

WANDI WARBLER

WANDI PROGRESS ASSOCIATION INC.

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Wandi Progress Association Presidents Report

Hi All, as the Christmas period is fast approaching I once again reflect upon how the year just seems to have flown past. The last few months have been particularly busy with two important issues high on the agenda of the Wandi Progress Association Committee. These are the issues of getting Council support for the proposed Wandi sports building, and the ongoing discussions with Western Power over the location of their proposed zone substation.

To bring everyone up to date with developments on the sports building, after the September Warbler was distributed we received a letter from Town of Kwinana Mayor Carol Adams. She took us to task over our assertion that the ToK was offering little support, following which some discussions ensued. Unfortunately it seems that our assertion is entirely correct, and despite the fact we have proven the existing facilities are very heavily used and as the Honeywood Estate develops we are likely to go beyond bursting point, the Council is using its time and money to undertake a survey of the special rural areas to see what we want. Apart from being well and truly overdue, the survey is largely irrelevant because it targets only a very small proportion of our facilities' users. Furthermore, once the survey is completed the Council will then review last year's draft infrastructure plan before they can decide if they want to support us. Best we don't hold our breath waiting I would suggest, but see the full report later in this edition and decide for yourselves.

On the issue of Western Power's proposed Zone substation on the corner of De Haer and Rowley Roads, there was another community meeting for them to explain further developments. Unfortunately the meeting was poorly attended, but considering Western Power hadn't done their homework it probably didn't matter. Once again the keepers of our electrical infrastructure trotted out the same old arguments and the same old plan, without regard for the questions we asked in the meeting in March. The upshot of this is that yours truly was invited to a meeting with the engineers. At that meeting I again pointed out that in locating the substation they have failed to consider nearly half of their own stated site selection criteria, and without any technical reason because the site offers a poor technical outcome. While conceding these points they have asked for three to six months to reconsider the site in light of other system based reviews, so stay tuned to future issues of the Warbler and we will keep you in touch with what is happening.

On behalf of the Wandi Progress Association, I wish everyone a safe and merry Christmas and New Year period. In the meantime enjoy reading your Wandi Warbler.
Peter Hegarty.

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THE COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE AND AMENITIES SURVEY HAS BEEN DELIVERED TO YOUR MAILBOX – IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR WANDI BY FILLING IT OUT AND RETURNING IT TO COUNCIL - Thankyou

WPA COMMITTEE & MEETING DATES 2010

Dates for 2010 - 15 Dec

Dates for 2011 – 19 Jan / 16 Feb / 16 Mar / 20 Apr / 18 May / 15 June / 20 July / 17 Aug / 21 Sept / 19 Oct / 16 Nov / 21 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 Wandi 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.

A Message from the Mayor - Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the December edition of the *Wandi Warbler*. As you may know, several of your residents met with myself and Council officers in October to explain their plans for the proposed *Wandi Sports Hall* development and to gain Council support. It would be fair to say that the *Wandi* delegates were forthright in their views about the contribution (or apparent lack thereof) that Council has made to this area over the past few years. I believe this is fair criticism and a view that was certainly taken on board by the Councillors and staff in attendance.

At the conclusion of our meeting we discussed engaging with the rural community (not just *Wandi*) and ask them for feedback in relation to the sorts of infrastructure, amenities or services they would like to see in their respective area. Planning for the survey is well underway and I would encourage you all to take this opportunity when the survey arrives to have your say in a constructive manner so that this can be reported back to Council, especially as we are soon to commence the 2011/12 budget process.

