



Sara Franklin took this lovely photo of Lake Claremont in June. It is good to see so much water in the lake after the recent rain.

June has been a very busy month for the Friends of Lake Claremont.

Joan Tock turned 100 on June 17 and this has led to much celebration. (See page 2)

Pam Free's beautiful bird paintings at the lake were officially unveiled by Mayor, Jock Barker. (See page 3)

We were fortunate to have good rain for the start of the planting season. (See Heidi Hardisty's report on page 4)

We continue to receive David Free's beautiful bird photos which we all enjoy. We are very lucky to have Pam and David's contributions. (See page 5)

We had another very good Night Chat session with speaker Adam Peck from Birdlife Australia and we all enjoyed the new venue at Claremont Tennis Club. (See page 7)

Thank you to all our contributors to the newsletter this month.

JOAN TOCOCK'S 100th BIRTHDAY

From : Hilary Heptinstall and Soozie Ross

Joan Tockock turned 100 on June 17th and the Friends of Lake Claremont were very happy to share in the celebrations. Joan and her late husband, Ted, were among the first volunteers to help rehabilitate and revegetate Lake Claremont for the Town of Claremont. They worked tirelessly in planting, watering and weeding back in the late eighties. They continued to work through the formation of Friends of Lake Claremont and Joan has been a valued member of the group. She has helped supervise the Community Service Programme for Scotch College and Christchurch and has been a regular attender at our busy bees. Joan was involved in planting until she was well into her nineties and still turns up to each session to record names of volunteers.



Joan is a life member of the Friends of Lake Claremont and the Friends of Claremont Museum and is truly an inspiration to us all. She volunteered at the Museum until she was 90 and could no longer be insured!

The Town of Claremont hosted a lovely morning tea for Joan, who has been a Freeman of the Town for five years. Jock Barker and Council members, local MP David Honey, and many friends and family attended this function.

Joan with Heidi Hardisty and Nick Cook



Some of us also celebrated at a family afternoon tea at the Church of the Resurrection on the day before Joan's birthday. This was another very happy occasion and it was lovely to meet Joan's family. Congratulations and love from all of us, Joan! You are admired by us all!

Joan with her great-grandson



CEREMONY TO MARK THE UNVEILING OF THE NEW BIRD SIGNS

From : Hilary Heptinstall

On the morning of Wednesday, June 5, members of Claremont Council, Friends of Lake Claremont and others gathered on the path near the golf course for the official unveiling of Pam Free's beautiful new bird signs close to the Golf Club. She has also painted signs at the gazebo and at the Stirling Road end of Lake Claremont. These signs, as well as containing beautiful paintings of our resident birds, have scan codes that take visitors via their phones to the Friend of Lake Claremont's website. This site has bird calls and photographs taken by David Free.

Claremont Mayor, Jock Barker, welcomed us all and expressed his appreciation of Pam's exquisitely drawn and incredibly detailed painstaking work. He said that Pam's signs will help visitors to appreciate the variety of bird life at Lake Claremont. He asked Councillor Bruce Haynes to help with the unveiling and between them they removed the black cloth to reveal the sign in all its glory.



Claremont Mayor, Jock Barker and Councillor Bruce Haynes unveiling the sign



David and Pam Free with granddaughter, Molly, and Jock Barker

We then adjourned to the Tee Box Café for a delicious morning tea. Thank you to the Town of Claremont and Isabelle Cadman for organising this most enjoyable event.

PLANTED! THE START OF THE PLANTING SEASON

From : Heidi Hardisty

How lucky can you get? We had an outstanding start and magnificent rain to kick off our planting season. And most of the volunteers stayed dry!

After a terrific downpour, the weather on Friday afternoon June 7th was perfect for the Year 10 program with Christ Church Grammar School and Scotch College. Ten students and two teachers assisted Geoff, Heidi, Nick and Zac in planting 360 native seedlings in just over an hour.

The following Sunday morning FOLC hosted the annual Local Residents' Planting Day. Although threatening weather kept the local number of volunteers down, the day turned out fair and mainly dry. Happily, over 30 members of Shah Satnam Ji Green S Welfare Force Wing joined us, putting in a stupendous effort. Before noon, 2180 native seedlings were planted and loving the rain that followed. Over 100mm of rain fell in just over a week!

