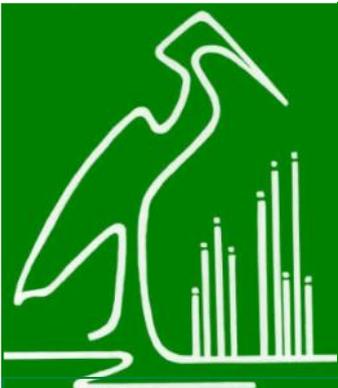


# CRREPA NEWS

## Newsletter of the Canning River Residents Environment Protection Association (Inc)

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**ENJOY YOUR FORESHORE RESPONSIBLY**



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[www.sercul.org.au/crrepa.html](http://www.sercul.org.au/crrepa.html)

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### Members enjoy an informative bushwalk – in Queens Park



On Sunday 10 September 2017, 10 CRREPA members joined the chair of Friends of Queens Park Bushland (FQPB), Sian Mawson and 4 other FQPB members for an interesting walk through the bushland bordered by Wharf Street and Whitlock Road, Queens Park.

Our first stop was another example of what groups can do to improve the natural environment – a constructed wetland on a depression that previously had held water during winter but with declining rainfall and the falling groundwater table had been left as just a dry patch of ground. A close collaboration between FQPB, the City of Canning and PEET, the development company responsible for a new housing project

bordering the bushland, enabled all the stormwater runoff to be directed into the bushland through a bubble-up pit. Several of these have been installed along the Shelley Rossmoyne foreshore in filtration trenches, including the eastern side of Wadjup Point and near the junction of Riverton Drive and Beatrice Avenue, Shelley. Thanks to this redirection of stormwater, the local groundwater had risen so much this year that there was still water in the wetland when we visited, nine days after the last rainfall.

Every urban conservation area seems to have at least one problem site where, despite the huge efforts of volunteers and Council staff, plants struggle to grow or don't grow at all. The Queens Park Bushland example that Sian showed us had been bare since at least the mid-1960s. The soil was so infertile that it would not even support weeds. With funding from the former Department of Parks and Wildlife and heavy work support from the City of Canning, FQPB have now managed to establish some plants on the site.

We continued our walk through the bushland, past various wildflowers including four species of orchid within a couple of square metres, to a shelter that display information about the Queens Park Bushland until repeated vandalism put an end to the displays. So, in our walk of about 90 minutes we saw very good and very bad examples of human intervention and a lovely patch of remnant bush which is a credit to Sian, the Friends group, and the support they have received from local and state government and a major property developer.

### Join us for the End-of-year Sundowner

- WHEN:** Sunday 3rd December 2017 at 5.30pm  
**WHERE:** Shelley Beach Reserve (near Beatrice Avenue roundabout)  
A shady spot with a beautiful view  
**CRREPA PROVIDES:** Roast Chickens and glasses  
**BYO:** Salad or nibbles to share *as well as your drinks, picnic utensils, chairs, rugs etc*

**RSVP for catering by November 25th: Roslyn 9457 4590**  
**CRREPA@gmail.com**

## Plant donation from Men Of The Trees

Many thanks to Men Of The Trees (MOTT) for their generous contribution of 40 healthy native plants for our foreshore rehabilitation. They were planted at Wadjup Point (thanks Sue) and Rob Bruce (thanks Grecian and Colma).

In addition to supplying local native plants to large and small scale rehabilitation projects, MOTT grows plants that can be purchased for your garden.



**St Barbe Nursery** (M-F 9am-2pm)  
Cnr Stirling Cres & Amherst Rd,  
Hazelmere  
9250 3113  
[www.menofthetrees.com.au](http://www.menofthetrees.com.au)

## BIG MONTH OUT AMONG THE WEEDS

September has been a big month for weed removal along the foreshore. Four sessions were organised for areas including 123-129 Riverton Drive, Second to Fifth Ave and opposite Rob Bruce Park.

Included was CRREPA's yearly Big Day Out Among The Weeds where 15 volunteers enjoyed an hour's weeding, chatting and morning tea. We managed a grand total of 63 bags between all the sessions. One of the positive things noted this year is that the weed wild turnip (*Brassica tournefortii*) hadn't re-appeared around Second to Fifth Ave since it was removed last year.



## WEBSITES OF INTEREST

**River Guardians**

<http://www.riverguardians.com> (inc Dolphin Watch)

**Birds of the Canning River**

<http://www.canningriverbirds.com>

**Friends of Queens Park Bushland**

<https://www.friendsofqueensparkbushland.org.au>

**Men of the Trees**

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