In closing, on behalf of the Town of Kwinana, may I wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and safe New Year

Carol Adams - Her Worship the Mayor Town of Kwinana

Wandi Sports Hall - Feedback from council and council representative discussions with our President Peter Hegarty and the WPA subcommittee on the proposed sports hall has been that;

- Before proceeding with support for the facility ToK propose to undertake a survey of the residents on the eastern side of the freeway to determine community support for the facility. Following this survey the ToK would review their Community Infrastructure Plan draft from October 2009, after which if they decide the facility is supported they would consider placing an allocation in the budget (earliest 2011-12).
- Our President Peter Hegarty pointed out that the use matrix that we provided showed that it is not just the *Wandi* residents who currently use the facility, and he suggested that the survey include the current users of the *Wandi* facilities, to which the council representative agreed in principle.
- When questioned more closely about the time scale for any council support council indicated that it could be achieved without a specific budget allocation, but reiterated that the process had to be followed, and this would take time.
- Peter also reaffirmed with Council that the earliest time that any community infrastructure facilities were planned for Honeywood will be sometime after 2016. The response was that it would be more like 2018 and some not until 2023. Council pointed out on several occasions that our *Wandi* facilities were outside the areas where the Honeywood developer contributions would be spent.

Based on the above our subcommittee believes there are several weaknesses in the Council's argument, and that the ToK position is just posturing to waste time with "busy work" so we can't say they are not doing anything. To us it only reinforces the premise that we get little support from the ToK. It almost seems like a "North and South of the River" posture. Millions of Dollars are being spent on Honeywood with a huge influx of new residents and virtually no social infrastructure seems to be put in place in the short term, surely this is poor planning. We see that our very near neighbours in Cockburn have put massive investment into the social facilities for the Aubin Grove development. The WPA gets a huge amount of praise for our Council from the users of the *Wandi* facilities - who assume it is the outcome of a community-minded Council. If only they knew!

At present the ToK have been very lax in getting back to us – virtually all information has been one way, from us to them, and none of their feedback has been at all positive.

The WPA does understand that funding just does not come out of "thin air", however our feeling is that all we are getting is a lot of "hot air" with little real substance. Support is a different matter in that it is not subject to any ToK funding at all, although a contribution would of course be appreciated and reinforce that support. It would be great to get some real facts and ToK support instead of political posturing and conducting surveys which "may make the problem go away" by time wasting tactics. Either we are likely to get some support for funding or not. Believe it or not it has taken us months trying to get a playground "spring type" toy fixed or replaced by council, originally we received a response that it would not be replaced. So realistically what chance is there of any support for the sports hall? Our feeling is zip!

Finally we highlight that we are not actually asking for a large financial contribution from ToK, but require their support so we can qualify for funding from other sources, however even getting this support seems too hard.

A Bit of Wandii Moved to Oakford in a Truck - A paddock within the boundary of the Jandakot Regional Park in Oakford has recently been spread with topsoil from the new residential subdivision site (Honeywood) in Wandii. The developer gained the necessary approvals to clear the subdivision site and the Department of the Environment & Conservation's support to spread the topsoil in the Jandakot Regional Park.

The topsoil will form a revegetation project to replace habitat for the Carnaby's black cockatoos. The topsoil is valuable as a seedbank of native banksia woodland flora species which should germinate in due course. The former paddock area on the southern side of Anketell Road, Oakford was chosen as a suitable site for the topsoil because banksia woodland would have been present there before it was cleared as a paddock. Before the topsoil was spread contractors scalped the surface of the site to remove the perennial weeds and following spreading, they sprayed the leveled topsoil with water to help it settle. Unfortunately DEC had no control on the timing of the topsoil spreading but hope for a good germination rate next year when the winter rains come. The developer has agreed to return to the site during the next 12 months to undertake weed control. -*Information supplied by Catherine Prideaux, Planning Officer, Regional Parks Branch*

Hey Kids!...Santa Clause is coming to Wandii ☺

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 Wandii Progress Association wishes everybody a Happy, Safe and Joyous Christmas along with a healthy successful 2011 ☺



Fire Safety Message from the Town of Kwinana - Hopefully by the time you read this, you would have completed all your fire prevention work. If the experts are right, we are in for a long hot summer with some storms and associated danger of lightning strikes that could cause bush fires. The truth is we do not know what to expect, and we should be ready for any emergency. The recent Bush Fire Games Competitions was won by your local Brigade Mandogalup, with Kwinana South finishing second. Despite our claim as having among the best Bush Fire Brigades in the State; there is nothing more important than residents doing basic fire prevention work around their homes.

Something simple like having good fire breaks, and the 20 metre Circle of Safety around homes; makes a big difference during a major fire.

