

CREEK LINES

NEWSLETTER

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We care for the falls

From the Chair

While our human community takes a traditional breather at the end of the year, the flora and fauna along Lesmurdie Brook battle on against the onslaught of summer heat.

Thankfully, as of time of writing, (late January 2026) summer temperatures have been much cooler than the heatwave conditions of 2024 when the creek dried up and many trees along the Darling Scarp turned up their toes. To date we've had only one day over 40 degrees and a cool spell is just around the corner. The creek is still flowing and the creek side vegetation is looking happy as are the kangaroos that rely on the waterflow for a regular top up.



We are so fortunate that the creek has flowed all summer.

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Up in the erosion gully on the south side of Falls Road, the vegetation is recovering well after a prescribed burn in October although the rare commersonia won't tell us it survived the burn until it gets a decent drink. It is interesting to see what does spring up on a blackened landscape including garden variety tomatoes and Cape Gooseberries. At least they and other vagrants are easier to spot and it's a lot easier to move across the burnt ground to get at them.



Cape Gooseberry were exposed by the burn in the erosion gully.

Where we have been busy over summer is in replacing the roo fencing around the gully where the fire burnt off the galvanising leaving the mesh susceptible to rusting out. Now we have three separate enclosures with cocky gates and movement corridors between to allow wildlife to pass through without getting at our sedges and other plantings, giving them a better chance to mature.



Volunteers Paul F, Erik and Paul K did a great job stretching out the enclosure fencing.

We've been busy elsewhere as well with the propagation team running extra busy bees up at the shade houses to ensure we have thousands of plants ready to go in when the weather turns and down the creek, our weed warriors have been mapping out infestations and sweeping through the valley pulling everything from oyster plants to wonga vine, watsonia and more.

Another program under way is opening up lines of communication with landowners along the creek upstream from our work area. Our long term goal is to encourage weed removal on those properties so we can reduce their impact downstream and so far we have had positive feedback which augers well for the program. Watch that space.

Into the near future we do have a few big years coming up to make the most of our funding win in weed removal and propagation and we trust more of our avid supporters will make the time to heed our clarion call and join our busy bees each month as we strive to make Lesmurdie Brook and Falls a shining example of the positive power of community on our environment.

On a final note, if you have, dear supporter, any feedback on the newsletter or our activities, feel free to put fingers to keyboard. We'd love to hear from you. See you down the creek.

Nick Underwood.

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Busy Bee - 14 December

Report from Mark Simpson

On 14 December, we celebrated the last Busy Bee of the year. Our activities were some site weeding, propagation work, the removal of fencing around the erosion gully and placing marker pegs to guide the erection of new fencing.

The Propagation group had a very productive morning. Present were Terry, Carmel, Jackie, Coralie, Caroline and her grandson, Adre, Sue, Chantel, Marie and Kathy, who potted up over 500 plants, mostly Hakea and Wattles.

Two shade-houses are almost full now in anticipation of a big planting season.

We are currently using one glasshouse and have a variety of plants germinating or growing on, awaiting to be potted-up. Our pot and tray cleaning and sterilizing continues but must be coming to an end and the weeding is much less onerous with the new weed matting.



Propagation is a multi-generational activity.



Heads down and attack.

Nan, Mike M, Mike R, John, and Steph continued the downhill Wonga Vine weed from where they left off at the November Busy Bee. If there is an appropriate collective noun to describe the clusters of Wonga Vines near the eastern boundary of our site, perhaps it is a tangle, a strangle, a writhing wrangle, or maybe the game of whack-a-mole best describes what confronted our weed warriors last Sunday. Hopefully it was no Sisyphean task, even if it felt like it at times. They must have pulled out at the very least 150 of them of all sizes.

The strategy was to untangle the Wonga, search for the main stem, the many suckering stems, and any seedlings, and cut and poison. The poison holders, invented and manufactured by Dick, were brilliant and are a must-have piece of Weed Warrior equipment. The vines were then loaded onto the trailer to be delivered to the transfer station. Two Kurrajongs and an Olive were also cut and poisoned.

Given the forecast was for 40C, we were thankful to be working in the shade on an elevated site with a little breeze but also happy to be called for morning tea and mouth-watering watermelon at 10:30am. We achieved a great deal today despite it being a painstaking task and we are now very close to the verge area along Falls Rd. There is much more to do in this area, especially along the verge heading east on Falls Rd.



Another load of Wonga vine off to the tip.



Clearing the path for new fencing.

