



Friends of Wireless Hill Newsletter July 2021

The Friends meet for bushcare activities at 8.30am on the 2nd and 4th Sunday and on Tuesdays. Contact Barbara Bowra (0402 128 755) or James Ciantar jamescian@hotmail.com

MAKURU

The Friends of Wireless Hill (Yagan Mia) acknowledge the Nyoongar Whadjuk people as the Traditional Owners of the land at Wireless Hill and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

The **Nyoongar calendar** divides the year into 6 seasons. The current season is **MAKURU**, the coldest and wettest time of the year

Time: **June-July** Stage of life cycle: **Season of fertility**

During Makuru people moved away from the fierce winter storms coming up off the Southern Ocean and sheltered inland in forests of the ranges and escarpments. As the waterways and catchments started to fill, people were able to move about their country with ease and their food sources changed from the sea, estuarine and lake foods to those of the land, in particular the grazing animals such as the kangaroo.

Makuru is also a time for a lot of animals to be pairing up in preparation for breeding in the coming season. If you look carefully, you might see pairs of 'wardongs' (ravens) flying together.

(<https://www.ecu.edu.au/centres/kurongkurl-katitjin/cultural-leadership/nyoongar-six-seasons/makuru>)

WIRELESS HILL WILDFLOWER WALK

Our annual guided walks will be held on Sunday 5th September. This is an opportunity to learn more about our spectacular flowers in a small group with an experienced guide from the Friends of Wireless Hill or the Murdoch Branch of the Wildflower Society. Please register at

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/annual-wildflower-walk-at-wireless-hill-tickets-163320633411>

or through our new Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/956591718513253/permalink/966188220886936/>

We are also planning a Grab a Gladi day for Sunday 24th October, followed by a free BBQ. Save the date!

FLOWERING NOW



The banded greenhood orchids *Pterostylis vittata* (left) are among the first orchids to flower each year. They are in abundance now.



Makuru is the season of blue and purple flowers such as *Hovea* and *Hardenbergia* as well as the blue tinsel lily *Calectasia narragara* (right).
Photos M. Matthews

FUNGI AT WIRELESS HILL

With all this rain it's been a bumper year for fungi at Wireless Hill. Many interesting species have been found and photographed by our Secretary, Aruni Jayasekera. Several fungi not seen at Wireless Hill before have been added to the Fungimap records <https://fungimap.org.au>, including a coral fungus and a truffle.



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Please note that it is illegal to pick native wildflowers in WA

Fantastic Fungi of Wireless Hill

The recent rains have given us the chance to observe a range of fungi in Wireless Hill Park. Fungi cohabit with flora and fauna and play an important role in nature. They are major nutrient recyclers. In Wireless Hill, there are several species of mycorrhizal fungi. Among them, numerous species of Amanita, Cortinarius, Scleroderma and Pisolithus are present. Recently, one species of coral fungi has been recorded. Mycorrhizal fungi are beneficial to native plants and their presence indicates a healthy ecosystem. Fungi are also a food source for the insects and other invertebrates. Appreciate their role in nature by observing and learning and by not disturbing.

Cortinarius archeri - Mycorrhizal

Amanita xanthocephala - Mycorrhizal



Lactarius eucalypti - Mycorrhizal

Cortinarius sp. - Mycorrhizal

Clavulina vinaceocervina - Mycorrhizal



Pisolithus Mycorrhizal



Decomposers



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