FESA has just updated the "Prepare Act. Survive" book which was produced last year, after studying the Victorian and local Major fires. The book is available free. If you wish a copy or information on Fire Prevention; please free to contact me on Tel. No. 9439 0221, alternately our local brigade officer Steve Treeby has copies and he can be contacted on 0408 988 122 or get a web based version at

http://www.fesa.wa.gov.au/internet/upload/-2096852505/docs/FESA_Prepere_Act_Survive_A4_Booklet_1.pdf

Have a Merry Christmas and a Safe 2011.

Ray Sousa

Community Emergency Services Communicator / Chief Bushfire Control Officer

Emergency Management Booklets Available -Every year the Town of Kwinana is subject to the threat of bushfires, storms, floods and other potential emergencies. To ensure residents are prepared to deal with an emergency situation, the town's Emergency Management booklet has been reviewed and reprinted thanks to funding received from the Kwinana Industries Public safety group (KIPS) and the Kwinana Industries Council. If you would like a copy of the comprehensive 34 page booklet, please contact the town on 94390200, email admin@kwinana.wa.gov.au or pick up a copy from the council Administration Centre, Kwinana Library or Community Safety Office.

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

Wandii South Local Structure Plan Issued – Anketell Town Centre - For those of you interested in wading through a 64 page document, the Wandii south Local Structure plan has been issued. You can find it at <http://www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/files/Wandii%20South%20LSP%20Report.pdf> . The supporting maps can be found at <http://www.kwinana.wa.gov.au/files/Wandii%20South%20LSP%20Maps%20and%20Figures.pdf>

A huge amount of information to digest, the maps show the major features, including the Anketell town centre, which actually is in Wandii...anyway we don't really want to be part of a town do we?

Keep Wandii Beautiful - Following our successful **Clean Up Australia Day** event in 2010, the Wandii Progress Association has registered in the Adopt-a-Spot program supported by Keep Australia Beautiful. We have nominated the oval, the area around the community hall/resource centre, the main entry and the verge plus traffic island on the bend in De Haer Road. Our commitment will be to pick up litter in these areas on at least three occasions during the next twelve months. If anyone is interested in helping, please email or call me so we can arrange a suitable time. The WPA encourages local residents to pick up litter from the road verges when out walking whenever possible. The dumping of rubbish such as tyres, large household items etc should be reported directly to the Town of Kwinana.

Janet Carr

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2011 Clean Up Australia – Sunday 6th March 9am – 11am

Please mark this date and time on your calendar as the Wandii Progress Association has again registered to be involved in Clean Up Australia. We will meet at the entry to the Wandii Community Centre on De Haer Road from 9am – 11am and plan to pick up litter from the various road verges in Wandii. Please turn up on the day with gloves, a hat, sturdy shoes, sunglasses and sunscreen and register as a volunteer. Children under 15 years old must be accompanied by an adult.

Please also see the article on Adopt-a-Spot in this edition of the Warbler. How nice it would be to see no bottles/cans etc littering our road verges and bushland.

Any enquiries: Janet Carr, Site Co-coordinator 0418 947 463

Lots of Muck Raking in this Issue!! - New Thermal Waste to Energy Recycling Plant may be located in Kwinana – Here we go again! - Town of Kwinana Mayor Carol Adams, CEO Neil Hartley and South Metropolitan MLC Phil Edman recently visited Japan to view several facilities operated by local governments there. A facility in the town could help the State Government meet its objective of zero waste to landfill by 2020. Cr Adams said that “It was vital that new ways of dealing with rubbish were found as the cost of landfill was becoming a very considerable burden on the wider community and environment. The plant may cater for industrial, horticultural and commercial waste. Concern has been expressed by well known local environment campaigner Steve Hesse that the burning of the waste has the potential to release toxins and affect the health of the community.