The rest of us set about removing some broken and fire-damaged fencing from around the erosion gully, opposite our meeting place on the other side of Falls Road, and placing marker pegs there in preparation for the erection of a new boundary fence to keep out the roos, but leaving a couple of places where the roos can traverse across the area without breaking down the fencing. The plant we are trying to protect is *Commersonia*, and are hoping that some living tissue there somewhere may re-sprout and survive once the area is fenced off again, or that there is seed in the soil which will germinate with the onset of winter. It is possible that germination could occur earlier as the area where it grows is still quite damp, even soggy in some parts. We don't care when they germinate as long as they do but we need the fencing to be complete before this occurs. We can't plant any more because, if it is a new species, there are no other known plants anywhere from which to collect cuttings or seed. So we just have to wait and hope.

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Once the fencing is complete, we will also be undertaking infill planting with a variety of local provenance plants on the erosion gully.

The old fencing had collapsed over much of its length due to the roos wanting to traverse the area and because we used wooden posts to hold up the fence and they were attacked by termites and no longer strong enough to hold up the fence. We re-shaped the enclosure into three triangles to funnel the roos through two narrow passages which we hope will be a more attractive option for the roos than jumping a high fence. The new fencing will be supported by steel star pickets to avoid the termite problem.



Mark, Jarrad and Paul removing the damaged fencing in the Erosion Gully.

Jobs done, we all went back to the marquee for morning tea where we were joined by one of the City of Kalamunda's Councillors, David Modolo. We were able to show him some of what we have accomplished over the years with the help of our marquee's photographic display. He showed a lot of enthusiasm for our achievements, expressed his support, and hopes to join us for future busy bees.



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Propagation

From Carmel Ballinger

Summer is not a good season for anyone involved in plant propagation. Our long hot dry summers are getting a bit trying for both people and the plants. Add to that situation the effect of fires, both lit under good faith (e.g. DEBCA prescribed burns) or those less planned, like the fire near the Terraces car park late in 2025. Both were catastrophic for our plantings, with no visible evidence of the *Zanthorrohea gracilis* we planted last year near the Terraces. On a much more positive note, in that Terraces fire-affected area, *Hakea*, *Eucalyptus* and *Grevillea* shoots from lignotubers are appearing – these may be from plants we have planted in previous years or those that have grown naturally. Either way, it is a positive sign.



Phoenix ability of a Hakea lissocarpa.



Eucalyptus wandoo showing remarkable ability to recover after fire.

Meanwhile, we continue with our propagation plans, whether from seed, from cuttings or division. We have the third shade house in operation but it has been too hot for plants in the glasshouse. We had a break over Christmas and our first session was on Australia Day with 10 busy workers. Now we have over 3000 plants potted up and growing on, ready for the autumn rains. We laid some weed matting over the blue metal in the three shadehouses and this will reduce the weeding that is, of course, an ever present job. We will continue to target our staple genii, like *Hakea*, *Grevillea*, *Leschenaultia*, *Hypocalymma* and plants specifically for the creek lines. We currently have 400 Kangaroo Paws (*Anigozanthus manglesii*) ready for planting. Our problem is that they are, coincidentally, a favourite food for kangaroos. One way of ensuring their growth may be to plant them in a fenced area.

Volunteer Profile



Our Volunteer profile this edition is Erik Mills, a life long West Australian, avid bush walker and cyclist.

BACKGROUND: lived mostly in WA or elsewhere?

Yes I've lived in WA all my life.

How long have you lived in the Hills?

12 yrs.

What attracted you to the Darling Scarp lifestyle?

I like the big block sizes and I originally planned to build a big shed to house all my metal machining toys. I started bushwalking and mountain bike riding north and southwards along the Darling scarp and behind Carmel, Walliston and Pickering brook and soon I discovered a plethora of trails like the Whistlepipe Gully trail, Mason and Bird trail, Kattamorda Heritage trail, Bickley Reservoir trail, Carmel walking trails to name a few. The scenery is amazing and that interest took over to a degree.



Munda Bididi - Done & Dusted.

How did your affinity for the bush start?

Since I started bushwalking and mountain bike riding I developed an appreciation for the trees and how the birds and other animals depend on them for a home. I also believe our sense of well-being is linked to the trees as if there is some electric /magnetic field we have not discovered yet.

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Have you had any work/personal milestones with your involvement with nature, flora and fauna etc?

After observing a lot of litter in the waterways and surrounds of upper Lesmurdie Falls area I started my own project to clean it all up. I bought waterproof long boots from Bunnings and went to work over a few months. I also keep the Whistlepipe gully and the Kershaw avenue reserve clean. In August 2022 I completed an end to end trek of 1100km Mundi Biddi cycle route from Mundaring to Albany and then cycled back to Perth along the great southern highway learning about the amazing rail history along the way.

In September 2025 I completed an end to end walk of the 1000km Bibbulman track. I gained an appreciation for the flora and fauna in WA with these experiences.

