

# SIX SEASONS

Environmental Sustainability News from Shire of Mundaring

## Environmental Art Project 2025



In partnership with the Shire of Mundaring, the Mundaring Arts Centre invites primary and homeschool students in the Shire of Mundaring and the City of Swan to explore local environmental challenges through art.

The 2025 theme, **Restoring Land for Wildlife**, encourages students to create A4-sized artworks offering creative solutions for thriving ecosystems.

Highlights include:

- 🎨 Environmental drawing competition
- 📍 Exhibition at Midland Junction Arts Centre & online showcase
- 🏆 People's Choice vote & winning designs displayed in Mundaring Town Centre

Schools can access an Education Resource Pack, artist-led workshops, and school visits to inspire young changemakers. Join us in using art to advocate for nature! **To find out more visit [www.enviroartproject.com.au](http://www.enviroartproject.com.au).**

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### Djeran - April to May

The Noongar seasonal calendar includes six different seasons in a yearly cycle. Djeran (ant season) brings cooler nights and dew in the early mornings. Banksia flowers start to blossom, providing nectar for mammals, birds and insects.



# Polyphagous Shot Hole Borer Myth Busting!



The invasive Polyphagous Shot Hole Borer (PSHB) is a complex invasive species, and myths can spread just as fast as the beetle! Here's some fast facts:

🔥 **PSHB spreads in firewood!**

**FALSE!** It only moves in unseasoned or untreated wood over 2.5 cm in diameter. Buy firewood locally to reduce risk.

🌳 **PSHB eats the wood inside**

**trees! FALSE!** The beetles tunnel but don't eat wood—they farm and feed on fungus.

🔥 **Burning destroys PSHB! FALSE!**

Fires can cause female beetles to fly away, spreading the infestation.

🔪 **Wood chipping kills PSHB! TRUE!**

Chipping to under 2.5 cm achieves a 99.9% kill rate.

🌱 **Potted plants and hedges are**

**safe! FALSE!** PSHB affects over 210 species, including hedges and potted plants. Always check for signs of infestation.

If you suspect PSHB, please report it to DPIRD Pest and Disease Information Service on 08 9368 3080 or email [padis@dpiird.wa.gov.au](mailto:padis@dpiird.wa.gov.au).

## New Murals at Lake Leschenaultia



### Wildlife Murals to Inspire Our Community to Stay Ready, Stay Safe!

The Shire of Mundaring recently unveiled two eye-catching new murals at Lake Leschenaultia. These artworks serve as a powerful reminder that just as the natural environment depends on water to thrive, our community relies on it to safeguard homes and lives during times of fire.

The murals feature portraits of local plants and animals on the cafe and public facilities building. They designs were created by local artist Tay Beynon through a community workshop that invited residents to share ideas. Three draft designs were then developed and released for public voting, ensuring the final artwork reflected a truly collaborative, community-driven message.

#### How can you get involved?

💬 **Start a Conversation** – Talk to your neighbours about fire preparedness. Do you have a plan? Could you prepare together? Do you know where your nearest emergency water tanks are? It's the small things that can make a big difference in an emergency.

🏠 **Book a Free Property Inspection** – One of our friendly Fire Officers can provide expert advice on how you can create a firewise property.

🗣️ **Have Your Say!** Help shape future preparedness materials by taking our short survey at [www.engage.mundaring.wa.gov.au](http://www.engage.mundaring.wa.gov.au).

**The project was funded by the Commonwealth Government with support from the WA State Emergency Management Committee.**

**Stay informed, Stay Prepared!**



# Land for Wildlife News

**The Land for Wildlife program is off to an incredible start —17 enthusiastic landholders have already signed up, ready to dive into the world of wildlife conservation!**

Over the next months, we'll be out and about, visiting these new LFW properties to chat about habitat restoration and loan out our wildlife (trail) cameras. We've already seen some fantastic efforts, from weed control and revegetation to installing quirky and creative water troughs for creatures big and small! Keep an eye out for future stories where we'll showcase easy, fun, and inspiring ways landholders are helping local wildlife thrive.

## What Happens on a Property Visit?

A Land for Wildlife officer can drop by for a friendly 'walk and talk' to discuss your plans for protecting and enhancing wildlife habitat. Whether it's tackling weeds, planting native species, or setting up nest boxes, we're here to help—and if we don't know the answer, we'll find out for you! Most importantly, our goal is to support and encourage conservation in ways that fit your lifestyle and budget. Sometimes, the smallest changes make the biggest impact—like leaving logs and rocks for critters to shelter in or putting out water for wildlife in summer.