Obviously solutions to waste disposal are important, however why Kwinana seems to always be first choice is of concern. We have a huge State and surely more suitable locations can be found....but of course Kwinana is the cheapest and best dumping place option as usual....Ed

What a MESS – Record amounts of White Goods Rubbish Collected – There has to be a better way! - As you are all aware our White Goods collection was delayed by about six weeks from the due date, this resulted in Wandii looking like a rubbish dump. The whole situation is made worse by the fossickers who seem to think that they can just take what they like and not tidy up after themselves. Whilst this does achieve some degree of recycling, the resulting mess made by these people should be addressed by making an effort to stop this practice. Also the waste all goes to landfill, this includes e-waste such as the thousands of TVs, Computers and other electronic goods, metal etc. Surely the State Government should legislate and ensure that waste is recycled as far as possible by ensuring that collections of plastics, metals and e waste are more effective. Whilst this would be more costly for all of us we all have a responsibility to future generations. Also we used to have a service where engine oils, batteries and other real pollutants were picked up by the recycling truck, so what happens to this waste now, well whilst it is illegal most is likely to be shoved in the bin or even worse dumped down the drain or in the soil. There has to be a better method to handle this. By the way you can dispose of a maximum 20Litres of oil, small quantities of tyres and batteries at the Armadale tip in Hopkinson Road Brookdale. This is much more convenient for us in Wandii.

Rivers Regional Council Site Still Undecided - Further to our reports in previous editions of the Warbler location of the green waste treatment site is still pending the City of Rockingham final decision which will be based on their waste strategy report. Reports have stated that the preferred site is still McLaughlan Road in Kwinana, however should the Rockingham council decide to join the Rivers Regional council the RRC would consider putting the treatment facility at Millar Road.

Know Your Water Tank – Paying for “Fresh Air” - This article was sent to me by a local, it certainly gives “food for thought”, especially in that for this coming summer many of us will be buying water perhaps for the first time....Ed

Dragging myself along this mortal coil on my way to work I heard a discussion on how the next world war will be fought over water. I have been living in Wandii for over 22 years and ever since the good cook took the clothes

washing responsibilities off me mum I have been paying for approximately 15,000 - 16,000 litres of water at least once a year

I along with you probably didn't get much rain this winter to make matters worst the gutters on the shed have been in need of repair, so the water that did come my way ended up watering my recycled metals heap, needless to say I was ordering water in October, while on the phone asking the obvious questions, cost and volume, the supplier said be aware of another company (named) they don't deliver the amount they promise!

The next few days I made myself a tank gauge and worked out how many litres my tank takes per 100mm. The first 15,000 litres came and by my calculations I received about 12,000 litres. I mentioned this to the operator he said " it must be right cause this is volume he is paying water corp for also if I am right he wanted to know about it so he can get up water corp". It later occurred to me that he either doesn't really know how much water he is delivering or no one has ever checked and brought it up with him.

Explaining the laws of mathematics didn't get me anywhere so I handed over an extra \$30 for 3000 litres of air and In an effort not to admit the mistakes my maths teacher had been brain washing me with all these years with this pie caper I imminently ordered a load from another supplier, he was a little low but close enough so will keep an eye on him next time

My point to this little tale is wearing long socks with shorts is probably the only crime of my maths teacher and these are the calculations that he passed on to me;

Install a gauge in your tank - Measure the inside diameter of the tank (Mine being 7.270 Meters)

Divide by 2 = Radius 3.635 Meters - Squared (Multiply by itself) 13.213225 - Multiply by pie 3.141

Thus area of tank = 41.502739 M² - Multiply by .1 = volume of 100mm depth of my tank 4.1502739 M³

1 cubed meter equals 1000 litres, so multiply by 1000 equals 4150 litres per 100mm of tank depth

Divide the amount of water being delivered by your litres per 100mm this will give you the measurement you water level should rise - For me 16,000 litres should lift my water level by 385mm

Being a simple tradesman I hope my maths is correct, feed back welcome - Kim Gittings - iska@netspace.net.au

WA Cartage of Water Guidelines can be found at

<http://www.public.health.wa.gov.au/cproot/1301/2/Guidelines%20for%20the%20Bulk%20Cartage%20of%20Drinking%20Water.pdf>

Water Calculator – Although in US units...feet and gallons...this pool calculator may be a useful double check as well. One US Gallon = 3.7854118 litres and One inch = 2.54 Centimetres. One Metre is 100 Centimetres. For those of you who are post my generation there are 12 inches in a foot.

