

# SHIRE OF MUNDARINGS INAUGURAL "INSPIRATION ZONE" VOLUNTEER STORY

## Joan Crawford – Darlington Station Reserve



Joan has lived in Darlington for many years and was the coordinator of the Friends of Darlington Station Reserve for a little over 10 years. The Darlington Station Reserve was in need of some love and attention and Joan proved to be the perfect volunteer for this task.

Joan had a special ability to make things happen and arranged work days with Wooroloo Prisoners, TAFE, schools, Green corps teams, work experience students, and the community. It was always a common sight to drive past the reserve and see Joan working. It appeared that things would 'just happen' – rubbish was removed, mulch arrived and plants ordered, however there was a lot of behind the scene's work that Joan arranged.

All of the work undertaken on the reserve required resources and funding. Joan was able to seek funds and letters of support for the works to be undertaken in the reserve. The Shire of Mundaring and Joan had a good working relationship and the Bushcare Coordinator provided support to Joan and the works on the Reserve.

Highlights within the reserve include the installation of signage and the shelter and later benches and seats for all to enjoy the transformation that the reserve had undertaken. Joan assisted with coordinating these improvements for the community. It can be said that the reserve has come a long way to the lovely flowering show it displays in spring every year and the community has certainly benefited from Joan's hard work.

The morning teas arranged through Friends Group members were always a highlight and an important part of Joan's process to making her fellow volunteers feel appreciated. Joan would be the first to acknowledge that she had an army of volunteers who were there to help out with advice, a wheel barrow, a lending hand or a muffin and a cup of tea.

The following words accurately describe Joan and the work she has achieved at Darlington Station Reserve:

**Focused, Purposeful, Passionate, Dedicated,  
Showing Tenacity & Perseverance,  
A hard act to follow!**

Joan has decided to retire as coordinator of the Friends of Darlington Station Reserve but continues to enjoy the great outdoors. The Shire is keen to hear from interested parties to continue Joan's efforts. The bushcare coordinator will provide a range of assistance to anyone wanting to coordinate the Friends of Darlington Station Reserve. Please contact the Shire on 9290 6666. Of course any help is appreciated, from one hour here and there to the coordinator of the Reserve.

Joan, the Shire thanks you for your hard work and wishes you the best for the future.

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