When did you join FOULF and what was your motivation?

I joined FOULF a few years after seeing the amazing work they do planting new trees and native bushes, weeding, construction and maintenance of trails and waterways in the upper Lesmurdie Falls and surrounding area and wanted to be part of it helping out.

What do you enjoy most about your connection with FOULF?

Through the planting of new trees and native bushes knowing that I have contributed to making the upper Lesmurdie falls and surrounds a better place.

My Bibbulmun Track Experience

In September 2025 I commenced an end to end walk of the Bibbulmun Track from Kalamunda to Albany. The Bibbulmun Track is one of the world's great long distance walk trails, stretching 1000km. It passes through the heart of the scenic south west of Western Australia.

There are 49 campsites spaced approximately 20km apart. The first 20 campsites from Kalamunda to Dwellingup are approximately 10km apart and this is to allow beginners like myself to gain fitness in preparation for the 20kms sections from Dwellingup onwards.

The trail passes through nine "Track Towns" where hikers can rest and resupply: Dwellingup, Collie, Balingup, Donnelly River Village, Pemberton, Northcliffe, Walpole, Denmark, and Albany.



Bibbulmun Track - Tick.

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The best time to go is from September where the weather is favourable and the spring flowers come out. Each campsite has a hut is partially enclosed, can house approximately 10 hikers and has areas for those who prefer sleeping in a tent. The campsites have 2 large water tanks and a toilet.

The Bibbulmun Track has been on my wishlist for far too long and this time I said "xxxx" it, let's do it so I jumped in at the deep end and learnt along the way. I spent 2 weeks planning and buying equipment. Most of my camping/cooking gear came across from cycle touring and all I had to purchase was gaiters for snake bite protection and an Osprey 85 litre pack.

I started in Kalamunda in early September and at first I struggled walking the 10km between huts however when I got to the 170km mark I started feeling fitter and was ready to tackle the 20kms sections. I started developing knee pain after Dwellingup and discovered by taking very small strides (shifting into a lower gear) when climbing hills, all my knee problems went away. I found walking 20kms every day with full pack on to be very tiring and felt I was burning out. I had to slow down and so I settled into a routine of 2 days walking and one day off. The day off was spent learning how to play a Harmonica.



Completion of the Bibbulmun Track at Albany - Ringing the Bell.



Dugite at Sandpatch near Albany.



South Western Crevice Skink at Mount Wells Campsite.

After a while I got used to the walk, eat, sleep and repeat routine. The 7 or so hours walking passed by relatively quickly and I started enjoying it more. I didn't get any blisters on my feet for the entire trip and I think this was due to the rest days and the toe socks.

This hike has been the most difficult thing I have ever done and has been very rewarding. The trip has shown me some of the amazing scenery and fauna that we have in our state. It's right on our doorstep and it is free to use.

The DBCA and the volunteers have done an outstanding job looking after the track.



Parry Beach inlet crossing.



Wind Turbines at Sandpatch near Albany.

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BUSY BEE - 8 FEBRUARY

Report from Mark Simpson

On 8 February we had our first busy bee session of the year at the Upper Lesmurdie Falls. The weather was not too hot at that time of day, and a total of 27 people joined in to help out with the tasks. Our main activities were some site-weeding, propagation work, pathway repair and fence erection before tucking into some yummy grub and drinks, and sitting around for a chat.



Eradicating Wonga Vine needs consistent effort.



Six of the regular and now experienced Wonga Vine weeders continued the eastern boundary Wonga weeding saga. A huge thanks to Margaret, Nan, John, Mike M, and to our new volunteer, Jess, and of course Steph, for their efforts. Working in teams of two or three, some of the group tackled Wonga on treacherous ground. The steep bank and dry gravelly surface saw many of the weeders hang on for dear life. They dug their heels and bottoms in and used the Wonga Vines as an anchor to avoid the slippery slide to the base. Even at the base it was quite hard going in places where the Wonga was entangled in the reeds in addition to being entangled within itself.

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Another team, including Jared, David and Dom, set about pathway repair, since the existing gravel pathways are becoming seriously eroded in places. Brendan from Magic Garden Supplies on Welshpool Road kindly provided us with another lorry load of road base gravel. Luckily, our team included Hayden who is an expert hand at operating the machinery involved in delivering and compacting the gravel.



Hayden spreading road base for pathway upgrades.

Back at the erosion gully, a team comprising Nick, Paul, Phil, Erik and Josh set about working on fence enclosures. With two enclosures complete and star pickets and top wire installed on the final lower enclosure, our busy bee task was to roll out the mesh fencing and attach it to the star pickets and top wire, secure the fence at ground level and complete cocky gates, with one gate still to do.



