FRIENDS OF LAKE CLAREMONT

Dear Friends,
As the end of the year approaches, so too do our Guided Walks and Night Chats for the year. We are considering moving Night Chats to a different night next year - we will keep you updated with any changes. We hope you are enjoying a glorious spring!

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OUR BIRDS

WORDS AND PHOTOGRAPHY BY DAVID FREE



NOONGAR NAME: Djoonyat
COMMON NAME: Australian Ringneck
SCIENTIFIC NAME: Barnardius zonarius

This beautiful parrot was once declared vermin in certain areas, because of its liking for wheat and orchard fruit.

They are protected now and are often seen and heard around the lake. Ringnecks breed in tree hollows and are suffering competition from the introduced Rainbow Lorikeet.

The subspecies we have in the Southwest, semitorquatus, has green underparts and a tiny scarlet cap.
Inland birds, subspecies zonarius, lack the scarlet cap and have a yellow belly. Between the two regions hybrid forms are present.

FINAL CALL

WORDS AND PHOTOGRAPHY BY PETER CREIGHTON

FOR GUIDED WALKS AT LAKE CLAREMONT

If you've been putting off joining a free guided walk at Lake Claremont, perhaps waiting for the warmer weather, then wait no longer – the last walks for 2026 will take place in November.

According to walks coordinator, Peter Creighton, Spring is an excellent time to visit Lake Claremont. "The lake is currently a vibrant place", says Peter. "The wetlands and surrounding bushland are full of the new life this season brings. It reminds us how vital this habitat is for the wildlife that lives and breeds here, as well as the many species that pass through on their way to the river, the ocean or other bushland reserves."

The relaxed lakeside walks, led by volunteer guides from the Friends of Lake Claremont, showcase this highly successful urban restoration project, which has transformed a former golf course into a thriving, biodiverse sanctuary. Participants will also discover aspects of the area's rich history, view several public artworks, and observe some of the native wildlife found in this hidden pocket of the western suburbs.

Shorter walks of about 45 minutes are scheduled for **Thursday 5 November** and **Monday 23 November**.

A longer walk, involving a 2.5km circuit of the lake and lasting about 90 minutes, will take place on **Saturday 14 November**.

All walks commence at **10.00am**.