<http://www.bulkwaterdelivery.com/poolgalloncalculator.htm>

For those of you who are lazy like me (Ed) a great length converter can be found at

http://www.convertalot.com/length_measurements_converter.html and volume converter at

http://www.convertalot.com/volume_capacity_converter.html

By the way Kim your Maths is pretty good, I checked using the converters above and it was only 260 litres short...Ed

Banjup / Wandj Zone Substation Feedback - Western Power has put the feedback recorded and compiled as a result of community sessions on the web, these can be found at;

http://www.westernpower.com.au/networkprojects/substationPowerlineProjects/Banjup_Wandj_zone_substation.html



Lions Christmas cakes are once again available. The 1.5kg cake costs \$13.00 and the 1kg cake is \$10.00. Money raised from the sale of the cakes goes to the various charities supported by Lions. Please contact Lawrie Carr on 9410 0982 or 0417 967 755 to place your order. He will deliver in the local area.

Community Youth Homes – Whoops wrong name – Now they are “Therapeutic Care

Homes”- Some Facts - Further to the last edition of the Warbler, after legal advice that they would have to go to the Supreme Court the City of Wanneroo has thrown in the towel on its dispute with the WA Department of Child Protection (DCP). This was whether the establishment of a home for children with behavioral issues in Wanneroo is a permitted use under the current residential classing of the area. Homes are now confirmed as being in Oakford and Banjup, right on our borders. Cockburn Council supported the establishment. On the 29th October the Banjup Community Action Group held a public meeting. Attending were Joe Francis MLA , Terry Murphy CEO DCP and other representatives. The Banjup community only became aware of the home purchase after the event in July. The home will be defined as Tier 2 which means that it is a home for 4 poorly adjusted children from 10 – 17 years old needing psychological care. They have the following issues generally arising from abuse of some kind;

- Conduct Problems and Defiance
- Fire Setting

- Attachment Insecurity and Disturbance
- Attention Deficit /Hyperactivity
- Trauma Related Anxiety and Sexual Behaviour disorders

14 homes so far have been purchased for around \$890,000 average and each has an annual budget of \$1,035,000 (roughly about \$258,000 per child). 11 are already running. The reason for selecting the homes in semi rural areas is that there is lots of shouting. There is staff on site at all times.

The major concerns held by the Banjup Community Group are Fire Setting (located right next to a regional park – a clever decision that one), Animal Cruelty, Trespass, Damage, theft and Assault. They realise that it is a “done deal” and so are looking to mitigate the risk by being party to the development of the risk management plan along with the ongoing monitoring of breaches etc.

The DCP CEO Terry Murphy addressed the issues and under very difficult circumstances provided factual responses in line with the department guidelines. He acknowledged that some children could be fire setters, cruel to animals and aggressive. However they work hard to eliminate these disorders. After much questioning he finally stated that no child with confirmed fire setting issues will (rather than would) be housed in the Banjup house. He believed that normal duration in the home would be 2 years. The children will be home educated although some may go to local schools. He requested that Residents give them a “fair go” and stated that the DCP intent was to be good neighbours.

Questions from residents were occasionally emotional. This is understandable in that the immediate neighbours who have committed no crime are unfortunately going to have to live with the results of abuse which is not of their making. They do not have a two year sentence, theirs will be for life. This includes loss of resale value, also realistically just who will buy a neighbouring property if it comes on the market. Add to this all the issues previously highlighted and one must really feel sorry for them. It could be us next! There has to be a better way than government being a “bully boy”, abusing residents. Surely one idea would be paying a remote station which wishes to take these kids on with appropriate staffing, giving them some skills and behaviour modification for their future lives.

Focus on the Groups - Wandi Playgroup Needs More Little Ones - Wandi playgroup would love to see new members down at the Wandi hall shaded playground area in 2011. Parents and grand parents are most welcome with their littlies from 0 to 4 years old. We are looking to reduce fees next year with regular and casual rates available. Without community support this group will struggle to keep going and may have to close within the next year or two.

