WPA) and Wandiprogess Landcare Group (WLCG) web sites can be accessed just by typing either wandiprogess.org or wandilandcare.org in your browser. Some of the links on previous issues of the Wandiprogess Warbler will not work directly but if you edit them to remove the prefix, you can access the file normally. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause but it will make it easier for all further down the road.

Events Calendar

The Events Calendar page on the WPA website is starting to have plenty of free local events and activities added. The link is <http://wandiprogess.org/php/events.php> and it is located on the home page menu. If you wish to add your local activity here please email Fred Erdtsieck at events@wandiprogess.org.

WPA Blog

The WPA blog can be found at <http://blogg.wandiprogess.org>

Around the Resource Centre

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. ***Please do not forget to remove the net tension and pick up your rubbish after playing.***

Wandi Community Facilities - If you are a member of a club or would like to start a new club that would benefit the Wandi community please contact one of the committee or attend a WPA meeting to discuss your proposal. Contact **Debbie on 94102009**

Wandi Playgroup needs New Families in 2012!

Our long term children are growing up way too fast and we need new people to help keep the group running into the future. We are a relaxed group who love a cuppa and a chat. The children enjoy the shaded sandpit/playground and the shed full of good quality toys that we have available. We even have a bouncy castle which we get out on special occasions. When the weather is fine we send the boys and girls outside for a play and maybe do water play or another activity. When it is raining we do play-dough / craft which is relevant to their age group and have fun inside. We have the best parties too! The families are very easy going and welcoming and there is no clique. Also there are no rosters, we all chip in where we can, so it doesn't matter if you have your hands full and can't help. Fees are cheap and your first session is free. We run 9 – 11 am on a Tuesday but if you are running late it doesn't matter! Fruit time is around 10am so bring a piece to share.

This year we have some extra money in the kitty and will be running extra special incursions. Last year we had Old MacDonald Farm come down for a visit which the children loved.

Please come down and try us out. For further information call Susan (President) 93932304 or Natalie (Treasurer) 94987210.

Wandi Landcare Group Update

The Wandi Landcare Group had its Annual General Meeting with the Wandi Progress Association in February. I wrote a report on all the activities that the group had participated in over the year 2011. These are summarised as follows;

PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN IN 2011

Graceful Sun Moth Survey

Graceful Sun Moth surveys were conducted by DEC & the WLCG again during March 2011 to ascertain if more specimens could be found in the WNR and the Jandakot Regional Park (JRP). The surveys were to be conducted over four days during some reasonably warm days but none were detected.

Wandi Community Planting Day

The Wandi Community Planting Day is the main attraction on the WLCG Calender. Volunteers meet at the designated point and revegetation of the Lake Magenuh site is undertaken. On Saturday 20th May 2011, the planting was held adjacent to the Magenuh Equestrian Centre. 20 volunteers attended and 700 tube stock native seedlings were planted. After the work we all walked to the BBQ area adjacent to the Wandi Resource Centre and enjoyed a sausage sizzle and chin wag.

CREDITS: The coffee van was supplied by Satterley Property Group, the plants and food were supplied by the Town of Kwinana by funding through SALP and the sausage sizzle was kindly prepared by Rod and Debbie Cocks.

THANKS TO EVERYONE THAT CAME TO THE EVENT AND HELPED MAKE WANDI A NICER PLACE TO LIVE.

NAB Corporate Planting Day

A group of thirty bank staff from the National Australia Bank had a corporate planting day on Lake Magenuh on the 14th June 2011. It was great to see the enthusiasm of the volunteers happily getting their hands dirty. It was an especially cold day and everyone was well rugged up but luckily the rain stayed away over the morning. So driven were the group that tube stock brought for the day was quickly exhausted. Next time we will bring more plants. The community was also invited to come along and a few attended and braved the cold.

Pigface Revisit at the Wandi Nature Reserve

A survey over two days was carried out by DEC and the WLCG in April to see how the pigface infestation was going. We walked over the areas where we had removed pigface in the previous year and found no regrowth. The results were very promising. We retraced the areas that had been previously mapped and walked over the area much quicker than we had anticipated. There were very few missed plants, the result of very thorough work by the volunteers that did the work. What a dedicated group they are.

Spray for Perennial Veldt Grass at the Wandi Nature Reserve

Ongoing herbicide spraying of the perennial veldt grass at the Wandi Nature Reserve was undertaken again in 2012. An initial survey was carried out first to re-establish and protect DRF from possible chemical overspray. In early July when the rains were enough to start the new fresh shoots to appear from the clumps, the spraying commenced over a period of five days. It was a big job encompassing the whole nature reserve and the results that were achieved this year were very satisfying.

