



A Willie Wagtail giving orders to vacate the property! Picture: Lee Beavis

The lake is looking beautiful this month and there have been many complimentary comments from walkers about the wonderful job that the FOLC have done. The plantings from previous years are now very well established and some seedlings from this year's plantings are already in flower.

Claremont Mayor, Jock Barker, on Facebook described the FOLC as 'A great group of people led by our now legendary Heidi Hardisty'. He said that the Town of Claremont now has 20% more trees growing in it than it had five years ago. Both Heidi and the Town have won awards for their environmental achievements. What a great team we are as we continue to work together for our residents and for the benefit of all West Australians!

It was great to have Heidi Hardisty as our September Night Chat speaker. (See page 7) She gave a very interesting summary of the history of Lake Claremont and of her tremendous involvement. The present state of the lake is a real credit to her and her great team of helpers. She will be very much missed next year!

Members are encouraged to attend the AGM on Sunday October 29. This is always a very enjoyable social occasion. (See the Calendar on page 9)

OUR BIRDS

From: David Free



Pallid Cuckoo. David Free

Pallid Cuckoo Cacomantis Pallidus

In last month's newsletter was a picture of the Horsfield's Bronze Cuckoo, a new record for the lake. Another cuckoo species, which can often be heard calling at this time of the year, is the Pallid Cuckoo. This bird is twice the size of the Horsfield's.

Parasitic cuckoos lay one egg in the nest of birds whose eggs are similar to their own. Honeyeaters and Willy Wagtails are amongst the hosts of the Pallid Cuckoo.

Cuckoos are not popular with their brood hosts. The Red-capped Robin in the photo on the right (not taken at the lake) was trying to evict the cuckoo from his territory.



Pallid Cuckoo. David Free

NATIONAL LANDCARE WEEK

On Tuesday Sept 6 we celebrated National Landcare week at Lake Claremont with a group of Landcare volunteers. The group was small but, led by Heidi Hardisty, they planted 480 native seedlings for our wildlife in beautiful weather. Thanks are due to Landcare Australia for organising the day. What a great effort!



Volunteers from LandCorp



CATERPILLAR IDENTIFIED

David Free submitted this photo last month for identification. This has been provided by TOC Bushcare Officer, Angela Hine.

It is a native woolly bear caterpillar, *Anthela canesens* (Order: Lepidoptera, Family: Antyhelidae). The caterpillars usually feed on various Eucalyptus/ Corymbia species and seek out a well protected place, under bark, firewood, in fence cuppings etc, to pupate. Adults are drab coloured large moths which are clumsy flyers and are attracted to light.

Thank you Angela!



THANK YOU TO OUR CAKE MAKERS

From Soozie Ross

Thank you so much to all the members of the cake and food team who supplied masses of fantastic food for planting events this year.

I apologise that I forgot to take a photo of the magnificent food, which had impressed all the volunteers, some of whom joined the Friends of Lake Claremont group as a result!

Providing food to volunteers is a great way to show them how much they are appreciated and this has cemented our reputation as having the best morning teas.

There are still opportunities to continue baking or providing food if anyone is inclined, for our regular monthly sessions in the park on the second Sunday of the month, or for our night chats on Tuesday evenings once a month.

Thanks again from Soozie Ross (Refreshment coordinator and membership secretary).

BUSH TO BEACH WALK

The Bush to Beach Walk on September 10 included a walk round Lake Claremont, guided by Heidi Hardisty and a stop at the Old Shed for welcome refreshments provided by Soozie Ross.

A THANK YOU FROM KIM V FROST

‘ I just wanted to say a heartfelt thanks to the FOLC for all that this group does to preserve the natural beauty of Lake Claremont. A lovely visit yesterday enabled me to get a photo of this Brown Goshawk’.

Brown Goshawk *Accipiter fasciatis*

Thank you, Kim. We really appreciate visitors' feedback and photos. Ed.



CELEBRATE LAKE CLAREMONT SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17

From: Hilary Heptinstall

The weather was beautiful for this annual event organised by the Town of Claremont and it was good to see so many young families enjoying the various activities on offer.

Members of The Friends of Lake Claremont were very active, manning a stall to publicise our activities and also running the sausage sizzle. Over 250 hot dogs were made during the course of the morning. Thank you to all our volunteers.



The FOLC display stall



New recruit and keen bird photographer, Lee Beavis, manning the stall



Nick Cook, Geoff Ross, Linley and Henry Simmons working at the hot dog stall (above)



Joan Tockock visiting the FOLC stall (left)

ROYAL SHOW PARKING

The Friends of Lake Claremont ran the car parking in the lower Claremont Pool car park for the first four days of the Royal Show. Although the weather was not great, there was quite a demand for car parking and we raised \$14,040 of which 70% (\$9828) went to the FOLC. A great effort!