Play is the key way children learn about the world they live in. They can try out ideas, practise skills, develop structures and rules and play as many different roles as their imagination will allow. Playgroups provide an ideal environment for fostering children’s development through play.

The Playgroup runs on Tuesdays through out school term from 9:30am to 11:30am. We will be returning on the 8th February 2011. Fruit time is around 10:30am. Please bring a piece of fruit. Your first session is free. For further information please call Jenny on 9437 9484 or Natalie on 94987210.

Wandi Wood Crafts - Southern Districts Triton Club - We had a very informative October meeting with Mike Lynn from the Fine Woodworking Association demonstrating how to make dovetail joints by hand. Mike’s skills and years of experience certainly made the presentation an informative and entertaining event.

A dovetail can give an ordinary piece of woodwork a quality touch. A few basic tools and a good sharp handsaw is all you need. With a bit of practice you should be able to master a dovetail join. Give it a try, the end result is well worth it.

Our November meeting started with our annual sausage sizzle to mark the end of another year. Then with our cuppa and bickies we were treated to a display of old oil cans brought in by one of our members, Russell, an avid collector. Apart from the oil cans you’d expect to find in a shed there was also an oiling pump from WA Railways and an oil container from a .303 rifle. It was a very interesting and enjoyable display with some items bringing back old memories and lots of discussion amongst members. Our next meeting: 7:30, Thurs 27th Jan at "The Shed", Wandi Community Centre, DeHaer Road Wandi. Hope to see you there.



The Oil Can Collection

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 9410 2009.**

Playground Shade - The shade cover fell apart as the stitching just couldn't take the sun anymore. Council have agreed to replace it and the contractor has removed the old unit and a new one is being made. We do not know how long it will be before it is returned.

Sit on Toy being Repaired or Replaced – After being told that the playground toy was not going to be replaced the WPA appealed to the ToK, they have finally agreed to repair or replace.

Sports Hall – The Satterley Group has donated \$10,000.00 towards the Acromat Curtain for the Sports Hall, the WPA thank them for the contribution.

Wandi Landcare Group - Wandi Nature Reserve Roundup for 2010.

2010 has seen a number of projects where Wandi Landcare and Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) have come together in management activities to protect Wandi Nature Reserve from three invasive South African weeds.

In May, Wandi Landcare volunteers carefully spot-sprayed pigface (*Carprobrotus edulis*) in internal areas and hand weeded areas closer to the firebreaks. A team from Green Jobs Corps returned in June and completed the hand-weeding. Pigface was starting to seriously invade parts of Wandi Nature Reserve and last year Wandi Landcare and DEC mapped all the plants with a GPS. It took six occasions and 133 volunteer hours (spring 2009 – winter 2010) to get around the entire 30ha reserve to remove the mapped pigface. Our thanks go out to you all for giving your time and energy. When the weather gets a little cooler ideally in May 2011, the pigface follow up weeding will begin – as we retrace our steps looking for seedlings and any missed plants.

Wandi Landcare and DEC also came together and gained funding to begin the management of perennial veld grass (*Ehrharta calycina*) across Wandi Nature Reserve. Contractors were hired to spot-spray a grass selective herbicide in July and August this year. Grassy weed management will minimise fire risk, remove weed competition and restore habitat values for the endangered grand spider orchid (*Caladenia hugelii*). With variable kill rates from this year's work, perennial veld grass spraying will be needed annually for at least three more years to reach low densities. Thankfully Wandi Landcare has been successful in attracting partial funding for this activity next year with a Swan Alcoa Landcare Program grant.

Freesias were also targeted for mapping and control in 2010 after they were noticed encroaching into the good bush from the firebreaks. Monitoring after an August herbicide application showed good results. We take further encouragement from local research by DEC that showed freesia to only have a short-term seed life of less than one year in soil. A few consecutive years of good control will lead to success.

