

# CREEK LINES

## NEWSLETTER

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*We care for the falls*

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## FOULF Chairman's Report AGM 16th July 2024

Well done to everyone who has supported FOULF this last year!

I am truly impressed with the amazing efforts all FOULF volunteers have put in this last 12 months. Whether it's the planning and organising of the FOULF Committee; the dedication of our community volunteers who turn up to support our Busy Bees; or the multitude of individual actions so many people take on a weekly basis to keep our Upper Lesmurdie Falls in the best condition possible, I'd like to say a big "THANKYOU!" to everyone for contributing to our collective success.



***Bigger turnouts to our planting days this year were very encouraging. This pic from our June Busy bee.***

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Our Committee has continued to do a fabulous job of realising FOULF's Vision; even with some big changes. FOULF's inaugural chairperson Mike Robinson stepped down as Chairperson after more than 11 years' service, we moved into new headquarters at Sanderson Rd and we decided to forego seeking grant funding for plants and grow our own.

It would also be remiss of me not to mention that as the newly elected Chair of FOULF, I made the challenging decision to move to the Pilbara and have been chairing meetings remotely - something I'd like to commend the Committee on for taking to so well.

It's hard to list all the achievements we have made this year; so instead of mentioning individual efforts I will just let you know we appreciate everyone for what they do for FOULF, whether big or small, and hope you keep offering us your time and effort for as long as you are willing.

FOULF has started to settle into our new headquarters on Sanderson Rd in a tenancy agreement with the lessee, Kalamunda Youth Swing Band, through the City of Kalamunda. This period we have made plans for improvements and had some Busy Bees to make it more homely. We are excited to now have received permission from the City to install new security at the facility and we will be commencing that work shortly. Permission to install additional storage is also expected very soon.

We completed our 2023 planting program in the Erosion Gully and Cascades areas, as well as the area opposite the Weir Car Park, allowing us to focus on in-fill planting this year at sites where past plantings have succumbed to the dry summer weather. Luckily, it's now wet again and we hope to give this year's crop of plants the best chance of survival by planting as early as possible and letting their roots grow deep as the weather warms into spring.



***Our team gave our new headquarters at Sanderson road a clean-up - the first of several jobs to make the place fit for purpose.***

We have also completed the assessment and reporting part of our Dieback project and although it is now clear there is considerable impact from Phytophthora Cinnamomi Dieback across the Upper Lesmurdie Falls, we can now move ahead with managing this threat with support from DBCA and other partners. As a first step in addressing this disease (and completing this project) we will be conducting a spraying program with phosphorous acid along pathways and other areas with high visitor numbers. This will provide about 12 months protection against Phytophthora Dieback in those areas.

We are now also taking our message to a wider audience through stalls in the community, with our stall at Rotary's Kalamunda Artisan Markets providing a great chance to showcase our work and acknowledge the efforts of all the volunteers who support our Busy Bees. Through this regular exposure we are also growing our membership at a steady rate. Not an easy thing to do in these busy times.

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***New member, Margaret Sorah helped to prepare natives for planting at our propagation centre.***

The growth of our group is not just in its membership, it is also literally growing in the native plants we are now planting. The Propagation Group has excelled in germinating seed, striking cuttings and growing ALL of the seedlings we are planting this season, and at the time of writing this was in excess of 2,000 plants ready for this season and a further 850 that will be carried over for next year. Not only is this a tremendous effort by all those volunteers involved, it saves our group money, provides a variety of interesting activities for volunteers and ensures we are now planting more locally sourced native plants than ever before.

There is so much more to say about our achievements this year, but the best thing I can do is encourage everyone who's interested in knowing more, to head to our website and take a look at our 'Creek Lines' newsletter – therein being a detailed account of our achievements and a vast suite of additional knowledge to help you further enjoy Upper Lesmurdie Falls.

As always we would like to express our deep gratitude to our major sponsors, the State NRM Office, Perth Region NRM, the Rivers and Estuaries section of DBCA, the Rotary Club of Kalamunda, the City of Kalamunda, Lotterywest, Community Bank Forrestfield & High Wycombe (aka Bendigo Bank), SG Enviro and Tree and Palm Solutions.

I would also like to thank the Lesmurdie and Districts Community Association (LDCA) and The Kalamunda Men's Shed for their past and ongoing support.

FOULF's work is more than the simple sum of our volunteer's efforts – it is a complex formula of passion, vision, a bit of sweat, a lot of joy and happiness and all topped off with a celebration every time we come together to support our special place.

We love the Falls.

And I can't thank you all enough for everything you do to love it with us.

Mick Davis  
Chairperson  
Friends of Upper Lesmurdie Falls Inc.

