

# WANDI WARBLER

WANDI PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC.

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September 2010

## Wandi Progress Association Report

Well what a long cold Winter here in Wandai, a dry one as well, speaking from 24 years of experience in the area this is definitely our driest ever. Our poor bush must be suffering. Some of the frosts were awesome with people reporting burst pipes and solar water systems.

A few notable events have been happening over the past three months, the long awaited Honeywell development has commenced and when one exits the Freeway at Rowley Road a sad huge scar on the hill can be seen. Oh well one cannot stop infrastructure I suppose, all we can do as a progress association is to lobby for the best result for all of us.

Unfortunately our Oval has been vandalised again, with bollards removed and a vehicle tearing up the grass. This is more than likely done by the same individuals who must be pretty bored...if they keep it up they will get caught. Also posts and rails have been damaged by a vehicle illegally being driven in the Wandai Reserve.

The WPA have been active with the design of the new extension, investing approximately \$13,000 so far, unfortunately our council give us little support in this regard as they seem to be focused only on the high population demographic rather than special rural areas like ours. We understand indications are that community facilities on the Honeywood site would not be completed until 2016 and that no oval was planned (although this may be provided when the primary school is built).

So now just grab a "cuppa" and enjoy your bumper edition of the warbler, we also appreciate your feedback or any ideas for articles, please contact us at [WandiProgress@gmail.com](mailto:WandiProgress@gmail.com)

### WPA COMMITTEE & MEETING DATES 2010

Dates for 2010 - 15 Sep, 20 Oct, 17 Nov, 15 Dec

**President:** Peter Hegarty

**Vice Presidents:** Fred Erdsieck, Les Whiddett

**Treasurer:** Sandra Knight

**Minute Secretary:** Ken Workman

**Committee Members:** Janet Carr, Debbie Cocks, John Lydon, Rod Cocks, Jim Russell, Rod Pattinson, Wayne Tentori

*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 Wandai 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](mailto:woodboroughwa@bigpond.com) for further details.*

**REMEMBER - Firebreaks must be installed by December 1 and kept clear until March 31.**

*The Wandai Warbler is now available via email, please contact [WandiProgress@gmail.com](mailto:WandiProgress@gmail.com) to be added to our database.*



## ***Honeywood Estate Phase 1 to House the Largest Display Home Village South of the River***

It is understood that Satterley have indicated that the six 1000 metre blocks along Lyon Road have been allocated for 4 display homes and 2 car parks. The developer has also managed to get the 10 metre landscaped buffer along Lyon Road in front of these houses incorporated in the 1000mtr lot.

The Satterly website states that about 25 display homes are to be built and the builders have been carefully selected and their displays will offer a variety of homes to reflect the extensive choice of lot sizes. Homes to suit both cottage and traditional blocks will be presented and there will be both single and double-storey residences.

This obviously has a potentially high impact on those residents on the eastern side of Lyon Road opposite the development with a high level of weekend traffic and noise over and above the normal development issues. None of these display village plans were highlighted in the residents meetings that we had over the years.

As the weekend traffic on Lyon Road in front of these display houses would be a nightmare for at least the next three years minimum and possibly longer we can only hope that council will insist that the developer restricts the display village to within the subdivision.

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## ***Satterley Swamped with Enquiries for New Estate - One Thousand Plus Ask About Honeywood***

Earthworks have begun at Honeywood, the Satterley Property Group's latest estate in Perth's southern suburbs yet the volume of enquiries exceeds the number of lots in the master-planned development. More than one thousand people have expressed an interest in learning more about Honeywood, handily located on the eastern side of the Kwinana Freeway in the suburb of Wandi.

The estate will consist of 800 lots ranging in size from 360 and 580 square metres with frontages from 12.5 up to 18 metres. This will encourage an imaginative mix of housing options.

There will also be some higher density development close to a proposed local train station and neighbourhood shopping precinct. The station on the Perth to Mandurah Rail Line will be about 600 metres south of Rowley Road and within walking distance of the development.

For the full report see <http://satterley.com.au/go/residential-estates/honeywood/news-and-releases>

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## ***Community Youth Homes – Watch Out – No one gets any warning on these – So keep your ear to the ground!***