### 💡 Ways to Get Started:

- ✓ Protect remnant vegetation, hollow-bearing trees, and aquatic habitats such as creeklines and wetlands
- ✓ Keep stock out of bushland and away from paddock trees by fencing them off
- ✓ Rewild bare areas by planting native species - the Shire's Seedlings for Landcare Program can support eligible properties
- ✓ Support local fauna by installing nest boxes and preserving leaf litter, fallen logs, and branches where appropriate
- ✓ Keep threats in check by managing weeds and pests
- ✓ Be fauna-friendly—keep cats indoors or build a 'catio,' and choose owl-safe rodent control options.

**Ready to get involved? To find out more or join, contact the Land for Wildlife Coordinator - phone 9290 6666 or email [environment@mundaring.wa.gov.au](mailto:environment@mundaring.wa.gov.au)**



# Water for Wildlife



## Land for Wildlifers Carolyn & Alan Baldwin Capture a Cool Moment!

Land for Wildlife legends Carolyn and Alan Baldwin set up one of our wildlife cameras on their 8 acre bush block and captured this adorable trio enjoying a refreshing drink on a hot day!

We're loving the clever addition of a refillable water bottle—what a smart way to keep the water flowing! Plus, there's a lower trough perfectly placed for the little joey to sip with ease.

Small, thoughtful touches like these make a big difference for wildlife, especially during warmer months. But they haven't stopped there! Check out the amazing water trough below they have created for their resident Black Cockatoos, made from two pieces of PVC gutter mounted on an existing fence under a shady Marri tree. They've placed it within easy reach of the garden hose, making it easy to clean and top up as needed. There's also a piece of timber attached to the sides of the gutters for the Cockies to perch on!

**Want to see what wildlife visits your property? Join Land for Wildlife and borrow a wildlife camera and start capturing magical wildlife moments of your own!**





## Wildlife After Dark – A Magical Night at Black Cockatoo Reserve!



Residents enjoyed an enthralling night stalk at Black Cockatoo Reserve with Simon Cherriman

**On Friday, March 21st, Land for Wildlife hosted its very first event —‘Wildlife After Dark’—with the incredible Simon Cherriman leading the way!**

A fantastic crowd of 33 eager nature lovers gathered at Black Cockatoo Reserve on a warm autumn evening, torches in hand, ready to uncover the secrets of the reserve’s nighttime residents. The Friends of Black Cockatoo Reserve joined us too, sharing insights into their years of dedicated work rehabilitating and protecting this precious urban wildlife haven.

As we meandered through the trails, Simon brought the bush to life, introducing us to its nocturnal wonders and explaining how each plant and animal plays a vital role in this thriving ecosystem. The evening’s wildlife highlights? Spotting curious possums, stealthy wolf spiders, and even a massive, glistening 3D orb-weaver spider web!

The fun didn’t stop there—after the walk, Simon’s interactive show-and-tell was a hit, especially with the kids! From a tiny gecko egg to an owl’s wing (showing how these silent hunters swoop in without a sound!) and even tips on identifying the plants birds use to build their nests—there was something fascinating for everyone.

**A huge thank you to all who joined us for this unforgettable night of wildlife wonder and discovery! Stay tuned for more adventures with Land for Wildlife!**

## Landcare Calendar - Tips for Djeran

- Prepare for planting and revegetation by undertaking weed control where you are planning to establish native plants. You may need to do this more than once if weeds re-appear after rain!
- For great tips on preparing the soil for planting, watch our 'Planting for Success' video, presented by landscape architect and radio personality Sue McDougall at [www.mundaring.wa.gov.au](http://www.mundaring.wa.gov.au)



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**Engage with nature and sustainability and meet like-minded people!**

### Firewise Gardening in WA

**Sat April 26, 10.30am to 1pm**

### Mundaring Firefighters School

Join local Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade members for a free talk to learn about the new DFES firewise gardening publication. This handy guide was developed to help people living in bushfire prone areas create gardens that are designed, and maintained, to reduce the risk of bushfire impact. A light lunch and cool drinks will be provided, please RSVP to ensure sufficient catering. Email: [karendore@mundaring.wa.gov.au](mailto:karendore@mundaring.wa.gov.au) or text 0448 245 086.

### Wildflower Society Plant Sale

**Octagonal Hall, Glen Forrest**

**Sat May 10, 9am to 2pm**

This annual event is a great opportunity to buy plants suitable for the hills from reputable growers. Mostly it is tube stock that has been propagated by members and grown to be sturdy with good root development. You can buy some unusual species you won’t find elsewhere and you can get expert advice. A plant list will be available online before the day. Keep your eye on our facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/easte-rnhillswildflowersoc>

### Bushcare Info, Chat & Music Event

**Mundaring Uniting Church**

**Sunday May 25, 2 to 4pm**

The programme will feature a talk by Geoff Cockerton, Managing Director of Western Botanical environmental consultancy. Singing and virtuoso piano playing by local musicians Margaret Jones and Yamuna Daw will include originals and classical repertoire. Gold coin entry fee. For more info see [www.mixmargaret.com/bushcare](http://www.mixmargaret.com/bushcare) or phone 0414 374 701