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# Busy Bee - 12 May

Report from Nick Underwood

With still no rain in sight, activities for this busy bee focussed on preparation for the planting season and good winter rain. On site the ground is the driest we've ever seen for this time of year and if the same dry occurs next year, new plantings need to happen sooner this season to give them a good chance of survival. To that end we decided to spend time excavating planting holes in preparation for soaking prior to planting. Hopefully the weather will break soon and the arduous task of watering in won't be needed.



***In parched ground our team prepared holes for watering in advance of our first planting of the 2024 year.***



***Pete and Steph Bewick mucked in with Dick Parker and others to clear years of leaf litter from the new headquarters.***

The dry weather helped our cause at the meeting rooms at Sanderson Road where Steph, husband Pete plus Dick, Nick and Seb set to raking a large accumulation of leaf litter into trailers for transport to the tip.

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Meanwhile, up at the shade house propagation centre, Terry, Carmel, Marie (with grand daughter Ophelia) and Margaret continued maintenance weeding and pot cleaning in advance of re-potting activities. (By the following Monday Nick had laid a paving pathway in two more shade houses for a more stable walkway)



***At the shade houses, weeding and potting got under way.***

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Back at the creek the team of Max, Mike M, Mark, Paul, Mike R, Seb J, Tayla and Carl also cleared the creek below the upper weir to facilitate a better flow rate once Huey opens the floodgates.



***A team used rocks from the creek bed to protect the creek banks and improve flow.***

With all tasks complete it only remained to take a convivial cuppa and delightful munchies courtesy of Angie back at the Marquee where Joanna had been our (thankfully un-utilised) first aid officer and promoter of our efforts to passers-by.

Great job everyone and bring on the deluge.

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# Our 2024 AGM

The Friends of Upper Lesmurdie Falls Inc. 2024 Annual General Meeting took place at our headquarters on Sanderson Road, Lesmurdie on Tuesday the 16th of July.

Attendance was excellent with 17 attending in person, our Chair (Mick Davis) attending remotely online and there were three apologies.

As Mick Davis was attending remotely, he requested that someone present in person chair the meeting and Mike Robinson was appointed to that role.

The meeting commenced with the Chairman's Annual Report in which he congratulated the full membership on their outstanding contribution in what has been a very productive year, thanked the outgoing committee for all their hard work, summed up the main achievements for the year and thanked our sponsors.

Our Treasurer, John Greenwood, followed with the Treasurer's Report for the Financial Year 2023/24. The main items were,

- a) the finalisation and financial acquittal of three projects during the year (the Extension and Infill Project, the Erosion Gully Project and the Eroded Tributary Project).
- b) that during the year we received income of \$3,750.78, expended \$6,849.35 and finished the Financial Year with a balance of \$10,836.11 in our accounts.

All committee positions were then declared vacant, nominations for committee positions were called and the incoming committee was duly elected as follows.

Chair: Mick Davis elected unopposed.

Vice Chair: there being no nominations from the floor, the meeting tasked the new committee with following this up and filling the position at a later time.

Secretary: Mike Mansfield elected unopposed.

Treasurer: John Greenwood elected unopposed.

General committee members: The following members were nominated and all elected en bloc. Richard Parker, Terry Ballinger, Nick Underwood, Marie Jacquier, Steph Bewick, Joanne Anderson, Max Shine, Mike Robinson, Jackie Anderson, Sebastiano Di Renzo and Mark Simpson.

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**Our new committee. Back L to R: Mike Mansfield, John Greenwood, Max Shine, Sebastian Di Renzo, Mark Simpson, Mike Robinson, Terry Ballinger, (Dave Anderson), Nick Underwood. Front L to R: Steph Bewick, Dick Parker, Joanna Anderson, Jackie Anderson.**

The meeting thanked all the new committee and congratulated them on their appointment. The meeting then endorsed a recommendation that the committee be able to appoint additional general committee members up to a maximum of 12. Thus one additional member can be appointed during the year.

This period we have made plans for improvements and had some Busy Bees to make it more homely, and we are excited to now be close to gaining permission from the City to install new storage and security at the facility.

### **Progress on our security and storage upgrade at our Sanderson Road headquarters.**

As August winds up, we have made considerable progress in getting our improvement plans approved by the City. The security improvements in the main building have now been approved and we are now able to commence that work. The installation of a sea container on site at Sanderson Road should be approved by the first week of September. The sea container itself has already been procured through a generous donation. In a separate case of generosity, Kalamunda Youth Swing Band have allowed us to use their shed at Sanderson Road until such time as they need it again. They estimate that will probably be at least two years away. So we are very close to having ample, secure storage at our headquarters to store the great majority of our equipment. That will make preparations for Busy Bees and other activities a lot easier and more efficient. A big thank you goes to Steph Bewick for guiding the applications through the City's processes and to Kalamunda Youth Swing Band for their support throughout what has been a lengthy journey.

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# Busy Bee - 16 June

Report from Nick Underwood

After a week's delay due to glorious rain, an enthusiastic team of 34 volunteers gathered on Sunday to get our first plantings of the season in the ground.