It seems the City of Wanneroo is in dispute with the WA Department of Child Protection as to whether the establishment of a home for children with behavioural issues in Wanneroo is a permitted use under the current residential classing of the area. This is a similar situation to those poor folks in Casuarina where it was a case of No consultation, no discussion, until after the place was purchased and then the cat got out of the bag. It seems that there are fourteen homes of this nature are in the process of being established across the State and four are already in Kwinana. So it seems that semi rural areas get the problems in an "out of sight out of mind" approach by the Department of Child Protection. It is a good bet that none of these homes are in a street where the architects of these schemes live. Whilst Wandi has none at the moment and council have stated that there will be no more in the town there are unconfirmed reports of homes being purchased in adjacent suburbs of Oakford and Banjup. Whilst there must be some compassion for these troubled young people, there must be better ways to handle the issue rather than to potentially wreck the lives of law abiding citizens who have to live near them and potentially lose value on their properties. For more information see <http://weekend.inmycommunity.com.au/news-and-views/local-news/Youth-home-outrage/7550982/> , <http://inmycommunity.com.au/news-and-views/local-news/Homes-for-troubled-youth-under-fire/7567310/> and <http://wanneroo.inmycommunity.com.au/news-and-views/local-news/Youth-home-in-dispute/7555139/> . If any resident can confirm government community youth home purchases in Wandi or adjoining suburbs it would be appreciated if they could advise the WPA.

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## ***Do you have any Concerns about Commercial Aircraft Noise at Night?***

The WPA has received a letter from a resident which highlights concerns in regard to the increased incidence of aircraft noise over Wandi between 6pm and 6am. It appears that the plane route has been changed during this time to track across less populated areas in an effort to minimise complaints. They have written to the Air Services Complaints unit who has stated that there have been many complaints extending as far as Roleystone. They also

advised that the only way to instigate change is for the community to lobby members of Parliament, the council and to complain on a united front by typically constant phone complaints and petitioning. The number to call is 1800802584.

Should you be experiencing the same concerns please contact Ken Workman (WPA Secretary) as we will collect names and pass them on to the resident.

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### ***Banjup / Wandi Zone Substation Feedback***

Western Power has put the feedback recorded and compiled as a result of the last community session on the web, this can be found at;

<http://www.westernpower.biz/documents/networkprojects/banjup/BanjupWandiCommunityContactSession2FAQSummaryMARCH2010.pdf>

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### ***Kwinana Hub Redevelopment likely to Commence in the Next 12 months***

Kwinana Council has advised that the level of retail services available to the community will dramatically increase following the redevelopment of the Kwinana Hub Shopping Centre. The \$40 million redevelopment of Kwinana Hub will include a 250 seat alfresco style food hall. This approved redevelopment will increase the retail floor space from its current 16,000sqm to a proposed 25,000 sqm with further development of boutique and specialist retail stores along Meares Avenue in the new Kwinana town centre.

Owner Woolworths have announced that a Big W department store will be part of the expansion.

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### ***“Bitumen Bandits” fleece WA residents***

According to the Department for Consumer Protection a 90-year-old Alzheimer’s sufferer is among several consumers who have been conned into handing over more than \$20,000 to WA’s so-called “Bitumen Bandits”. These dodgy traders, who breach the Door to Door Trading Act, have been operating in our area recently and have been reported in Karnup and Oakford.

If you’re not familiar with the scam, which has been around for a long time, Commissioner for Consumer Protection Anne Driscoll explains: “The workmen knock on your door and offer to laying an asphalt driveway with left-over material from a nearby job for a supposedly bargain price,” she said. “They claim the normal cost is more than \$50 per square metre and that they will do it for half price or less, when in reality you can get a legitimate local company to do a better job for less. “Giveaway signs include them leaving their van running the whole time they’re working, operating out of a hire car and offering to drive you to the bank to get money.” The Commissioner said the fact consumers are still being ripped off by Bitumen Bandits highlights the need to reinforce some important Consumer Protection messages.

“Western Australians are protected from traders who call at their homes, under the Door to Door Trading Act. It gives consumers a 10 day cooling off period to consider the offer and during this time money cannot be taken and work should not be carried out. “When making a big purchase like this take the time to get several quotes so you can compare price and value. Also do your research on traders before agreeing to a deal – ask to see references or examples of previous work. “Remember if you cannot contact a tradesperson after a job has been completed you will not be able to make any warranty or repair claims that may arise. As mentioned in our previous warnings about so-called Bitumen Bandits, the job is usually sub-standard and the driveway may have to be pulled up and re-laid.”

Anyone who receives a knock at the door from workmen offering to lay bitumen driveways on the spot with leftover material from another job should say no and call Consumer Protection on 1300 30 40 54.

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### ***Report Graffiti***

The Town of Kwinana and Local Police are calling on residents to report sightings of graffiti as soon as they are witnessed. Goodbye graffiti offer rewards of up to \$1000 for reports leading to the arrest of offenders. Quick reporting also enables quick removal, which is proven to be one of the most effective ways of reducing repeat offenders. To report sightings visit the [Goodbye Graffiti website](#) and send through any and all information with an image if possible. Residents are also encouraged to report the offence to Kwinana Police on 9411 4311 or 131 444 and the Hotline on 1800 44 22 55.