The fencing team hard at it in the erosion gully.

Our team of eleven enthusiastic propagation workers (Marie, Jacki, Kathy, Coralie, Viviane, Jean, Chantel, Ben, Terry and Carmel) tackled the scheduled jobs – continuing pot and tray sterilization, potting on germinated seedlings and cuttings, and planting seeds for four genera. Once again, we were thankful for the shady conditions and for Angie’s morning tea.



The propagators are preparing a bumper load for this year’s planting season.



It’s great to all come together.

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Featured this issue -

Lobelia anceps (Angled Lobelia) – formerly known as *Lobelia alata*.

We are now in the Noongar season of Bunuru (Feb-Mar), the second summer and hottest part of the year. Despite the conditions, there is a little smiling Lobelia thriving along the Lesmurdie Brook banks and in the FOULF green houses.

Lobelia anceps is a small prostrate to ascending perennial herb to 0.3metres high. It flowers up to 9 months of the year; January, February, March, April, May, September, October, November and December. Amazing!

The leaves are narrowly elliptical and angled or winged at the base. It is a hardy plant and will tolerate dense shade. Soils should be moist but not waterlogged. If conditions suit, the plant can spread by developing roots along its branches. It can also self-seed. It is a useful plant for reducing erosion along stream banks and it is perfect for pots and hanging baskets as it attracts native bees and insects.



It is widespread in southern Australia in moist, sheltered areas such as swampy heaths. Also found in New Zealand, South America and South Africa and is not considered to be at risk in the wild.

The name *Lobelia* is after Matthias de Lobel (1538 – 1616), a Flemish botanist and physician. From Latin, *anceps* means two headed or two edged, referring to the two-lipped character of the flowers.

Lobelia is a genus of over 400 species found in many parts of the world, especially tropical and subtropical regions. There are up to 40 species native to Australia, occurring in all states, with around half that number found in WA and at least four are found in the Perth hills. How many spots can you see *Lobelia anceps* when wandering along the brook?

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FOCUS ON FERALS

By Steph Bewick and Mike Robinson

African Fountain Grass - Cenchrus setaceus

This densely tufted, tussocky perennial is native to East Africa and was probably introduced to Australia as an ornamental grass for horticulture. Its first herbarium record was in 1903 in South Australia. It is a moderately sized perennial grass (50-150cm tall) with relatively elongated, reddish or purple-ish coloured seed-heads. The main stem of the seed head is angular, and the long bristles are hairy. We believed this weed to be rare in the Upper Lesmurdie Brook area, so we were shocked and concerned when Mike R, only a few days ago, found a specimen hiding in plain sight on the edge of an open granite outcrop area just east of the bitumen car park. There are very important reasons why it is on the 'wanted' list and a focus weed for this edition.



African Fountain Grass (Photo - Mike Robinson).

It is highly invasive and forms dense swards that suppresses native vegetation. It is a weed of pastures, grasslands, along railway lines, roads, tracks, paths, and waterways. It greatly increases fire risk compared to other weeds that accumulate less dry matter. In addition, it is well adapted to post-fire regeneration, and burning may contribute to its invasion. Mature flowering plants are also unpalatable to most if not all native animals. Its seed is easily dispersed by wind and seeds can be long-lived remaining viable in soil for up to 10 years. We will be revisiting that edge of granite and surrounds for many years to come! It is in the same genus as African Feather Grass (*Cenchrus macourus*) one of our most serious weeds.



Getting back to our specimen, the day following its revelation it was sheared of seeds which were binned. The remaining plant was sheared to its base, dug up and the base binned as there was potentially a lot of seed collected in it. Oodles of seed surrounded the plant, and these were collected as much as possible.

Margaret and Mike tackling Pavonia.

Unfortunately, Fountain Grass is difficult to eliminate so we will be on the lookout. We will adopt the recommended strategy of scanning for outlying plants with the hope that a core area does not exist, but we will be on the job if it does and may then need to use herbicide combined with digging out for control.



Mike and Steph dealing with hidden olives.



Margaret and Mike uncovering and eliminating olives west of the bitumen car park.