Wandi Landcare has been involved in two survey programs for endangered species this year. Monitoring of the rare grand spider orchid at the reserve has shown a slight though respectable increase in numbers from 28 last year to 42 this year. Four days in March in temperatures above 30°C were spent surveying for the threatened graceful sun-moth (*Synemon gratiosa*) in Wandi Nature Reserve and surrounding bushland. The moth was sighted three times and these and other sightings in adjacent bushland became the most eastern current record for the species. This moth has very unusual biology. For most of the year, it lives underground in the roots of only two closely-related species of native *Lomandras* or mat-rushes. As a day-flying moth, it then emerges in March/April one of the hottest and driest times of the year to mate, breed and die – probably without even feeding. Wandi Landcare Group will repeat the survey in March 2011 and welcome those prepared for a hot walk in the middle of the day.

All-in-all a very productive year.

Lake Magenup Planting

It has been several months since the Community Planting Day at the entrance to Lake Magenup and I would like to give you an update on how everything is going. The tube stock planted was severely hit by the frosts that befell Wandi and a large proportion of them unfortunately died. Luckily there is some re sprouting of tube stock initially thought dead so I hope they will survive with some attention from Angela's team of workers. Weed regrowth has also been a problem but regular work by Green corps teams and others are beginning to get on top of it. The initial idea was that the planted seedlings would grow fast and shade out the weeds but the frosts through a spanner in the works and now we are trying to recover the situation and with the ongoing work days held on site.

Graceful Sunmoth Surveys for 2011 - Graceful Sunmoth (GSM) surveys will take place again in March 2011. Following a successful survey earlier this year, a team from DEC will conduct four walks along a predetermined track within the Wandi Nature Reserve and across the road in the Jandakot Regional Park. The walks are only on the firebreaks and it takes around two to three hours to complete. Its good exercise and you will be helping keep tabs on an endangered creature. I will have more details into the new year.

Wandi Nature Reserve, Revisit the Pigface - To follow up on great work that has already been carried out on the Wandi Nature Reserve (WNR) I have put aside some dates for next year so we might go back over the ground already covered to remove any clumps that were missed and to remove new and reemerging infestations. The dates are Saturday 16th April; Monday 27th April and Saturday 14th May.

Night Stalk - On Friday 3rd December, Angela Jacob, the Bushcare Officer for the Town of Kwinana and the WLCG organized a Night Stalk, an evening walk around lake Magenup. We all met at the Wandi Clubrooms for sign in before heading out. The turnout was low unfortunately probably due to the cooler weather and the forecast of possible showers but everyone that turned up was enthusiastic about what we might find in the darkness.

Joe Tonga from Natsync Environmental was invited to join us and he brought some great torches and an apparatus to hear the ultrasonic calls of bats. Our first encounter was with a white barn owl that was flying over the grasslands searching for prey. He stayed around for some time and wasn't bothered by our presence. Further along the track we came across many groups of kangaroos feeding and moving amongst the grass. Joe explained about the reflectiveness of different creatures eyes and located many spiders by looking for tiny jewels in the darkness. His wealth of experience as a bushman was greatly admired and he kept us all interested in the environment at night. The bat-o-meter went off on a few occasions as bats flew overhead but they were too quick for us to see them.



The "Stalkers"

The Night Stalk went for around an hour and a half and then we enjoyed a cuppa with cake and a chat at the Wandi Club rooms before heading home. I will check with Angela if she would like to do another in the future as it is a fun and informative evening for the whole family to enjoy.

If you have some time free and would like to help you are more than welcome to join our friendly group.

I would like to wish everyone a wonderful Xmas and a prosperous New Year

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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.***

Wandi Crime Watch - During October there was a break in at a home in Sherwin Place. A considerable amount of personal effects and goods was stolen from the home. Please be vigilant and advise your neighbours to be on the alert for any suspicious activity, vehicles or people in the area.

There has been a large increase in illegal dumping, so 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

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 and www.wandiprogess.org .

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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For further information contact -

Jenny (President) - 94379484

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Contact - Gary Withers Ph 9593 2317

Email: SouthernDistrictsTriton@gmail.com

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Contact: Jim van Brink Ph. 95278501 Email.
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Like to advertise a group or business in the Wandi
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