## ***Town of Kwinana Children's Map***

The Town of Kwinana has released the first edition of the Kwinana Children's Map which contains a wide range of information for families and people with children. The map itself includes locations of schools, ovals, sporting facilities health services and much more. It also outlines a range of direct contact details for family and children related programs throughout. It can be found at [http://www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/files/Map\\_Kwinana\\_Families.pdf](http://www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/files/Map_Kwinana_Families.pdf)

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### ***Is your Family Fire Safe?***

Now is the time to think about preparing for the summer of 2010/11. By working with our highly trained Emergency Services Officers and Town of Kwinana rangers you can begin taking steps now to protect your home and family from bushfires

#### **Home Safety Hints**

- Do not light a BBQ too close to buildings, trees or bush or on days where the fire danger is very high or above
- Trim trees and bushes before summer
- Install fire alarms
- Check trees near power lines. If likely to touch, call a tree doctor to trim them
- Close doors and windows when you are not home
- Use bulk waste collections
- Take extra care to put out cigarette butts properly
- If you have an evaporative air conditioner, keep it off when you are not home
- If a fire is in the area keep checking your property for burning embers
- Regularly check gutters and remove leaf litter
- Have an evacuation plan which includes all pets
- Follow instructions from Emergency Service Officers

#### **Firebreaks**

Owners and occupiers must install firebreaks by December 1 each year. **These firebreaks must be AT LEAST 3 metres wide and 4 metres high.** Earth firebreaks are needed:

- Immediately inside all property boundaries
- Surrounding all buildings
- Around timber piles, haystacks, tyres, vehicles, flammable liquids and chemical and gas products.

#### **Maintenance**

Firebreaks must be kept clear until at least March 31 each year. A well-maintained green lawn is acceptable, in lieu of, or in conjunction with cleared firebreaks. It is also strongly recommended that a 20-metre low fuel zone be around buildings by having lawns, slashing or other means.

#### **Access**

It is essential that a 4-wheel drive vehicle can drive safely and continuously around your firebreaks. Any obstructions on firebreaks mean that they do not conform to fire laws.

#### **Variations-Fire Protection Plans**

If, because of environment, planning or other reasons, you cannot comply with the Firebreak Notice you **MUST** contact the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer at the Town of Kwinana (Ph: 94390200). **Normally firebreaks should not be constructed in wetlands.** We will make every effort to assist you to develop an alternative fire prevention plan, for the protection of your family, neighbours and firefighters in the event of an emergency.

#### **Variations must be applied for**

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### ***Focus on the Groups - Wandi Playgroup Needs More Little Ones***

There was a great response to the last Warbler with four new families now attending Wandi playgroup so we won't be closing yet! We'd still love to see new families with their 0 – 5 years olds. We have the best playgroup facilities with lots of toys, a great shaded outdoor playground, a cupboard full of craft materials and welcoming parents/kids. Our philosophy is if the weather is fine we have outdoor play and socialisation. If it rains we do craft, dress ups or dancing indoors. All the children get along really well and enjoy their time at playgroup which is great. One parent mentioned that it was the only time their children ate fruit which we believe is due to the relaxed atmosphere. There is no fundraising and we can accommodate either committed or casual families with a pay structure to suit. We'd love to see more Mum's, Dad's and Grandparent's down at playgroup with their littlies. Please also suggest us to your friends who are looking for a playgroup. Hope to see you down at Wandi Hall for playgroup on Tuesdays during school term from 9:30am to 11:30am with fruit time around 10:30am. Your first session is free. Call Jenny on 94379484, Melissa on 93972841 or Natalie on 94987210 for more information.

## ***Focus on the Groups - Wandí Wood Crafts***

Wandi was well represented at the recent Perth Wood Show held in early August at the Claremont show grounds. The clubs included the Wood Turners, Wood Carvers, Triton Club, Wood Scrollers and the Machinery/Tool preservation. I am sure we will see the newly formed Marquetry Club at the show next year.

Congratulations go to Ray Carter and Rod Cocks (local residents) who won prizes for their carvings entered in the Carving Guild of WA competition.

Also, congratulations to all the winners and place getters who entered in the 'Out of the Woods' 2010 competition presented by the Fine Wood Work Association (WA) Inc.

