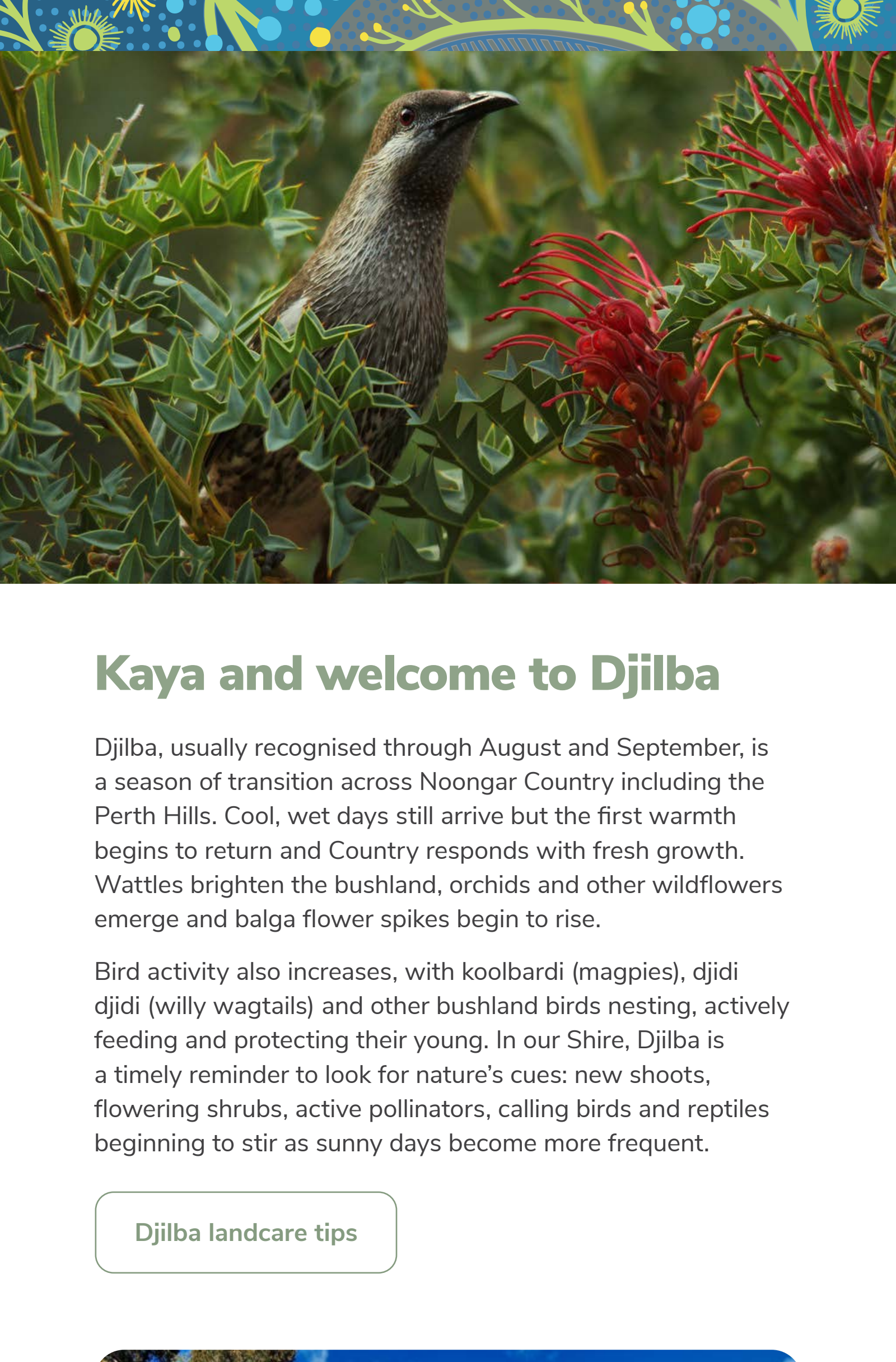




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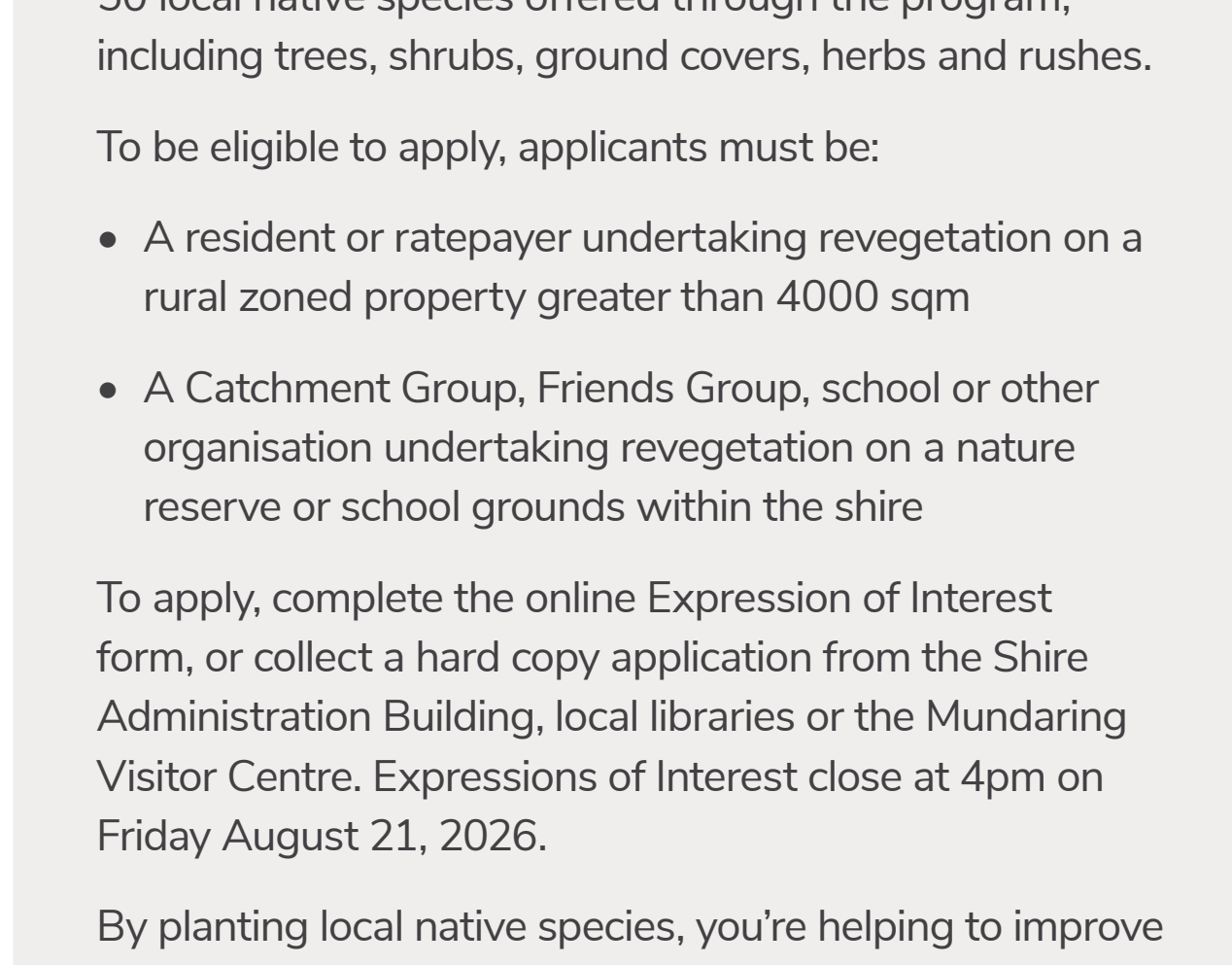


Kaya and welcome to Djilba

Djilba, usually recognised through August and September, is a season of transition across Noongar Country including the Perth Hills. Cool, wet days still arrive but the first warmth begins to return and Country responds with fresh growth. Wattles brighten the bushland, orchids and other wildflowers emerge and balga flower spikes begin to rise.

