



## Friends of Wireless Hill Newsletter Summer 2008

The Friends meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at the Wireless Hill meeting Room 7pm

The Friends meet for weeding/planting activities the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month 8.30am at the main carpark

*All welcome*

### What's Happening in the Park in Summer:

**Flowering now:** This is the quietest time for flowers in the bushland but the observant walker will still find flowers:

- the Marri Redgum (*Corymbia calophylla*) is covered with pale yellow blossom
- the *Hemiandra pungens* (groundcover opposite the main carpark as you enter the Wildflower Walk) is covered with the mauve flowers so loved by the bobtail lizards
- the purple *Lobelia gibbosa* not previously noticed
- there are still purple fringe lilies *Thysanotus arenarius* here and there

of the Wildflower Walk and are now focussing on the roundabout and median strip as well as moving to the lower part of the Walk towards Davey Street.



Flowers of *Corymbia calophylla*

**Birds and Reptiles:** The flowering gums are attracting swarms of insects which are in turn attracting flocks of birds: Up to 20 Rainbow Bee-eaters were seen one morning darting to and fro accompanied by a flock of swallows and numerous Silvereyes and honeyeaters. The Rainbow Bee-eaters visit Wireless Hill each Spring/Summer from northern Australia and New Guinea to breed. The nests are burrows in the ground up to one metre long (an important reason to stay on tracks and keep dogs on the lead). The parents and young will leave us in about March for their winter homes.

**Weeds:** the recent welcome rain has encouraged the perennial Veldt Grass (*Erharta calcina*) to send out new shoots but also made it easier to remove using a sharp knife. The Friends have made a big impact on this weed on the top path

### News:

The City of Melville has engaged Estill & Associates to develop a **Wireless Hill Vision 2020**. Following a very large community workshop in December stakeholders have been appointed to a Stakeholder Reference Group. The Friends of Wireless Hill is represented on this Group which will meet 3 times to the end of March 2008.

### Friends Events:

Community Information Evening 27 February 2008  
AGM: 14 April 2008  
Planting days: June 2008  
Wildflower Walk: 31 August (to be confirmed)

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