The plantings near the FOLC shed will help our wildlife, particularly the insects and birds.



Henry Simmons and Nick Cook with Sha Satnam volunteers



The planting area near the FOLC Shed

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A lovely morning tea was provided with the help of Soozie and Geoff Ross and the Green S Force, who also served up a delicious curry lunch following the planting.

Thanks to Bunnings Claremont for donating 37 pairs of gloves. Also, thanks to all those who participated!



OUR BIRDS

Text and photos : David Free

Grey Butcherbird (*Cracticus torquatus*)

At any time of the year the musical song of this bird can be heard around our lake. Both sexes call as they defend their territories.

Butcherbirds do eat seeds and fruit but it seems they prefer insects, small lizards, mammals and birds, including nestlings. They are known to wedge prey into a tree fork, or impale it on a thorn, to assist in stripping the flesh. Surplus food is sometimes stored in this way for later consumption.



JOIN IN NATURELINK PERTH

From : Heidi Hardisty

Following Dr Jane Chambers talk at Night Chats, the Friends of Lake Claremont have signed up to NatureLink Perth. The hub connects those who champion nature-sensitive urban design and nurture a biodiverse city.

We need NatureLink Perth because there is currently no holistic plan to conserve nature and integrate it into our city. Our world class biodiversity is being lost through individual planning decisions: “death by a thousand cuts”; an unsustainable approach that will make our remaining bushland and wetlands less viable and push threatened species to extinction.

Contact with nature has been scientifically proven to improve people’s physical and mental health. We must protect and enhance nature in our city for the benefit of people and our wildlife. Happily, the ongoing restoration work at Lake Claremont, as a key ecological corridor between Bold Park and the Swan River, is doing just that.

All are warmly invited to the NatureLink Perth Symposium on the 4 July, 9:00am-4:30pm, in the Kim Beazley Lecture Theatre at Murdoch University. The symposium will provide collaborative space to discuss and coordinate efforts to enable nature sensitive urban design and nurture a biodiverse and liveable city. Its success depends on attendance, so please attend.

All interested groups and individuals can join Naturelink Perth and support this great initiative. Sign up by visiting the website <http://www.naturelinkperth.org/>



NATIVES CURRENTLY IN FLOWER AT LAKE CLAREMONT



Above :Spyridium globulosum aka Basket bush

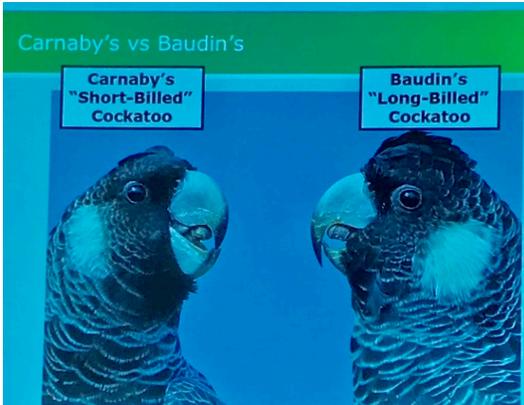
Far left : Grevillia Preissii

Left : Templetonia refusa (Cockies tongue)

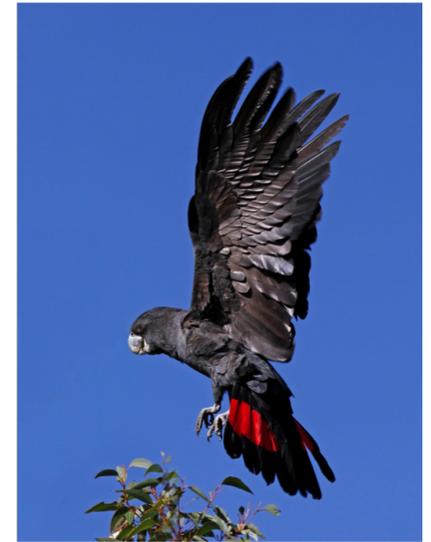
JUNE NIGHT CHAT *From : Hilary Heptinstall*

Our speaker this month was Adam Peck who is the Birdlife Australia Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo Project co-ordinator. Birdlife Australia are a not for profit group who support Citizen Science projects and are dedicated to preserving habitats for Black-Cockatoos in WA.