The competition had 12 categories ranging from beginner to advanced, these covered;

- ◆ Furniture - An item that can be used in the home or office that is to be made predominantly from wood. Other materials such as metal, glass and ceramic may be used to enhance the strength, design and function of the item. This category could include but not be limited to tables, chairs, sofas or beds.
- ◆ Box - It can be made from wood panels, veneers or turned on a lathe. Its function is to be primarily for storage and its maximum dimension must be less than one metre.
- ◆ Woodturning – Plain - All the shaping of the object must be achieved using a lathe turning. No subsequent shaping, carving or other embellishment to be done. It is permissible to hand sand the object without the lathe turning, either mounted in the lathe or on the bench. Finish can be applied on or off the lathe. Assembly of the object after shaping in the lathe is permissible.
- ◆ Woodturning – Embellished -A piece made from wood, shaped on the lathe by tools controlled by hand. Subsequent work may include but not limited to carving, routing, colouring, sandblasting and inlay. The piece must show its origin as a turned piece.
- ◆ Small Treasure - any item made of wood. May be turned, carved etc. Must fit inside a 100mm cube.
- ◆ Carving - A sculptural piece of woodcraft displaying predominantly relief or 3D carving techniques over most of its display face. Can be produced using power or hand tools.
- ◆ Collaboration Piece - A piece of woodcraft produced by more than one maker. They can have contributed in the same or different disciplines.
- ◆ Miscellaneous - A piece that may take on one or more woodworking disciplines that clearly does not suit the criteria of the other categories. Such examples could be gaming boards, mirror frame, lamps, rocking horses, easels, etc.
- ◆ Novice - A special category open to any first time entrant in the Out of the Woods who has been working with wood for less than five years and who is not a full time student or a professional. The prize will be awarded to the maker of the highest scoring entry in any category where the maker has nominated himself or herself as eligible on the entry form.
- ◆ People's Choice Award - A category voted on by the general public as the most popular piece of woodcraft in the exhibition. A prize will be awarded to an entry drawn from voting slips placed in designated containers. This shall be a woodwork-related prize to the value of \$100.00.
- ◆ Tertiary Student Award - Open to any tertiary student enrolled in a registered tertiary scheme and also to a student for 12 months after graduation.

If this has inspired you to sharpen those chisels and get that smell of wood shavings in your nostrils, then check out the advertisements for the various wood groups located on the last pages of this newsletter.

Thanks to Wayne Tentori for this article.

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## ***Focus on the Groups - Southern Districts Triton Club presents Mike Lynn from the Fine Woodworking Association.***

Mike will be demonstrating how to hand-make dovetail joints, including how to make a hidden dovetail. So if you are a novice or experienced woodworker, come along to "The Shed" at the Wandí Community Centre, De Haer Road Wandí at 7:15 on Thursday 28th October 2010. Entry fee \$3, non-members welcome.

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## ***Wandí Community Facilities***

If you are a member of a club or would like to start a new club that would benefit the Wandí community please contact one of the committee or attend a WPA meeting to discuss your proposal. **Contact Debbie on 9410 2009.**

## ***Wandi Landcare Group***

### **Community Planting Day**

Winter 2010 has been a very successful planting season for the Wandi Landcare Group with two community planting days and an inaugural schools planting day completed to date. In total over 2000 plants were planted with over 100 volunteers participating. The planting zone we have focused on for 2010 is a very prominent and degraded area at the start of the Magenup Lake Community nature Trail. This area was highlighted as a re-vegetation area in the management implementation plan, and is somewhat of a test case in a very weed infested area. We have trialed a variety of techniques here to see what will be the most effective strategy for re-vegetation and weed control. As it is also a very prominent site, it gives the community an opportunity to watch the positive changes over time.

We have also been greatly assisted this year by a National Green Jobs Corps Team who have been carrying out a variety of projects at Lake Magenup over the last few months including weed mapping, weed control, pruning of fire-breaks, site preparation and planting. Work at the site has been generously funded this year through the Swan Alcoa Landcare Program.

Fred Erdsieck – Coordinator Wandi Landcare Group T: 9397 2232 M: 0428 604 032E: [wandilandcare@gmail.com](mailto:wandilandcare@gmail.com)  
W: [www.wandilandcare.org](http://www.wandilandcare.org)

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### ***Kwinana Council Prosecutes for Illegal Land Clearing***

The Town of Kwinana has prosecuted a Mortimer Road Casuarina landowner for illegally clearing approximately 850sqm of healthy vegetation from outside the building envelope. This is a reminder that the town has a strict policy on clearing vegetation on special rural areas such as Wandi. With satellite technology it is easy to detect this activity, so be warned.

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### ***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 take off the net tension after playing.*

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### ***Wandi Crime Watch***

Other than the ongoing hooning and there have been no reported incidents over the past three months.

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### ***Wandi Landcare / Progress Association Website – Warbler in Full Colour!***

The Wandi Landcare Group and the Progress Association now have their respective web domains.

They are [www.wandilandcare.org](http://www.wandilandcare.org) and [www.wandiprogess.org](http://www.wandiprogess.org) .

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***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](mailto:jimrussell@iceweb.com.au)***

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For further information contact -

Jenny (President) - 94379484

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Contact- Fred Brewer 9419 3558

## SOUTHERN DISTRICTS TRITON CLUB

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Contact - Gary Withers Ph 9593 2317

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[Jim.vanbrink@gmail.com](mailto:Jim.vanbrink@gmail.com)

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