



Friends of Wireless Hill Newsletter Autumn 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 and 4th Sunday.

FLOWERING NOW

With the cooler weather, buds are growing and some are bursting into flowers. The small plants include *Acacia stenoptera* with spherical, yellow flowers and *Calectasia grandiflora* (Blue Tinsel Lily), both widespread. Small shrubs with some flowers are *Jacksonia sternbergiana* and *Gompholobium tomentosum* – both peas. A tree, currently with magnificent flowers, is *Banksia menziesii*. A bit of rain soon should accelerate flowering.



Acacia stenoptera

PLANTING DAY

The Annual Planting Day this year will be held on Sunday 28 May. Seeds collected last year are shooting and the seedlings will be put in at degraded places beside the ring road and near the path between Davy Street and McCallum Crescent. If you would like to join us, we will meet at 8.30 at the main car park. It should take up to 2 hours. Please register your interest by email to kate.creed@optusnet.com.au.

WIRELESS HILL OPEN DAY

Thursday, 18 May 2017 from 10.00am to 3.00pm. Celebrate International Museums Day: See the exhibition *The Wire: A History of Morse Code* (all ages). See a live Morse demonstration in the museum, proudly presented by the Morsecodians Fraternity of WA. For more information about Wireless Hill Open Day please ring 9364 0158 or email wireless.hill@melville.wa.gov.au



Jacksonia sternbergiana Photos: Margaret Matthews

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

The annual Wild Flower Walk will be held on Sunday 10 September. This is the peak time of year for native flowers in WA and we expect another good display of orchids and other spring flowers.

In addition we hope to arrange some other walks such as bird-sighting and a fungal foray.

Meanwhile we are always active in the park weeding and monitoring wildlife.

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

GRANTS TO THE FRIENDS OF WIRELESS HILL

The Friends work all over the Park but since 2009 we have had an agreement with the City of Melville that we will be responsible for handweeding the area on the left below.



You may have noticed signs around the Park for the Swan Alcoa Landcare Program (SALP).



Funding from this Program has enabled the Friends of Wireless Hill to employ qualified bushcare workers to assist us with hand weeding. Since receiving our first SALP grant in 2011 we have worked in partnership with SERCUL (South East Region Centre for Urban Landcare with Tracy Evans as the SERCUL team leader.



The current SERCUL team L to R: Annie Bone, Darren O'Brien & Tracy Evans. Say hello when you see them!

Since 2013 the Friends have also taken responsibility for hand weeding the adjacent area, between the footpath to Davy Street and the Council offices, shown below.



We were fortunate to receive SALP funding for March 2016 to March 2017 and we have now commenced work using the SALP grant received for March 2017 to March 2018.

Since 2011 the Friends have also received Commonwealth Department of Environment and Conservation and State NRM (Natural Resource Management) funding. We are currently working on a NRM funded project as well as the SALP funded project.

Margaret Matthews

We look forward to seeing you on Wireless Hill

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