



Friends of Wireless Hill Newsletter Spring 2017

The Friends meet on the 2nd Monday of each month at the Capital Radio Room, Wireless Hill Park at 7.00pm.

Weeding/planting activities are at 8.30am on the 2nd & 4th Sunday.

ANNUAL WILDFLOWER WALK

The Wild Flower Walk this year will be held on Sunday 10th September. The walks begin at 9.00 am from the main car park on Wireless Hill. Groups of 10-12 people will be led by a Friend of Wireless Hill or by a member of the Murdoch Branch of the WA Wildflower Society.

Kangaroo Paws (*Anigozanthus manglesii*) and many orchids are now coming into flower together with about 30 other species. These can all be seen and photographed from the sealed paths so it is not necessary to step over the chains or walk in the bushland. Each walk takes 1 to 2 hours depending on the enthusiasm of the participants.

The paths are wheelchair and pram friendly. Remember to bring a hat and wet weather gear if needed and don't forget your camera!

We ask for a Gold Coin Donation to assist the work of the Friends and the Wildflower Society.



Cowslip orchids: *Caladenia flava*
Photos: Margaret Matthews

ANIMALS AT WIRELESS HILL

At this time of year lizards are often seen at Wireless Hill as the weather becomes warmer. It is not unusual to see Bobtails (*Tiliqua rugosa*) and Western Bearded Dragons (*Pogona minor*) at the edge of the paths where they are warming themselves in the morning sun.

Many birds are beginning to pair up for breeding in spring including several honey-eater species and we will soon welcome the annual visits of the Rainbow Bee-eaters.

Last month two Cockatoo boxes were put up near the Wild Flower Walk and we hope the Red-tailed Black Cockatoos will use them to raise young this year. Also, to encourage activity in the Park two bat boxes have been put up near the Walk. Many micro-bats have been reported in the evenings and these should provide good accommodation for them.



A family of Tawny Frogmouths at Wireless Hill

We look forward to seeing you on Wireless Hill

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Please note that it is illegal to pick native wild flowers in Western Australia