

Night Chats at Lake Claremont

War on weeds at Wireless Hill

Find out how Wireless Hill Reserve ‘War on Weeds’ strategies can help Lake Claremont!

Hear from Margaret Matthews who’ll be telling the story of the war on weeds at Wireless Hill.

This treasure of Banksia Woodland has survived in suburbia, but like most bushland in developed urban areas, has suffered from an infestation of many types of weeds. Locals saw plants worth saving, banded together with the land manager and now this park has regenerated to surprise and delight its carers.

So what did the Friends of Wireless Hill want to save? What were their worst weeds? Why weeding wasn’t working and how they got smart by winning grants for hand weeding which are still available today. Hand weeding 5.4 hectares is not easy, but worth it to see how it has facilitated the recovery of a diversity of plants.

Margaret has a degree from the Australian National University in Biological Sciences and a PhD in Biochemistry (Molecular Genetics). She has lived in Perth for 13 years and completed an MBA at Melbourne University, with a scholarship from the Victorian Public Service. Amongst other things, she has worked as a research scientist, senior policy adviser, industry association manager, environment, health and safety auditor and garden designer.

Since moving to Perth in 2002, Margaret has learnt about bush regeneration and the ecosystems of Western Australia and has enjoyed being part of the Friends of Wireless Hill and the Murdoch Branch of the WA Wildflower Society. She has just finished a two year stint on the organising committee for the national Australian Native Plants Association Conference held in Albany in October and has now begun her role as President for the association. She is also actively involved with the fight to save Underwood Avenue Bushland from a housing development and with the Wilderness Society.

Tuesday 26th November 2019 | Time: 6:00pm to 7:30pm

Location: Claremont Tennis Club, Shenton Place, Claremont

Refreshments served from 5:30pm for a 6:00pm start.
Talk and formal questions conclude at 7:00pm but all
welcome to stay until 7:30pm.



Margaret Matthews with her family



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