Declared Rare Flora Survey

The survey for DRF was done in early October. It was decided that we would revisit the known population sites and see how they were going and if new members of *Caladenia huegelii* to the ever growing family existed. Unfortunately, due to the early and substantial rains we received, the orchids flowered early and made locating new individuals extremely difficult. We did persevere and discovered new plants to add to the population.

Arum Lily and Sydney Golden Wattle Control at the Jandakot Regional Park

Control of Arum continued again in 2011. Funding of \$5000 was received from the DEC Environmental Community Grants program for ongoing Arum Lily control. Robert Campbell (JRP Manager), Julia Cullity (Urban Nature) and I conducted a survey to locate where the worst infestations were. The problem around the drain wasn't as bad as expected due to the previous year's spray so we looked further afield to see where the funding could be better utilised. Enough funding remained for a team from Eco Jobs of four to work for a day to deal with the Sydney Golden Wattle infestation. On the 19th September the team visited the site and started work attacking the problem introduced weed. The plan was originally to remove the smaller plants either by pulling them out of the ground or cutting them with secateurs and ring barking the larger plants some to the size of medium trees.

This is just a summary of the report. The full report can be found at <http://wandiprogress.org/resources/Wandi-Landcare-Group-Annual-Report-2012.pdf> or on the HOME page of the Wandi Landcare Website, <http://wandilandcare.org>

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W: <http://wandilandcare.org>

Wandi Weed Alert – Caltrop



Caltrop flower Photo Jeff Abbas 2001



Caltrop Photo Molly Elizabeth Bagley 2001



The spiny burrs of Caltrop, photo: CDFA 2001

At the recent AGM a resident expressed concerns about the increased proliferation of Caltrop in the Wandi area.

Caltrop (*Tribulus terrestris*) is a summer- growing weed found widely throughout Western Australia. It is most common in areas of frequent spring and summer rain. Out of interest for those of you into quiz nights Caltrop is named after a medieval weapon; the small, four spiked, metal ball (a caltrop) that was laid to cripple enemy horses and infantry and is derived from the Old English coletraeppe which is derived from the Latin calx a heel and trappa the a trap, thus it is a heel trap. It refers to the spiny burrs.

Under the Local Government Act 1995 it is a prescribed pest plant in a number of southwest and cereal growing shires of the State.

Caltrop has seeds that remain dormant in the soil for probably four to five years. They germinate after summer rain. Plants grow rapidly, flowering and forming new burrs within three to five weeks. The trailing stems of caltrop are long and wiry. They are covered with fine hairs. The stems lie prostrate on the ground, radiating from a central taproot. The leaves consist of several leaflets arranged opposite each other on the stems. The leaves are fern-like and greyish-green. Caltrop is often confused with doublegee, however, the latter has a green leaf similar to English spinach. The flowers are small, less than 1 cm in diameter, and yellow with five petals.

Wedge-shaped burrs are formed in clusters of five, each with four or more long sharp spines. Under cropping situations the weed is of little agricultural importance as it is a summer-growing plant, which does not affect winter crops. Sheep readily eat it, but there have been a number of confirmed cases of caltrop poisoning in sheep and goats. Caltrop is a nuisance around farm buildings, townsites, railway yards, roadsides, car parks, cycle paths and other recreation areas because of the sharp spiny burrs, however it is no longer a declared plant in Western Australia. As caltrop is not a declared plant, you are not required to report it to the Department of Agriculture and Food. A heavy infestation after summer rain can produce an abundance of spiny burrs, which make it very uncomfortable for people and animals alike.

Chemical Control

Table 1 Chemical control options				
Situation	Chemical	Knapsack rate/10L	Rate/ha	Comments
Farms	*2,4-D amine (625 g/L)	11–25 mL #	1.1–2.4 L #	Need care near homestead or susceptible crops.
	diquat + paraquat		1–2 L #	Addition of 2,4-D may give better control of large fruiting plants.
	*glyphosate (450 g/L)	25 mL	0.44–1.2 L #	Addition of glyphosate compatible 2,4-D amine will improve control.
	Basta®	50 mL	3–5 L #	Similar action to glyphosate.
	*dicamba (80 g/L) + MCPA (340 g/L)	40 mL	2.8–4.0 L #	
Townsites	*glyphosate (360 g/L)	30 mL	3 L	Apply only to caltrop plants.
	Reglone®	30 mL	3 L	Repeated applications will be necessary as new germinations occur.
	diquat + paraquat		3 L	Not for domestic weed control

* Other formulations available and rates should be adjusted when using these.
 # Where a rate of herbicide is specified as an upper or lower rate i.e. 11–25 mL or 1.1–2.4 L the lower rate should be used for seedlings and juvenile plants. The upper rate should be used for mature or flowering plants.