Forest Red-Tailed Black Cockatoo



Three species of Black-Cockatoos are endemic to WA, Carnaby's, Baudin's which are listed as endangered and Forest Red-Tailed, which are listed as vulnerable. These species are all highly social and move in flocks. They mate for life and have long term parental care. They are semi-migratory.



Carnaby's and Baudin's have white tails so are easily distinguished from the Forest Red-Tailed. They can be distinguished from each other because the Carnaby's have a shorter bill than the Baudin's Cockatoos. The Great Cocky Count cannot always distinguish between them.

Recently, Red-Tailed Cockatoos have become more common in coastal areas. The seed of the Cape Lilac fruit is a favourite food and can be consumed in 5 seconds whereas a honky nut takes 2 minutes.

Pines are now one of the most important food sources for Carnaby's Cockatoos, but the Gnangara Pines are being cleared because they are using water from the aquifer.

This is the tenth consecutive year of the Great Cocky Count and results indicate a 42% decline in Perth-Peel Carnaby's, a 15% per year decline of Baudin's in the Perth Hills and a large increase in Forest Red-Tailed Cockatoos in the Swan Coastal Plain.

The main threats to Cockatoos include land clearing, which destroys forage and breeding habitats, climate change/fire and competition for hollows (from Corellas, Pink and Grey Galahs, owls, kestrels, possums and feral honey bees).

We can help by planting trees, becoming involved in Citizen Science and Birdlife Australia and providing water points and hollows in our gardens.

There were many questions from the audience and we all enjoyed this fascinating talk from Adam.

It was good to move to our new venue at Claremont Tennis Club and we all appreciated the extra space. Many thanks to the Club for making their room available to us.

MEMORIES OF LAKE CLAREMONT

From : Hilary Heptinstall

I am sure that many of us who have lived near Lake Claremont for many years have happy memories of Lake Claremont and I would love to hear about them. Please email any pictures and stories to Hilary on heptins@bigpond.net.au

To start the ball rolling, I thought I would tell of a memory of my own.

GRANDAD'S SEAT

In the late 1990s when our three granddaughters were small, we would frequently walk across the golf course and then around Lake Claremont. Terry would sneakily drop golf tees onto the grass for the girls to find and proudly give to him because they knew he collected them. They loved to climb a tree near the playground, but the highlight of the walk was spotting 'Granddad's Seat' as we approached Strickland St on the way back home. The girls would sit in it and were very impressed that it belonged to Granddad. One of the girls asked, 'Did Granddad used to be a King?'

Those days are long past now and the girls have grown up, but seeing the seat made from a dead tree still brings back many happy memories.



PLANTING PROGRESS

It is good to see that our June plantings are thriving after the recent rain.



JULY NIGHT CHAT



This will be held at the Claremont Tennis Club on July 23rd.

Come along and hear **Tim Macknay**, the Principal Solicitor from the Environmental Defender's Office of Western Australia (EDOWA)

Born and bred in Western Australia, Tim graduated in Law with Honours from the University of Notre Dame in 2003 and was awarded a Postgraduate Diploma in Environmental Management from Murdoch University in 2007. Tim has worked in environmental law and policy since 2006, including work for industry in private practice, government work and pro bono work for environmental NGOs and community legal centres. Before commencing at EDOWA, Tim had a senior legal role with the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation.

Tim will speak about the following-

- Basic overview of EDOWA's role and type of advice they are willing to assist Friends' Groups with
- Environmental laws to defend the environment and threatened species
- Key implications if Tuart Woodlands are listed as a TEC, as the area within and surrounding Claremont contains tracts of Tuart Woodlands.

Refreshments will be served from 5.30pm and drinks can be purchased from the Club bar.

JULY CALENDAR

Day	Event	Time
Sunday July 14th	FOLC Busy Bee	9:00 12:00 pm
Tuesday July 23rd	Night Chats at Lake Claremont Claremont Tennis Club	Doors open at 5:30 pm Talk 6:00 – 7:00 pm
Friday July 26^h	Year 10 Community Service Program	1:30 - 3:00 pm
Sunday July 28^h	National Tree Day Planting Session	9 am – 12pm
Wednesday July 31st	Corporate Day	

The Friday weeding group meets every Friday at 8.00 at the FOLC Shed. Contact Norma 0413282515.

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



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