Bird activity also increases, with koolbardi (magpies), djidi djidi (willy wagtails) and other bushland birds nesting, actively feeding and protecting their young. In our Shire, Djilba is a timely reminder to look for nature's cues: new shoots, flowering shrubs, active pollinators, calling birds and reptiles beginning to stir as sunny days become more frequent.

Djilba landcare tips



Seedlings for Landcare expands for 2027

The Shire is calling for schools, community groups and rural landowners to register their interest in the 2027 Seedlings for Landcare program.

In recognition of the program's success and strong community demand, Council has allocated an additional \$20,000 in the 2026/27 budget to expand Seedlings for Landcare in 2027, giving more residents and community groups the opportunity to take part in environmental restoration projects across the Shire.

The program assists the community to undertake environmental restoration including revegetating creek lines, providing habitat for wildlife and increasing tree canopy cover in rural areas.

More than 20,000 seedlings will be available, with over 50 local native species offered through the program, including trees, shrubs, ground covers, herbs and rushes.

To be eligible to apply, applicants must be:

- A resident or ratepayer undertaking revegetation on a rural zoned property greater than 4000 sqm
- A Catchment Group, Friends Group, school or other organisation undertaking revegetation on a nature reserve or school grounds within the shire

To apply, complete the online Expression of Interest form, or collect a hard copy application from the Shire Administration Building, local libraries or the Mundaring Visitor Centre. Expressions of Interest close at 4pm on Friday August 21, 2026.

By planting local native species, you're helping to improve biodiversity, support wildlife and protect the unique landscapes that make the Perth Hills so special.

Apply now



Get rewarded for growing a greener Hills

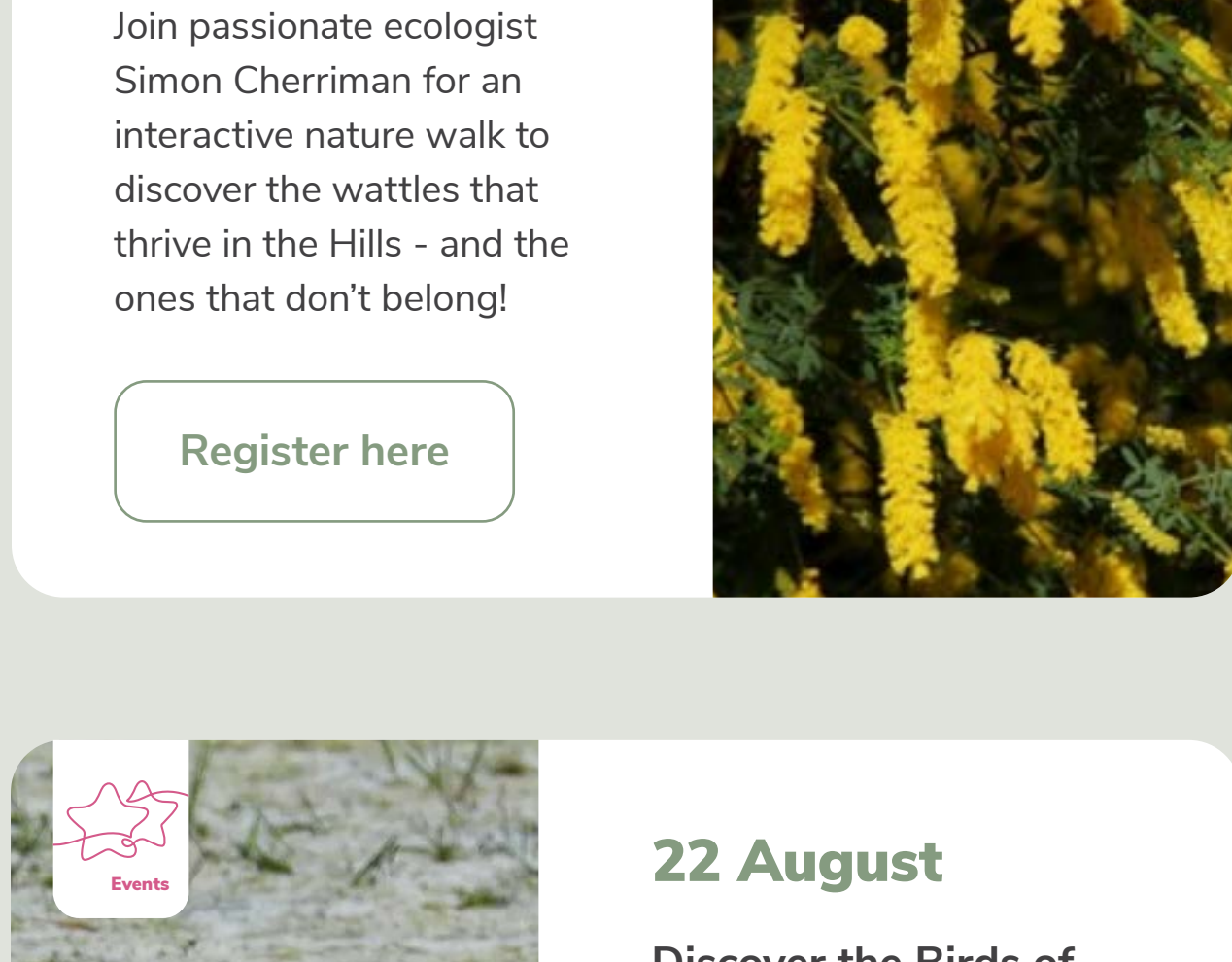
There's even more reason to plant native trees this season, with the WA Government's Treebate program expanding into its second year.