Many thanks to Claire Brittain and Nick Cook who organised the sessions and were there for set up each day. Thanks also to the many volunteers who helped and to the Town of Claremont for allowing us to use their car parking as our major fund raiser.



Nick Cook, Consie Woods and Claire Brittain at the car park

LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO TAKE OVER MY ROLE – CAN YOU HELP?

From : Annie Falconer

I have so enjoyed playing my small part for the FOLC but in early November I am moving to the Blue Mountains and so am looking for someone to take over my role. My knees don't like me planting or weeding so it's been lovely to help out in another way.

About 4 times a year I record a summary (number of volunteers, hours worked, type of work etc) from the volunteer sign-in sheets given to me by Heidi on to an Excel spreadsheet. Please don't let the word spreadsheet put you off – I only know the very basics of how to use an Excel spreadsheet so if I can do it anyone can!



Annie Falconer

I then prepare an interim report for the calendar year for the AGM which is usually held in October or November and then a final report for the full year. I also write a couple of paragraphs for the newsletter outlining the findings of the report.

All of that only takes me about 20 hours a year (!) so as you can see it's not a huge commitment. If you think you might be interested in helping the FOLC in this way please call either Heidi on 0416 614 696 or myself on 0423 480 442.

Thank you!

NIGHT CHAT ON TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 26

Heidi Hardisty - Transforming Lake Claremont: A Remarkable Journey

Text and pictures : Rose Senior

This month's Night Chat was given by our well-loved and well-respected FOLC Coordinator, Heidi Hardisty, who will shortly be leaving us to join her husband Paul in Townsville, where he has taken up the position of CEO of the Australian Institute of Marine Science. The cold weather didn't deter some 35 FOLC members and friends from attending Heidi's chat.

In her talk Heidi reflected on her 11 years of involvement with Lake Claremont, explaining that 11 years ago she didn't even know what a banksia was! She took the opportunity to give us an overview of the transformation of Lake Claremont from an area of native bushland devastated by clearing to the point now where Lake Claremont is a tranquil haven for wildlife surrounded by a wetlands buffer that can be enjoyed by locals and visitors alike.

People at the talk were clearly concerned about who would step into Heidi's shoes once she had left, the first question at the end of the session being: "Heidi, how are we going to manage without you?" As always, Heidi had a variety of ideas of what we should now do – apart from general maintenance through busy bees (most of the basic revegetation goals now having been achieved): organise guided walks, develop an education centre, and organise more fun events for the benefit of community.

When Heidi said that she and Paul would be keeping their house in Swanbourne because their long-term goal was to return, a collective hum of appreciation could be heard in the room. People also nodded in approval when she said she would come over for six weeks next year to oversee the planting season.

As we all know, Heidi is a very special person whose levels of passion, commitment and drive to conserve the environment know no bounds. This picture, her final slide, encapsulates her vision for the future:



Heidi Hardisty



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UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER NIGHT CHAT



Night Chat at Lake Claremont

'Tales of Red-tails' Tails



Speaker

Marg Owen

Meet well known Post letter writer and Friend of Underwood Avenue Bushland. Margaret is a keen counter of Carnaby's Cockatoos in their non-breeding season when they are around Lake Claremont and our suburbs, and is a tragic around Red-tails as well.

Tuesday 24th October
Talk 6:00 – 7:00 pm
Claremont Aquatic Centre, 12 Davies Rd, Claremont
Doors open at 5:30 pm (with light refreshments)
Please use the main pool entrance.



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Calendar October 2017

Day	Event	Time
Sunday Oct. 8 th	FOLC Busy Bee: Hand weeding	9:00 – 11:00 am
Friday Oct. 13 th	Year 10 Community Service Program	1:30 - 3:00 pm
Monday Oct. 16 th	Guided Walk for West Coast Community Centre	9:00 – 11:30 am
Friday Oct. 20 th	Year 10 Community Service Program	1:30 - 3:00 pm
Oct. 23 rd -29 th	Bird Week and Aussie Backyard Bird Count	
Tuesday Oct. 24 th	Night Chats at Lake Claremont Lake Claremont Pool	6:00 -7:00 pm Doors open at 5:30 pm
Sunday Oct. 29 th	FOLC AGM 12A Myera Street, Swanbourne	5:00 -7:00 pm

Check out the yearly calendar on the [FOLC Website](#) to find dates of future events.

DRINK CONTAINER REFUND SCHEME

The Western Metropolitan Region Councils are keen for us to share this survey as widely as possible.

Have your say, on the proposed drink container refund scheme. The scheme to give people a refund back on drink containers is being designed by the State Government and they are keen to hear your preferences on how it will work. To have your say, please complete the short anonymous online survey.

Survey closes 23 October.

<https://www.claremont.wa.gov.au/Our-Town/Your-Community,-Your-Say>

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