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MIDWEEK WEED WARRIORS NEWSLETTER

Feb 2026. By Steph Bewick

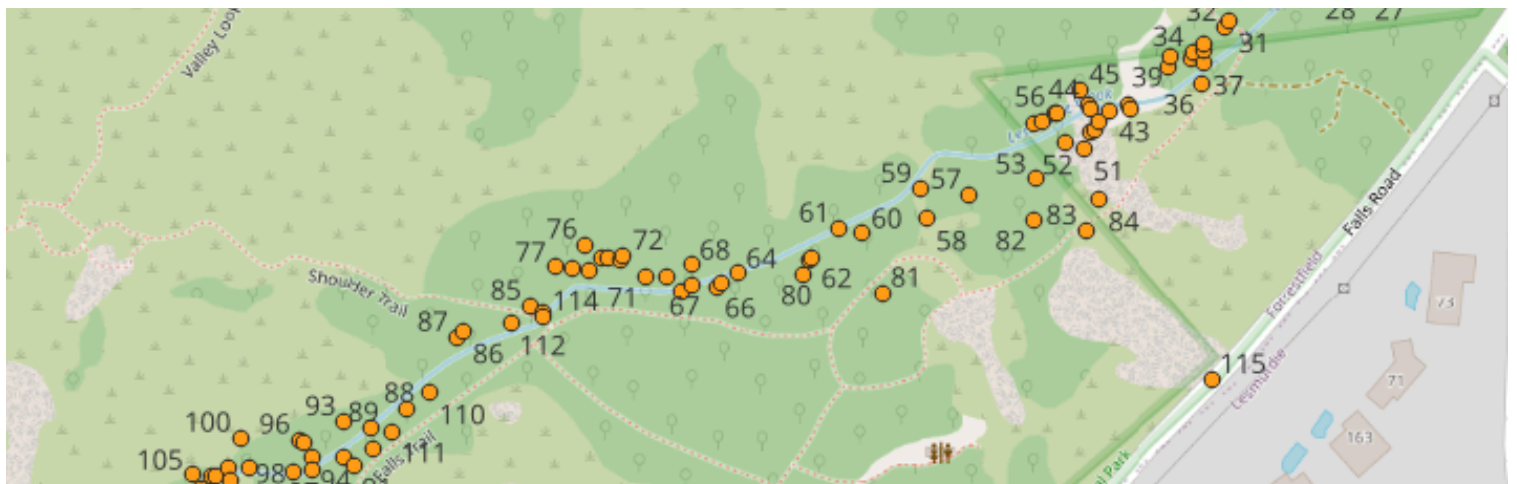


One of FOULF's long term goals and vision of Mike R's was to be able to form a subgroup within FOULF whose objective would be to target weeds on a more frequent basis. In doing so, early identification of species, sharing of weed knowledge and effective management, and ultimately the eradication of species would result. An invitation to form such a group was initially sent to committee members and regular Sunday volunteers. It was exciting to have 12 weeders sign up and The Midweek Weeders had their inaugural weed day on November 7th, 2025.

Since then, the group has had four weeding mornings and has pulled out, and poisoned, bagged and binned hundreds of weeds as part of a sweep of just a small section of the south side of the brook, Nelson Crescent to The Falls. Weeds include: Jonquils, African Feather Grass, Watsonia, Primrose Jasmine, Tangier Pea, Flaxleaf broom, Paterson's Curse, Veldt daisy, Pavonia hastata, dozens and dozens of olives, Gazanias, Lavenders, Tagasaste, garden bulbs, Fleabane, Nasturtium, Blue Broom, wattles, Wonga Vine, Lantana, Jacaranda, Wavy Gladiolus, Kurrajong and Parsley... and the list goes on. Some species occur in isolation, and these were dealt with. Some also persist as part of a large cluster or swath of weeds that will be dealt with by contractors at a later date. The habitual bag or two of rubbish was also collected along the way each weed day.

The subgroup is blessed to have an experienced weed identification volunteer (Mike) and a botanist (Andrew) as part of the regular participants. We are fortunate to also have an innovator (Dick) who whips up and adapts tools for the job in the background and IT guru (John) who leads the mapping group using Avenza Maps to pin weeds. For some of us, we are still on a steep learning curve with regards to all things weed related. What we all have in common is an enormous sense of accomplishment after filling bags and trolleys of weeds in only a couple of hours.

As with many volunteer days and weeks, it doesn't always suit people's timetables. If the Sunday Busy Bees are difficult for you to get to, we would love to invite you along to the FOULF Midweek Weeders Group. We meet one Thursday and one Saturday morning every month and weed from 8am to 10am. Email reminders go out prior to those that have expressed interest. Generally, we get 2 to 5 people on any one day and very much welcome more.



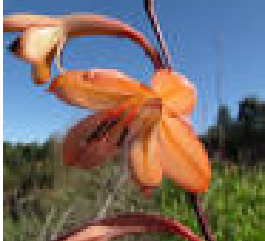
























Example of the warrior's individual weed mapping that will be supplied to our weed control contractors.