Following a successful first year that supported the planting of more than 10,000 trees across Western Australia, eligible residents can now claim rebates on the purchase of up to five native trees, with a total value of up to \$150.

Moving from Makuru to Djilba, there's still opportunity to plant a tree and benefit from cool temperatures, showers and some mild sunny days. Treebate makes it easier for households to add shade and contribute to a greener, more liveable community. Purchasing native trees from participating local nurseries can also help support local businesses while improving Western Australia's biodiversity.

Visit the Treebate website to learn more about eligibility, approved species and how to claim your rebate.

Treebate website



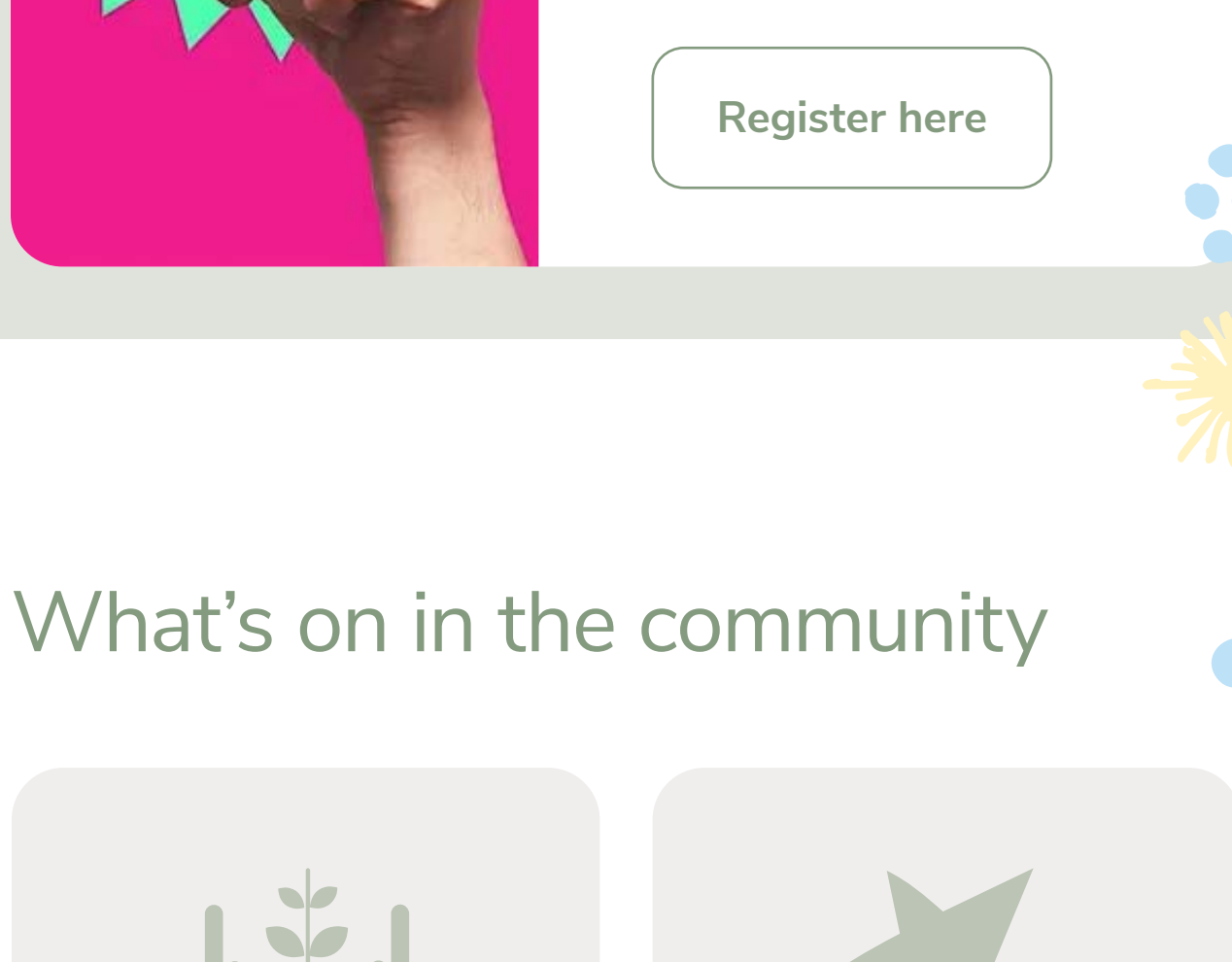
Flora in focus Glorious Grevilleas

The Perth Hills bushland are home to a wonderful diversity of native grevilleas, including the striking Grevillea Bipinnatifida (Fuschia Grevillea) the delicate Grevillea Endlicheriana (Spindly Grevillea) with its fluffy pinky-white blooms and the aptly named Grevillea Synapheae (Catkin Grevillea).

Perfectly adapted to our gravelly soils and hot, dry summers, these hardy shrubs provide nectar-rich flowers that attract honeyeaters, native bees and other pollinators throughout the year.

Red-capped parrots love the seeds produced by Grevillea endlicheriana and Carnaby's cockatoos come down to the forest floor to forage on Grevillea seed. By choosing local species, you create valuable habitat while showcasing the unique beauty of our region.

With well-drained soil and only light pruning after flowering, Perth Hills grevilleas will reward you with vibrant blooms and thriving wildlife for years to come! Excitingly, we are offering Grevillea bipinnatifida as part of our Seedlings for Landcare program so be sure to get your expressions of interest in for the 2027 program.



Fauna in focus Buried treasure: Discover our burrowing frogs

As Djilba brings warmer days between showers, listen for the hidden voices of burrowing frogs in damp gullies, creek lines and seasonal soaks. Species such as moaning, hooting and whooping frogs spend much of their lives underground, emerging when conditions are right to call, feed and breed. Their presence is a great reminder that healthy habitat is more than just trees: it includes moist soils, leaf litter, fallen logs, dense groundcover and clean water. Landholders can help by protecting seepage areas, avoiding chemical use near waterways, retaining natural debris where safe and taking care when driving or walking after rain.

Check out our Frogs and Reptiles spotto game to learn more about the different species you might come across this season.