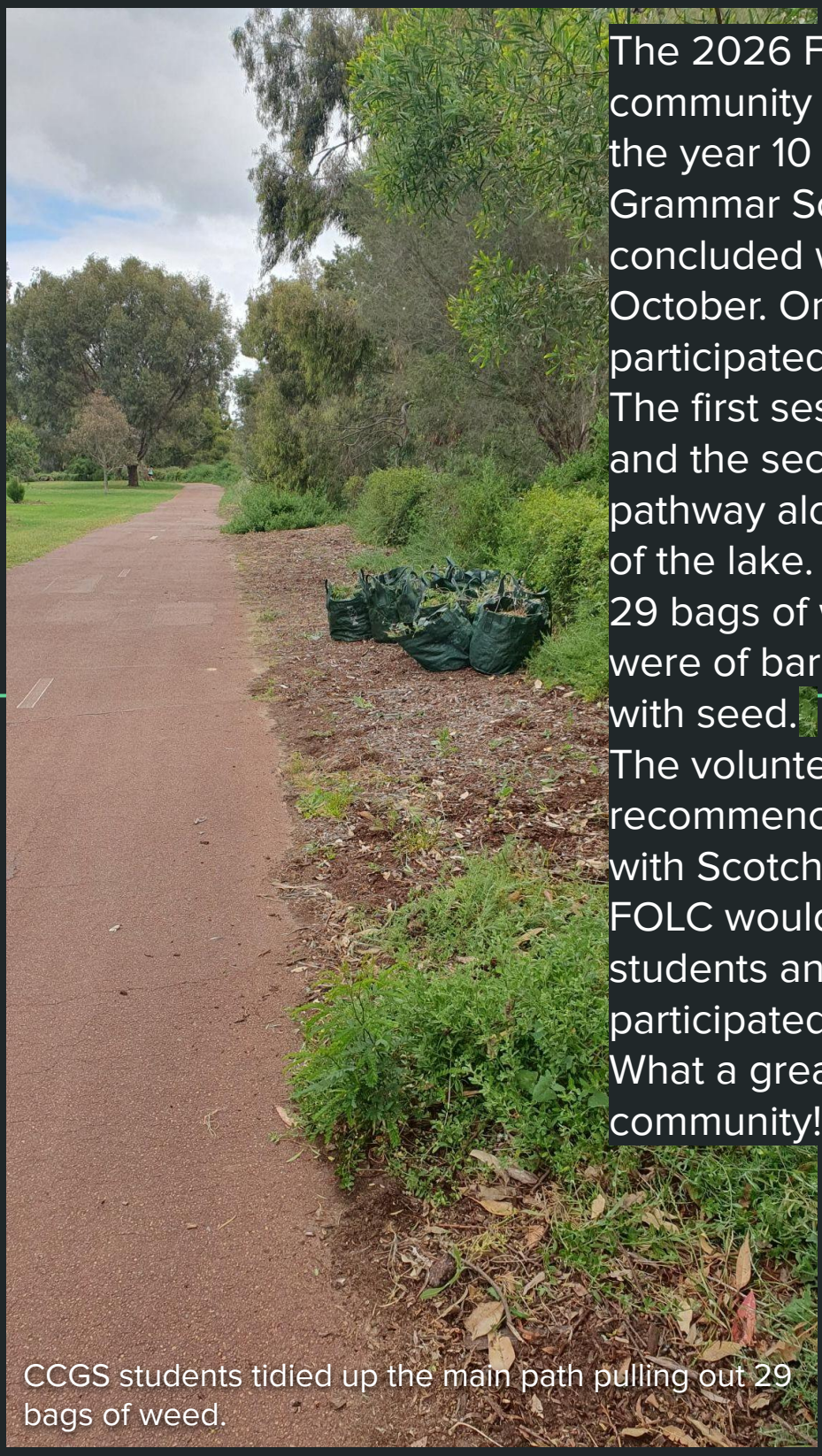
No bookings are required - simply meet at the Tree of Wonder statue, located on the northern side of the Tee Box Cafe (Lapsley Road, Claremont). For more information, please contact the Friends of Lake Claremont at folc.wa@gmail.com.



Visitors on a guided walk inspect the "Together" sculpture at Lake Claremont

CHRIST CHURCH KIDS GET GROUNDED

BY HEIDI HARDISTY



CCGS students tidied up the main path pulling out 29 bags of weed.

The 2026 Friday afternoon community service program with the year 10 Christ Church Grammar School (CCGS) boys concluded with 2 sessions in October. Only CCGS students participated.

The first session involved pruning and the second weeding the main pathway along the eastern buffer of the lake. The boys pulled out 29 bags of weeds, a good portion were of barley and wild oats laden with seed.

The volunteer program will recommence in February 2027 with Scotch College and CCGS. FOLC would like to thank all the students and teachers who have participated throughout the year. What a great contribution to the community!

ACTIVITIES AND NEWS

BY TONY BARR



Bidens pilosa (aka Cobblers Pegs, Farmer's Friend, Beggar's Tick, Blackjack)

We were again lucky with the weather for our busy bee in October though it was a bit chilly to start with. We weeded along the 2026 plantings on the closed limestone track and also targeted some bidens (Bidens pilosa) (aka Cobblers Pegs, Farmer's Friend, Beggar's Tick, Blackjack) growing adjacent to the dog open-lead area. Around 60 bags were filled across the two areas. A huge thanks to all involved.

We will be either weeding or watering at the Busy Bee on Sunday 8 November, depending on the weather in the preceding week. We are continuing with the summer period start time of 7:30am, finishing around 9:30am. All are welcome. The Busy Bee will be followed by the usual morning tea.



Photo of Snake-necked turtle at Lake Claremont by Nick Cook

The Town of Claremont has purchased a new gator, quite similar to the old gator. You may see it around and about the lake during Busy Bees and other activities. A big thank you to the town for acquiring this.

Turtle tracking is continuing around the lake, with a minor success of one nest protected (after being partially predated). Keep an eye out for turtles nesting, with likely times being before fronts andstorms when the weather is warm. If you see a turtle, please leave it alone, keep dogs and wildlife away from it (without disturbing the turtle) and call 0403 845 527 and I'll try and get someone to assist.