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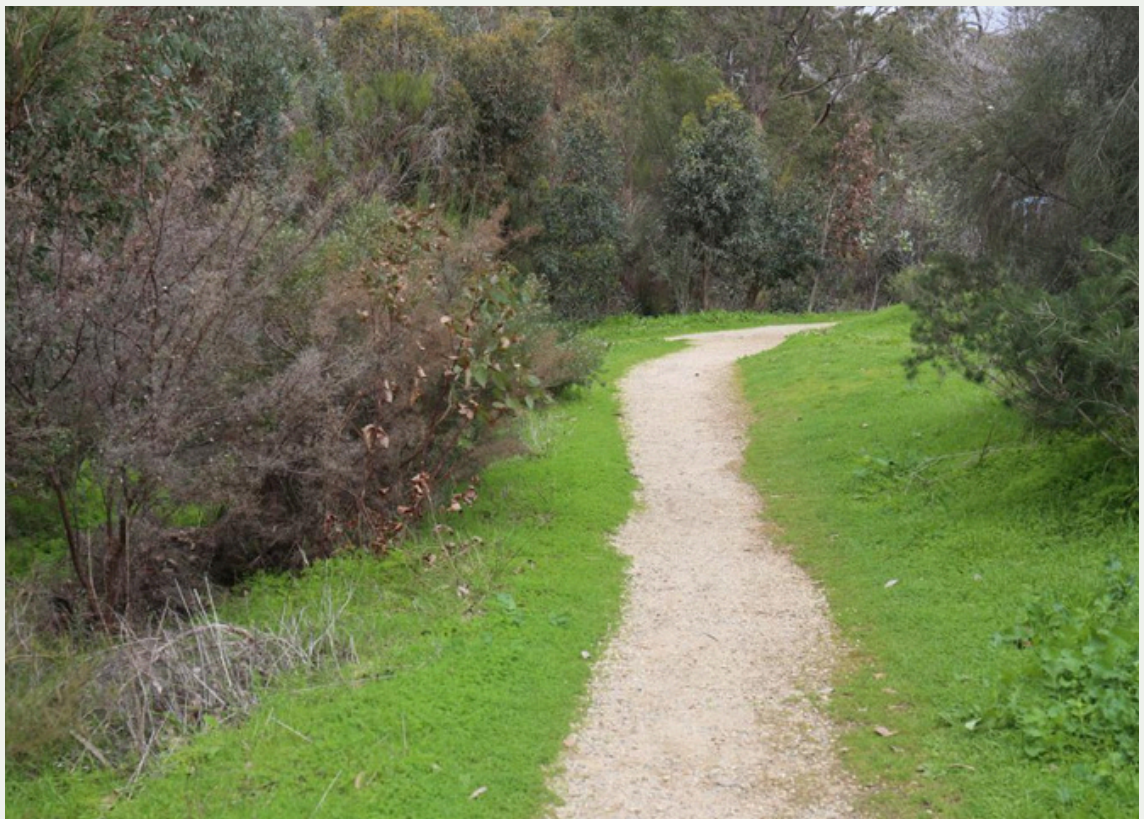
ROGUES GALLERY

				
<i>Jonquils</i>	<i>African Feather Grass</i>	<i>Watsonia lilly</i>	<i>Primrose</i>	<i>Jasmine</i>
				
<i>Tangier Pea</i>	<i>Flax-leaf broom</i>	<i>Paterson's Curse</i>	<i>Veldt daisy</i>	<i>Pavonia hastata</i>
				
<i>Olive</i>	<i>Gazanias</i>	<i>Lavender</i>	<i>Tagasaste</i>	<i>Garden bulbs</i>
				
<i>Fleabane</i>	<i>Nasturtiu</i>	<i>Blue Broom</i>	<i>Sydney golden wattle</i>	<i>Wonga Vine</i>
				
<i>Lantana</i>	<i>Jacaranda</i>	<i>Wavy Gladiolus</i>	<i>Kurrajong</i>	<i>Parsley</i>

THEN AND NOW

Pathways of Delight

Pathways meandering along Lesmurdie Brook have made a huge difference to public access throughout our rehabilitation work and made their experiences all the more pleasurable. The original image here was approaching the orchard area on the lower track from the east and so not only have the fruit trees been cleared and replaced by natives but a delightful pathway now wanders through the area. Another strong contrast highlighting FOULF's impact on the creek's riparian zone.



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Bits 'n' Bobs

Snap Send Solve

Recently, a number of our members were confronted with a pile of vehicle parts illegally dumped in the Weir Car Park. City of Kalamunda CEO, Anthony Vuleta had previously demonstrated a phone app called "Snap Send Solve" for reporting dumping.

Using this App, the rubbish was reported on Wednesday and cleaned up by Friday, proving itself to be a useful and simple method to report not only dumped rubbish but other hazards in our community.

It's free and simple to download and use, making it a value add App on your mobile device.