Farms - Small numbers of plants can be eliminated by hand grubbing. The plants may be placed in a bag and disposed of in a bin or they could be dried and then burnt, if permitted by local council bylaws. The recommended method of control for small infestations on farms is 2,4-D amine (625 g/L) at the rate of 2.5 mL per litre of water in a knapsack sprayer and 2.4 L/ha of 2,4-D amine for large paddock infestations. Often further treatment for new germinations is necessary after each summer rainstorm. Under very warm/dry conditions the addition of a crop oil may improve the result. Where vines, tomatoes and other vegetable crops are grown commercially, especially near Mount Barker, Geraldton, the Ord River Irrigation Area and the Swan Valley, the use of 2,4-D is subject to the *Agriculture and Related Resources Protection (Spraying Restrictions) Regulations 1979*. In these areas, Reglone® or glyphosate may be the best option for control.

Townsites - Considerable care must be taken when selecting and applying chemicals in townsites because some are unsuitable for use in these situations. The proximity of gardens, and vegetable or vine crops makes the use of 2,4-D inadvisable. Where applied on house blocks near trees or in areas to be used for gardens the non-residual foliar herbicides should be used. In this situation regular inspections will have to be made to determine if other germinations of caltrop have occurred, which will then need treating.

To prevent spread of the weed, tyres and footwear should be cleaned to remove burrs. Thanks to the WA Department of Agriculture and Food see http://www.agric.wa.gov.au/PC_93868.html for the full text. Also there is an excellent story with photos at <http://www.abc.net.au/local/stories/2011/03/04/3155556.htm>

Wandi Crime Watch

Incidents – There were reports of burglaries in;

December

De Haer Road

January

Theft from Caravan at the Resource Centre.

February

Those Morons have been back...many properties along De Haer Road had their post boxes vandalised on Friday 3rd February. It seems that there is a fad brought on by a movie...duh that it is great fun to take a baseball bat to post boxes. The trouble is that one would be reluctant to confront them in that they have already got a weapon in their

hands and are likely to be under the influence as well. I guess it is time to go back to the old tin can type post boxes which seem to have been the only ones left alone!

Illegal dumping is now becoming rife in our area, if you see it happening please make a note of the vehicle registration and report it to council on 94390200.

Neighbourhood Watch - Did you know that the WPA monitors Neighbourhood Watch reports and issues alerts via email? To register contact WandiProgress@gmail.com

Finally please consider supporting the Wandi Progress Association and Wandi Landcare Group by becoming members – cost of membership is only \$10 and \$5 respectively – Download an application form at http://wandiprogress.org/resources/WPA2011_MEMBERSHIP_APPLICATION_FORM.pdf

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

Happenings at the Hall and Resource Centre

<p>Smithy's Boxing Gym - Boxing Training</p> <p><i>Mon – Thurs 5:30 to 7:15pm</i></p>  <p><i>\$7 per night</i></p> <p>Phone Elaine on 94391078 or Mob 0412404674 Email: elliejo@westnet.com.au</p>	<p>WANDI HALL HIRE</p> <p>Phone Debbie Cocks on 9410 2009 for further information or bookings</p> 
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<p>WANDI PLAYGROUP</p>  <p>Tuesdays at the Wandi Hall 9:00 – 11:00am</p> <p>A delightful group of mums and children meet every Tuesday For further information contact - Susan (President) - 93932304 Natalie – 94987210</p>	<p>WANDI BOOKCLUB</p>  <p>2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm</p> <p>Contact: Marie Tully 9410 0245.</p>

MARQUETRY GROUP

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Every Friday 9.00 – 12.00

Contact: Jim van Brink Ph. 95278501
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WEST AUSTRALIAN GUILD OF WOODCARVERS INC. WANDI



This branch of the Guild meets in the green shed every Monday morning between 9.00am & 12.00. - Beginners or advanced welcome.
Contact- Fred Brewer
9419 3558

SOUTHERN DISTRICTS TRITON CLUB

A general woodworking club. Beginners welcome. Meet every fourth Thursday of the month, except December.

7.30pm at "The Shed" Wandi Community Centre, DeHaer Road Wandi

Contact - Gary Withers Ph 9593 2317

Email: SouthernDistrictsTriton@gmail.com

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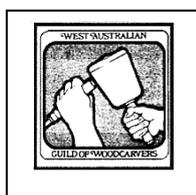
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