

SIX SEASONS

Environment and Sustainability News from Shire of Mundaring

Seedlings for Landcare Program

Shire of Mundaring is calling for schools, community groups and rural landowners to register their interest in the Seedlings for Landcare Program. The program provides free native seedlings to undertake environmental restoration including revegetating creeks, providing habitat for wildlife and increasing tree canopy cover in rural areas.

Expressions of Interest open Friday 10 February and close 4pm

Friday 24 March. For more information on choosing plants, see the Shire's [Landscape and Revegetation Guidelines](#).

For more information on eligibility and how to apply, visit [Seedlings for Landcare](#) or contact the Natural Areas Project Officer on 9290 6666 or email seedlings@mundaring.wa.gov.au.



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Have your say!

Two key environmental strategies are now available for public comment. Read more about these strategies and how you can comment in this newsletter.

Bunuru - February to March

The Noongar seasonal calendar includes six different seasons in a yearly cycle. Bunuru is the time of hot easterly winds that dry out the land. It is also a time of white flowers - with Marri trees and ghost gums in bloom and cones of the female Zamia plant emerge.





Daine, Jordan and Dannie have sorted over 9 million containers




The Containers for Change refund point at the Coppin Road Transfer Station has processed over 9 million containers since it began!

That's over \$900,000 going back into the community, supporting our charitable organisations and filling your back pocket.

Every container you return reduces landfill and supports the people of Western Australia.

Want to get involved? Simply sign up at the [Containers for Change](#) website and bring your empties to our refund point.

Every eligible container is worth 10 cents to you or your charity of choice. If you aren't sure which containers can be returned, just check for the  icon.

Don't let your containers' potential go to waste



BETTER DAYS FOR EVERY CONTAINER SAVED

Every 10c container returned to an authorised Containers for Change refund point gets another chance - rescued by you, recycled by trailblazers, and released to live its potential, again and again.



CASH WHERE IT COUNTS

Your local team, school or charity earns extra bucks if you return your containers to their scheme ID or collection point.



QUICK N' EASY DEPOSITS STRAIGHT INTO YOUR POCKET

Save your Scheme ID in your mobile wallet and receive refunds on the go.

Rewards for Shire residents and businesses

As a partner Council of the Switch Your Thinking Program, Shire of Mundaring is able to offer residents and businesses in the Shire free Switch Your Thinking activities and events that promote sustainable living.

One example is Switch Your Thinking's Rewards for Residents and Business which offers up to 15 percent discount off the recommended retail price on products that help cut waste or reduce energy and water use.

The discounts are offered by select businesses on things like home and garden consultation, solar batteries, solar energy, pool covers, compost systems and worm farms, rainwater tanks, energy and water audits, insulation paint, soil improvement, electric bike accessories and hot water systems.

To find out more, visit the [Switch Your Thinking](#) website, find the product you are interested in and contact the supplier (make sure you mention Switch Your Thinking to claim your discount).

If you register your purchase with Switch Your Thinking you can enter the draw to win a family pass to Perth Zoo.





Donations wanted!

Located at Mundaring Public Library, the Seed Library aims to provide a variety of organic, heirloom and native seeds to the local community.

Seed saving leads to a sustainable future for your garden and community, and helps to increase the diversity of heritage varieties.

Seed saving also helps to develop seeds that are acclimated to our local area, allows you to grow plants that are more pest resistant, and saves money on seeds and plants.

You will need a library membership to borrow seeds. Seed packets are checked out at the front counter, but there are no due dates.

Seed packets include a variety of vegetables, herbs and flowers which have all been collected from the local area.

Once planted and grown, seeds can again be harvested and returned to the Library to be put into circulation for people to plant.

If you have harvested seeds to donate, please label them and bring them in to the Boya or Mundaring libraries.

To find out more, visit the [Seed Library](#) webpage.

We need your feedback!