Snap

Spotted an issue? Snap a photo to report the issue.



Send

Send a report on the spot. No clunky forms or hold times.



Solve

We'll send your report to the responsible authority so it can be reviewed and addressed.

High Praise from the State Natural Resource Management (NRM) Program

By Mike Robinson

Every now and then we get, unsolicited, praise from an unexpected quarter.

Below is a great example from State NRM highlighting our professionalism in grant applications and success with 'on the ground' volunteer activities.

'The Assessment Panel commended this project as a well-established and community-driven initiative with a strong track record of environmental restoration. The group's consistent volunteer engagement, including monthly busy bees and propagation efforts, was seen as a major strength. The panel noted the project's excellent value for money, modest funding request, and clearly defined outcomes focused on weed eradication and native revegetation. The group's ability to leverage its own greenhouse and propagate local provenance species was particularly praised.....Overall, the project was viewed as a model example of grassroots stewardship with tangible environmental benefits.'

We can all feel justifiably proud of our efforts and standing within the volunteering community.

Well done everyone.

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Looking Forward

From Mike Robinson

In our last newsletter we announced that our grant application to State NRM had been successful and that we were looking forward to a big push on weed control, propagation and seed collection over the next three years. We still need to complete a number of steps before the funding will hit our bank account but that is well under way

Setting up the mapping capability is going well under the guidance of John Greenwood and Steph Bewick. They have been able to successfully map various weed occurrences and they will shortly start training up anyone willing to contribute to this vitally important project. So if you would like to join in and be part of the mapping project, just let Steph or any member of the committee know and you will be warmly welcomed. As it runs from an app that can be loaded on your mobile, we envisage that there will be occasions when we undertake group mapping but there is also the opportunity for any “trainee” (perhaps just walking the area for exercise etc.) to plot any of our target weed species as they see them. One of the great attractions of this form of weed mapping is that it doesn’t matter if you make an incorrect identification. Someone else familiar with the weeds will check and verify your find. By not being afraid to have a go, you will quickly learn to identify a good range of weeds – a very valuable skill – and you will allow the limited number of knowledgeable weed warriors to rapidly cover far more territory than they could otherwise. Once we have the weeds mapped we can employ contractors to handle the large infestations efficiently and we can tackle the small infestations ourselves at Busy Bees or on Weed Warrior days. So it really is a big step forward for us in our fight to restore the upper Falls area to something approaching its original pristine condition before settlement.



Wonga vine is a constant curse for our Weed Warriors.



Oyster plant on private property adjoining our native environment.

Some of the denser weed infestations will need to be sprayed to bring weed numbers down to a point where we can take over with other methods. The application of herbicide is not something that can be undertaken whenever we feel like it, it requires careful planning to take into account the growth stage of the weeds and the need to minimise the risk of off target damage. Many perennial weeds go through periods of rapid growth at certain times of the year but also go into an almost dormant state at others. Applying herbicide to dormant plants is highly unlikely to bring success – at best it would be a patchy kill. So we need to determine the optimum time for undertaking herbicide application. A lot of our weed problems are located in or adjacent to the brook and during winter the brook water level rises to the point where it would prevent a successful spraying program. During summer the water level drops dramatically and most of these infestations become targetable.

So a successful weed control program will need to take both of those factors (and many others) into consideration before we can plan what to tackle when –and thus when to call in the contractors. Seed collection faces the same kinds of issues. Our native plants flower and set seed at different times and although there are periods when large numbers of species have ripening seed, we also have smaller numbers of species which set seed at times different to those periods – right through the year. We have limited funds to devote to seed collection and therefore can only afford to get the contractors on site a few days each year. So we need to try and pick times when the species we need are setting seed but also ensure that there are enough species setting seed at that time to make it worthwhile.



Without the dedicated work of our propagationists, buying in plants would be a very expensive proposal.



Erosion repairs on our pathway are a major project.



Home owners on the creek, Katrina and Gordon are keen to help.

Therefore the next few months are going to be busy getting the State NRM project up and running. On other activities beyond the scope of the NRM grant, there is a lot happening across several areas.

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Our project is located within the Lesmurdie National Park and Mundy Regional Park, which come under the control of the Parks and Wildlife section of the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions. The Department was the catalyst for our formation in 2012 and has strongly supported us ever since. We really value that support and particularly the trust that they have shown in us for the last 12 years.

The Lesmurdie and Districts Community Association (LDCA) was a wonderful partner for many years and enabled us to raise considerable funding for improvements that weren't covered by the NRM grants. Paths, bridges, earthworks, car parks, children's climbing frames and more – the Up the Creek (UTC) project.