Play our spotto game

Upcoming Shire Workshops and Events

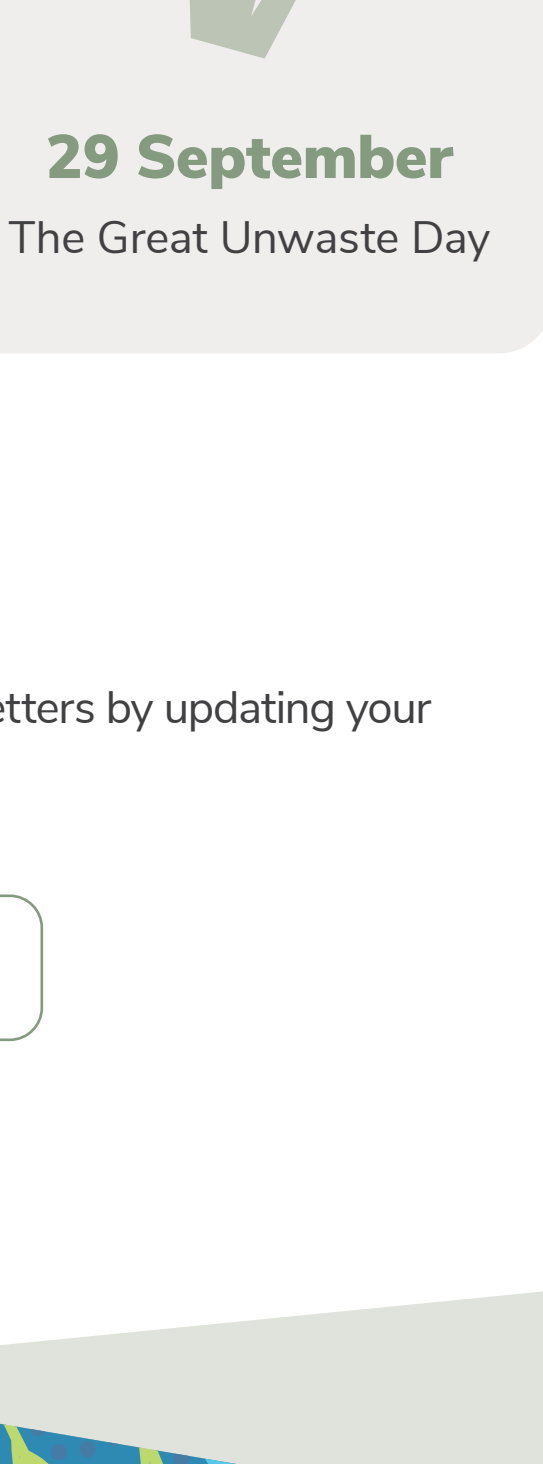
15 August

Wattle we do in the bush

9:30am • Parkerville Hall

Join passionate ecologist Simon Cherriman for an interactive nature walk to discover the wattles that thrive in the Hills - and the ones that don't belong!

Register here



22 August

Discover the Birds of Broz Park

10am • Broz Park Playground

Take a stroll through Broz Park's beautiful wetland with bird enthusiasts and photographers Rachel and Mike Green.

Register here



05 September

ReWild for Caraby's Cockatoos

2pm • Shire of Mundaring

Learn how you can ReWild your garden to provide essential food for the Endangered Carnaby's Cockatoo, as well as meet Baudin Princess Rex from Kaarakin.

Register here



19 September

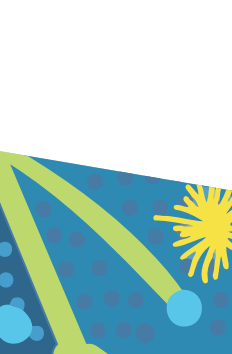
Unwasting Workshop

10am • Shire of Mundaring

Join us for an Unwasting Workshop, where you'll discover practical tips to reduce food waste, save food, money and the planet.

Register here

What's on in the community



03 - 09 August

Landcare Week



03 - 09 August

Keep Australia Beautiful Week



September

Biodiversity Month



September

Secondhand September

September

Clean Up Australia Spring Clean

29 September

The Great Unwaste Day

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