We need more suggestions from residents to improve environmental management across the Shire. Invitations to comment on two important draft strategies has been extended until 12 noon on Monday 6 February 2023.

The Local Biodiversity Strategy identifies threats and solutions to support native species on reserves, verges and private land.

The Watercourse Hierarchy Strategy identifies key issues for sustainable management of watercourses and recommends strategic, planning based and operational actions.

There are printed copies available to view at the Shire Administration Building, Mundaring Library and Boya Library.

The two draft strategies can also be found on our website, with summary pages and online comment forms at via our [consultations page](#).

If you have any queries please contact the Shire's Planning and Environment Service on 9290 6740 or [via email](#).



All welcome at the Blue Sky Mini-Fest

This year's Blue Sky Festival takes on a different shape as a 'Mini-Fest' which will be held at the Hub of the Hills Community Centre.

The day will feature exciting presentations and interesting displays on local sustainability initiatives, waste reduction and environmental care.

Cost is \$5 which includes a light lunch, tea and coffee.

Guest speakers will include Shire Deputy President Paige McNeil who will present an overview of the environmental and sustainability projects in the Shire. Have your questions ready for her in the Q & A session after her presentation.

Register your place at [Eventbrite](#).



Habitat Trees and Hollow Homes



Shire Tree Management Supervisor Matt Bonsack and Shire Environmental Officer Tracey Bell talk about ways to keep habitat trees healthy and thriving for the future.

Did you know habitat trees can take between 200 to 500 years to grow to full size? These unique and irreplaceable trees provide thousands of plants and wildlife species essential food, shade and shelter.

Our Environment Team has been hard at work producing this latest video 'Habitat Trees and Hollow Homes' where they share their knowledge of these awe-inspiring natural assets.

Featuring environmental scientist, filmmaker and author Simon Cherriman, enjoy learning about the massive impact these old trees have on preserving the ecological balance of our natural habitats.

'Habitat Trees and Hollow Homes' can be viewed on [YouTube](#).

Landcare Calendar - Tips for Bunuru



- If you planted native seedlings last winter, check them regularly as they may need a drink once or twice a week
- Add mulch to your garden to reduce evaporation and maximise soil moisture
- Provide water for insects, birds and other animals in saucers or install a bird bath (make sure critters can't fall in and drown by adding sticks and rocks)

Six Seasons has been prepared by the Environment and Sustainability team at Shire of Mundaring. For comments or to subscribe to our mailing list, email the team at shire@mundaring.wa.gov.au

Planet Ark Seedling Bank Grants

Applications for seedlings are open until 24 February 2023

Planet Ark's Seedling Bank empowers schools and community groups to undertake regeneration projects by providing financial support to buy native seedlings. Since launching in 2019, over 90 groups have received funding to plant over 39,000 seedlings around Australia. To find out more or to apply visit [Planet Ark Seedling Bank](#).

Great Cocky Count Info Session

**Saturday 18 February, 9.30am to 11am
Civic Room, Shire of Mundaring**

The Great Cocky Count is a long-term citizen science survey and the biggest single survey for black cockatoos in Western Australia. At sunset on Sun 2 April, participants will count black cockatoos as they come into their evening roosts. The information session is for interested residents who want to participate in the April count. To register visit [Eventbrite](#).

Creating Your Property Paradise

**Sat 11 March, 9am to 12.30pm
Kalamunda Performing Arts Centre**

Join award winning land carer, sustainable gardens expert and author Chris Ferreira for a fun and informative workshop to learn how to transform your property into a sustainable, attractive and productive paradise.

Register your interest via email to environment@mundaring.wa.gov.au.

Blue Sky Festival

**Saturday 18 March, 9.30am to 4pm
Mundaring Hub of the Hills**

The day will feature exciting presentations and interesting displays on local sustainability initiatives, waste reduction and environmental care.

Cost is \$5 which includes a light lunch, tea and coffee (free entry for children under 12).

Register online at [Eventbrite](#).