

SIX SEASONS

Environmental Sustainability News from Shire of Mundaring

Join the Spring Quenda Count!



This October, the Shire of Mundaring is launching an exciting new citizen science program — the Spring Quenda Count — and we need your help!

We're calling on all Shire residents to observe and record Quenda activity in their gardens over a one-week period in October. Your sightings will contribute to real science: the data collected will feed directly into population monitoring efforts led by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA), helping to guide future conservation actions.

Also known as the southern brown bandicoot, the Quenda is a small, ground-dwelling marsupial that plays a vital role in maintaining healthy ecosystems. Unfortunately, it's also a vulnerable species, under threat from habitat loss, predation and disease. By keeping an eye out in your own backyard, you can make a real difference to their survival. We're thrilled to be working with Dr Amanda Kristancic, a leading local wildlife ecologist, to help develop and deliver the program. Amanda will be offering both an in-person presentation and a Zoom session to help participants learn how to spot Quenda, record data, and understand the importance of their contributions.

Join us to shine a spotlight on these special locals and protect them for generations to come. Learn more by attending the Spring Quenda Count info session, see the What's On page for details.



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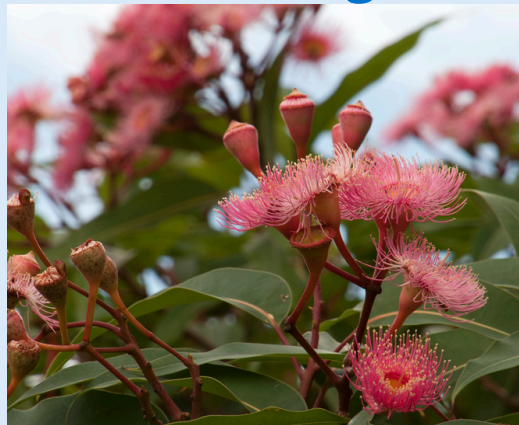
What's On



Djilba - August to September

The Noongar seasonal calendar includes six different seasons in a yearly cycle. Djilba is cold with less rain than Makuru (Jun-Jul). Flower stalks of balgas (grass trees) emerge and koolbardi (magpies) and djidi djidi (willy wagtails) start swooping to protect their young.

Treebate Program



The State Government's Treebate program was announced in January 2025. The program will encourage Western Australians to plant native trees on their properties.

Turn your backyard into a green oasis – and get paid for it! The new Treebate program is here to help you grow a cooler, greener neighbourhood while putting some cash back in your pocket.

For the next four years, up to 10,000 Western Australians each year can claim a rebate of up to \$150 when they buy and plant a native tree from a local nursery.

It's as simple as One, Two, Tree!

- **One** - Buy your tree (it must be an Australian native and at least 3m high at maturity)
- **Two** - Plant your tree
- **Tree** - Claim your rebate through the ServiceWA app (available on Google Play or Apple Store).

Just remember to hang on to your tax invoice and snap a photo of the plant label to make your claim.

This initiative is part of a long-term commitment to grow WA's urban tree canopy – making our suburbs cooler, greener, and more beautiful for generations to come. **For more information visit**
www.wa.gov.au/organisation/departments-of-water-and-environmental-regulation/treebate

Give Sport a Second Life: Support Fair Game with Your Pre-Loved Equipment!

Fair Game is a remarkable charity dedicated to supporting underserved communities across Western Australia to live healthier, more active lives.

Since 2010, they've been working closely with some of the most remote Aboriginal communities in the state, empowering children and young people through programs that promote physical activity, health education, and social inclusion.



The Shire of Mundaring is proud to be part of this inspiring initiative. We're helping to remove barriers to participation in sport by collecting quality, pre-loved sporting equipment that will be redistributed to communities in need. A donation bin will soon be available at Mundaring Arena — making it easy for locals to give their gear a second life and make a real difference.

Many children in regional and remote areas face significant challenges accessing the benefits of sport — from physical fitness and mental wellbeing to connection, confidence, and community. By donating good-condition items you no longer need, you can help level the playing field and ensure more young people can experience the joy of getting active.

🏀 We're looking for clean, useable equipment such as:

- **Sports shoes (all sizes welcome)**
- **Balls (soccer, basketball, football, netball, etc.)**
- **Bats, racquets, pads and gloves**

📍 Where to donate:

The donation bin will be located in the foyer of Mundaring Arena soon – keep an eye out for signage!

Please note: we are unable to accept items that are broken, worn out, or at the end of their life. Our goal is to provide high-quality gear that's ready to be used and loved again.

Together, with your help, we can equip and inspire the next generation to get moving, stay healthy, and build stronger communities through sport. To learn more, visit the Fair Game website at <https://fairgame.org.au/>

Land for Wildlife News



🦉 **Workshop Wrap-Up: Wildlife Homes with Simon Cherriman**
🌿 **Wednesday 6 August | 31 nature-loving landholders | 7 nest boxes given away!**

What a hoot! On a crisp Djilba morning, 31 enthusiastic landholders joined us for our **How to Make Wildlife Homes** workshop with the always-inspiring Dr Simon Cherriman. Together, we enjoyed a brilliant presentation followed by a hands-on session all about creating safe, sturdy homes for our local birds and mammals. From microbats to possums, these boxes are all about giving native wildlife a helping hand — right in our own backyards.

