



Friends of Wireless Hill Newsletter Summer 2010

The Friends meet the 2nd Monday of each month
at the Wireless Hill meeting Room 7pm
The Friends meet for weeding/planting activities the 2nd and 4th
Sunday of each month 8.30am at the main carpark
All welcome

What's Happening in the Park in Summer Flowering now:

- Fringe lily *Thysanotus species*
- the Marri Redgum (*Corymbia calophylla*) is covered with pale yellow blossom
- the snakebush, *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

Birds and Reptiles: There have been several sightings of bobtail lizards eating the purple flowers of the snakebush

The Rainbow Bee-eaters which visit Wireless Hill each Spring/Summer from northern Australia and New Guinea to breed are getting ready to leave with their young.

News:

The Friends of Wireless Hill have received a grant from the Swan Alcoa Landcare Program to employ part-time contractors to help us with our hand weeding efforts.

The City of Melville agreed in 2007 to allow the Friends to manage the weeds in the area of best condition bushland (map at right) and to cease spraying in this area.

This grant will allow us to more quickly remove perennial and annual veldt grass, love grass, gladioli and other weeds from this area and hopefully to expand into adjoining areas.

The Friends of Wireless Hill have partnered with SERCUL (South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare) who have provided Tracy Evans Landcare Officer, team leader, John Maliunas, Landcare Project Officer, and Jake Usher, Landcare Trainee. The team will usually work every second Wednesday over the following year.

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Map of Wireless Hill showing the area managed only by hand weeding (right)

We are also very fortunate to have two students from Challenger TAFE: Angela Hine and Nathan Smith who will be looking after the area behind the Eastern tower, weedmapping and weeding weekly until July.

Following the huge die-back treatment day we held in April with the Roleystone Die-Back Working Group, we held another successful day on 22 November. This means in 2009 we have treated more than half the Park.



Angela Hine (Challenger TAFE) with our SERCUL team: John Maliunas, Tracy Evans and Jake Usher (left to right)

FOWH Agreed Weed Management Areas