There is a Lake Claremont Advisory Committee (LCAC) meeting coming up on Thursday 12th November. If you would like any issue raised, please let me know via email folc.wa@gmail.com by 11th November.

NATURE POSITIVE FINANCING

BY CLAIRE BRITTAIN

Judy Fisher is a Hub Co-coordinator of the Wellbeing Economy Alliance (WEAll) and Director and Principal Socio-Ecologist of Fisher Research Pty Lt. Judy is also Adjunct professor with UWA's Institute of Agriculture and has recently been appointed Chair of the Cockburn Sound Management Council. Her work spans biodiverse restoration, science policy and the measurement of biodiversity change over time.



Judy Fisher

The current UN Biodiversity Conference in Armenia shifts the focus from commitments to tangible results and the evaluation of progress of the Global State of Biodiversity Action Report (SBAR). Four years after adoption of the Kunming-Montreal Global Diversity Framework (KMBGF), the world (195 parties) has reached the halfway point towards this target. The SBAR with 23 targets will assess progress, gaps and where action must accelerate as it draws on national reports, action plans and targets. Target no15 – Transnational Businesses and Financial Institutions monitor and assess their risks and dependencies on biodiversity and provide information and report on compliance to reduce negative and increase positive impacts and ensure sustainable patterns of production. Target no 19 – To substantially and progressively increase the level of financial resources to implement national biodiversity strategies and action plans mobilizing at least $200 billion per year by 2030. The SBAR will provide the primary input to the Global Review at Armenia.

Climate Action is incomplete without considering Biodiversity.

The Intergovernmental Science and Policy Platform on Ecosystem Services (IPBES) was approved by the Plenary of Governments in February 2026. All businesses depend on and impact biodiversity. Drivers of decline are unsustainable economic activity and a focus on growth measured by GDP. Once Business and Government dependencies are understood they will be able to play a central role in halting and reversing biodiversity loss. Because biodiversity loss is largely driven by economic activity and systematic failures to recognise nature's values, the resulting degradation of ecosystems generates physical risks for business and economic systems that depend on them. The most critical change we must demand is that businesses measure their dependency on biodiversity and/or nature.

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Businesses must move beyond risk awareness to risk preparedness.

Dependencies on material inputs can result in negative impacts on other businesses and on the business itself. Businesses may have to negotiate complex trade-offs. Dependencies are not always obvious, for example; supermarkets and restaurants have little direct dependence on biodiversity but are part of the chain that begins with primary agriculture producers. Climate and biodiversity related risks may interact to amplify social and economic impacts.

What we need is Corporate-level action which sets direction, aligns governance and resources with ambitions and enables implementation and outcomes across operations and value chains.

In June 2026 in Paris the Banque de France workshop focussed on the needs of financial and economic sectors to make biodiversity a real decision variable. Rather than an environmental crisis alone, biodiversity loss is now recognised as a source of economic and financial risk.

The signal to investors, banks and businesses: the time is right to shift investment towards nature positive outcomes. Nature positive finance means redirecting flows away from activities that harm nature.

A shift to an economic focus on the natural environment will benefit the natural environment, people, society and their well-being and business and financiers' economic outcomes. This joint statement reflects a shared recognition for investment, finance and business sectors to shift investments towards nature positive outcomes – a wellbeing economy.

Thanks to Judy Fisher for her time to deliver a very informative presentation for the benefit of Friends of Lake Claremont.

TURTLE NESTS UNDER SEIGE

BY HEIDI HARDISTY

At least 16 turtle nests have been predated and destroyed this nesting season at Lake Claremont. The prime suspects are quenda, foxes and ravens. **One of the turtle trackers noted only one intact egg in 10 of the nests along the lake.** All the other 69 eggs were destroyed very soon after they were laid (likely within a couple of hours). There is small group of FOLC volunteers carrying on the turtle tracking program at Lake Claremont which aims to track the female turtles laying their eggs and cover the nests immediately after with a protective mesh. This is proving to be a difficult task as the results are showing. FOLC will contact Dr Jane Chambers who helped to set up this valuable program and investigate what can be done to better protect this vulnerable species.



One of the predated nests at Lake Claremont. Photo credit: Caitlyn Dowse

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