

## **Nature Reserves Preservation Group (NRPG) Inc. Origins.**

- **Mid 1989:** Kalamunda Shire proposes selling off 40-or-so bush reserves for housing and purchasing an equivalent area of land for four large recreation reserves. Letters of opposition to the scheme appear in the local press. Bill King requests those opposed to the scheme contact him.
- **16 June:** Meeting held at Bill King's to prepare strategy, including six motions to be put, for a proposed Special Meeting of Electors
- **21 August: Inaugural meeting of 'NRPG'** held at Bill King's house. Bill elected Convenor, Tony Fowler Deputy. Councillors Clyde Bevan and Dennis Harwood offered to liaise with council and advise on procedural matters. CSIRO research botanist John Marshall offered his services in an advisory capacity. Decision made to form Nature Reserves Preservation Group and to call a Special Meeting of Electors 'NRPG' collects 740 signatures of those opposing scheme 13.
- **18 September:** Survey of Scheme 13 reserves published – compiled by John Marshall.
- **27 September 1989:** On a wet, windy night, close to 1000 residents attended the meeting. The council hall was full and people were outside on the verandah. At the meeting, six motions were proposed that led to Shire actions including the appointment of the Shire's first environmental officer, the formation of what is now CESAC [now KEAC] and a 1990 Shire Strategic Plan having, as Corporate Goal 3 'To be environmentally sensitive and encourage the retention and rejuvenation of our environment.'
- **16 November:** CEO invites six NRPG nominees to special meeting of Shire Planning and Building Services Committee on 29 November '...to consider options for treatment of local public open space areas in the Shire.'
- **17 May 1990:** Meeting with Shire staff to discuss Strategic Plan Goal #3 objectives (the environment).
- **June:** NRPG requests CEO Kelly allot \$50K in 1990/91 budget for an Environmental Officer.

- July **1990**: Shire advertises for an Environmental Officer in the West Australian.
- September: NRPG organises a Logo Competition for 12-17y.o. Winner was Andrew Hutchison, 14 y.o. from Bickley.
- October: Shire invites nominations for membership of the Nature Reserves Advisory Committee (NRAC).
- Early **1991**: NRAC re-named Bush Reserves Advisory Committee (BRAC) Later to be re-named the Community Environmental Advisory Committee (CEAC) and, more recently, the Community Environmental and Sustainability Advisory Committee (CSAC). Now KEAC.
- **1993**: NRPG finally incorporated.

### **NRPG's other contributions to the protection of the natural environment.**

- 1994: Input into and submission on the Shire's District Conservation Strategy (DCS), finalised 1995.
- 1994: Submission to the Select Committee on Metropolitan Development and Groundwater Supplies in the Perth Metropolitan Area.
- 1995 onwards: Battle to preserve natural bushland within the Active land in High Wycombe.
- 1996: Submission on the proposed Darling Range Regional Park.
- 1996: Reserves database presented to the Shire.
- 2004: Submission, through CEAC, for the establishment of a dedicated 'Bush Regeneration Team'. [this was approved in the budget as a 'Reserves/verges' team].
- 2004: Submissions on: Kewdale-Hazelmere Region Integrated Master Plan, Swan Coastal Plain Environmental Protection (Swan Coastal Plain Wetlands) Policy and Regulations 2004, Metropolitan Region Scheme amendment###1082/33 Bush Forever and Related Lands, Bushland Policy for the Perth Metropolitan

Region Statement of Planning Policy 2.8, Local Government Biodiversity Planning Guidelines for the Perth Metropolitan Region (WALGA 2004), Perth and Peel 'Dialogue with the City' Strategy (DPI and WAPC 2004).

- 2005: Submission on BGC brickworks on airport land.
- 24 page submission on Kalamunda Shire Town Planning Scheme (TPS) 3.
- 2009 Latest submission: On Perth Airport Draft Environmental Strategy 2009/14.
- 1996 to present: NRPG has attracted \$70899 in funding for projects within the Shire. Now \$115,129 (30 grants).