🌿 What we got up to:

- Learned which birds and mammals use nest boxes in the Perth Hills
- Discovered what makes a great, long-lasting nest box (hint: no shortcuts!)
- Built real boxes on the day, with expert guidance
- Picked up practical tips for installing, monitoring, and maintaining our creations

Seven lucky participants took home the boxes they built — ready to be installed in their patch of bush or backyard.

Simon's infectious enthusiasm and deep knowledge kept everyone engaged, from seasoned wildlife carers to curious newcomers. It was an awesome day filled with learning, laughter, and the shared goal of helping nature thrive. **Big thanks to all who came along — and if you missed out, don't worry! Keep an eye out for more events like this in the coming seasons.** 🌿🔧

Help to Improve Land Productivity



Perth NRM's Sustainable Agriculture Program offers hands-on, practical support to help landholders improve productivity, profitability, and environmental outcomes.

From soil and water sampling to paddock design and erosion control, they can work with you to create a plan tailored to your property.

Their experienced team can visit your property to help with:

- **Revegetation**
- **Paddock design**
- **Water management – including erosion control and water infiltration improvements**
- **Fencing and grazing plans**
- **Stocking rates**
- **Fertiliser and pesticide use**

They also have a limited number of **FREE** soil sampling and water quality tests available – fully subsidised by the program!

Whether it's a quick phone call, an email, or a property visit, they're here to help you make the most of your land in ways that are productive, profitable, and environmentally friendly.

For more information, contact the Perth NRM team at enquiries@perthnrm or phone (08) 9374 3333.

Seedlings for Landcare Expressions of Interest Open Now - Don't Miss Out!



Expressions of Interest for free seedlings for the 2026 planting season are **OPEN NOW** – closing 26 September!

Now's the perfect time to plan where to plant your seedlings and choose species that best match your soil type and revegetation goals.

This year, the program adds six native grass species: *Amphipogon amphipogonoides*, *Austrostipa elegantissima*, *Cymbopogon obtectus* (Silkheads), *Microlaena stipoides* (Weeping Grass), *Neurachne alopecuroidea* (Foftail Mulga) and *Rytidosperma caespitosum* (Common Wallaby Grass - pictured above).

Native grasses are an essential part of the food web, sustaining insects, birds and other wildlife that evolved alongside them. Their deep roots break up compacted soil, boost water infiltration, store carbon, and create vital channels for air and water to reach deeper layers.

If you aren't sure what you should plant (or where), our Seedlings for Landcare Coordinator can provide advice on what species will do well on your property. The Shire's [Landscaping and Revegetation Guidelines](#) also provides lots of info on plants that suit our local conditions.

To learn more about eligibility and how to apply, visit the Shire's website at www.mundaring.wa.gov.au and search "Seedlings for Landcare".

Landcare Calendar - Tips for Djilba

Planting Tips After Wet Weather 🌱

- **Waterlogging?** Hold off planting in waterlogged areas for a few weeks until things dry out. Keep an eye out for erosion—you don't want to lose that precious topsoil!
- **Weed control:** Spray only on clear, calm days and take extra care near waterways.
- **Frost alert:** If frost is coming, pop a bucket or container over seedlings overnight—just don't forget to take it off in the morning.



What's On



These are **FREE** events brought to you by the Shire's Land for Wildlife Program.

Discover the Birds of Broz Park

 **Sat 13 Sep | 10.00am – 12.00pm**

Broz Park, Helena Valley

Take a stroll through Broz Park's beautiful wetland with bird enthusiasts and photographers Rachel and Mike Green and meet the amazing native birds that call this place home. We'll also be celebrating the launch of their brand-new Guide to the Birds of Broz Park – and the best bit? Everyone gets a free copy to take home! [Register here.](#)

Join the Spring Quenda Count

 **Wed 17 Sep | 10.00am – 11.00am**

Boya Community Centre

Discover how to take part in the count by observing and recording Quenda activity in your garden. This vulnerable species relies on the data we collect to support DBCA's monitoring and conservation efforts. Led by Dr Amanda Kristancic, conservation ecologist and Quenda specialist. If you can't attend, an online info session will also be held and recorded (date TBA). [Register here.](#)

Wildlife Friendly, Fire Smart Properties

 **Sat 4 Oct | 9.30am – 11.30am**

Location to be advised

Learn practical strategies to reduce fire risk while creating a haven for local wildlife. From habitat-friendly fuel management to plant selection and property layout, this session is packed with tips every landholder should know. Led by Dr Simon Cherriman—wildlife ecologist and ornithologist who brings science to life! [Register here.](#)

Water for Wildlife

 **Sat 6 Dec | 9am – 10.30am**

Civic Area, Shire of Mundaring

Summer in WA can be brutal for our native animals. Discover cheap, simple and effective ways to provide safe, life-saving water sources during the hottest months—helping wildlife survive and thrive. Also led by Dr Simon Cherriman. [Register here.](#)

Register at www.eventbrite.com.au for all events and enter the event title in the search box.

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