The Kalamunda Men's Shed partnered with us to build shade houses where we could raise our own plants and where we could hold plants grown for us by nurseries – prior to planting out. We greatly value our association with KMS and hope it will continue and deepen for many years. More recently they have also helped us acquire two green houses to further enhance our plant propagation work. Recently, we formed a partnership with the Kalamunda Youth Swing Band, sharing their premises to foster collaboration and community engagement.



If you are keen to know more about Kalamunda Mens Shed phone 08 9291 7172 on weekdays between 8am and noon.

ABOUT US

Formed in Dec 2012 by a few like-minded people, the Friends of Upper Lesmurdie Falls Inc. have committed themselves to helping to rehabilitate, improve the amenity and record the history of the area – which initially was badly degraded by large infestations of weeds that had taken over and suffocated the native flora.

BUSY BEES

Busy bees mornings are held on the 2nd Sunday of every month - tackling weeding, stone work, propagating, planting, rubbish clearing, exotic tree removal and maintenance work. We make sure there is always something for all ages and abilities.

Everyone is always very welcome to join in - no experience or tools needed.



And we always finish with a well catered morning tea thanks to Angie Parker!

Want a fun morning at a busy bee for you or your family? Contact us to find out the details.

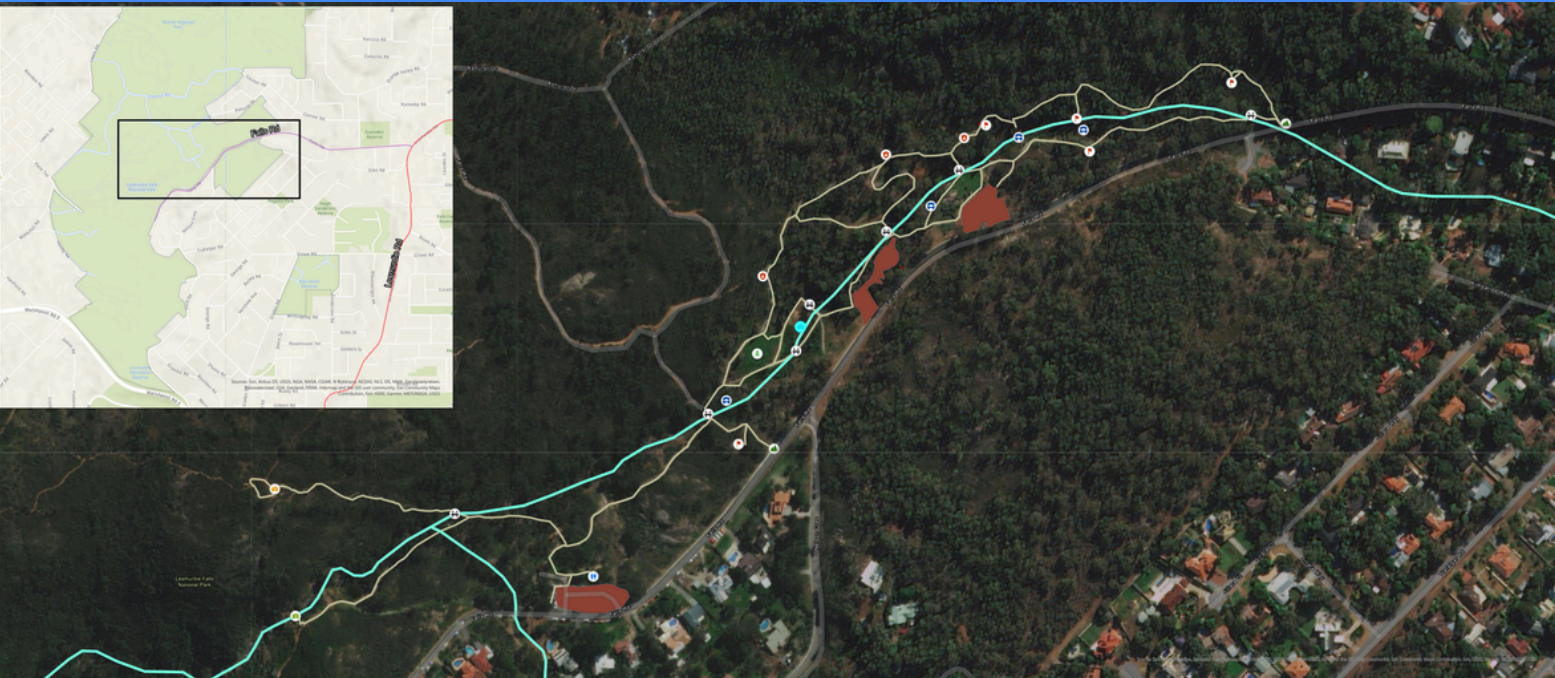
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