With Nick having drilled a large number of holes the day before, the stage was set for a very efficient morning's work and Marie, Mike R, Steph and husband Pete were at the shade houses by 7am to load up plants and transport them to site.

By 8am a contingent of volunteers, (more than twice our usual turnout) some coming from as far as Mandurah were gloved, tooled up and ready for action. With Mike R, Marie and Steph leading the charge our team began planting the first of three sites while Mike M and Suda drilled in other areas to stay ahead of the pack.

We have to say it was most gratifying to see so many newbies come along - mostly parent and kids combos but also a number of individuals who had seen us at the shows and felt inspired to come along and lend a hand.

Nearly all, we suspect, motivated by the disastrous mass tree death inflicted on the bush this last summer. From 8 to 10.30am under a bright sunny sky our band of vollies tucked 950 plants into bed followed up with a nice drink to settle them in. They even found time to wash all the empty pots ready for sterilisation. And through it all no-one needed as much as a bandaid from our first aider Joanna who held the fort at our marquee.



***The fruits of our propagation team's efforts are loaded into the trailer at the shade houses.***

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***The planting team gets into action on rain-soaked ground.***

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*Even after good rain we gave each plant an extra drink.*



*The terraces also got a facelift.*

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***With planting completed in record time, all the pots got a wash in readiness for sterilisation.***

By the end of the pot wash everyone was ready for a cuppa, a sit down and to feast on Angie's delectable delights including sausage sizzle, savoury scrolls, biscuits and her famous pineapple fruit cake - all home-made under pressure to sate 33 hungry worker's appetites. Angie, we salute you.



***A very welcome morning tea was had by all.***

Around 11.45, as if on cue, a lovely dump of rain came along and put a full stop on proceedings.

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The 20 or so species we planted included *Isopogon dubius* (pin cushion cone flower), *Hakea petiolaris* (Sea urchin hakea) and *Calothamnus quadrifidus* (one sided bottle brush).



*Isopogon dubius* - Pincushion Coneflower



*Calothamnus quadrifidus* - Common Net Bush

A big thank you to everyone who came along to help and we hope to see you again on our next planting day in July.

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# Looking Ahead

# COMING ATTRACTIONS

From Mike Robinson

As we leave June and July behind, we have completed the bulk of our planting program for the year. These plants have gone into nice moist soil and been watered in, firstly by us when we put them in and then by rainfall in the following weeks. So we have given them the best chance of thriving that we possibly can.

It is a great time to acknowledge the efforts of all our volunteers and particularly our Propagation Group who have raised all these plants from seed or cuttings – what a fantastic effort.

Our August Busy Bee saw the remaining plants go into the ground and the beginning of a change of focus onto weed control and maintenance issues. In addition we will be able to start work on improvements at our Sanderson Road headquarters.



Having provided us with all those plants for this year's planting, the Propagation Group are already busy raising next year's crop of local native plants. So there is plenty of variety in the tasks ahead and something for everyone regardless of your particular interests.



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As you move around the site now I am sure you will all be thrilled to see the stream in full flow – a wonderful change from the horror months over summer and autumn when it ground to a halt and most of the park was under severe stress. Many plants have made good recoveries but it will be many months before we know which large dead looking trees will reshoot and gradually recover.



**From dry as the proverbial, Lesmurdie Brook is once again in full flow.**



**It remains to be seen if this magnificent old paperbark will survive last summer's vicious heatwaves.**

With the good rainfall we have received since late May (over 550 mls so far!) the bush is starting to flower and will build steadily until it peaks in spring. The yellows of our local wattles and the blues of the Hoveas are becoming prominent.



**Hovea trisperma (Common Hovea)**



**Acacia nervosa (Ribbed Wattle)**



**Hovea pungens (Devil's Pins)**

Soon the whites of the karri hazel, pimeleas and the hakeas will start to take over. The first of the orchids are starting to flower (blue china, little fairy, donkey, greenhood and rattlebeak orchids have all been spotted in the last few weeks).



**Pimelea ciliata (White Banjine)**



**Diuris brumalis (Donkey Orchid)**



**Trymalium odoratissimum (karri hazel)**

So treat yourselves to a wander through the park and remind yourselves what a wonderful place it is.

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# Busy Bee - 14 July

Report from Mike Robinson

This Busy Bee was our second planting event for 2024 and targeted the area just above the Falls where we had commenced planting in 2023. As you will be aware, the exceptionally severe dry period from late 2023 through to May this year resulted in the deaths of many mature shrubs and trees over a wide area of southern W.A. Our site wasn't spared and we lost many trees. We also lost about 50% of the plants we put in last year and so now we are replacing them with an infill planting program.

Thousands of visitors walk through the planting area on their way to see the Falls and consequently it is vital that the areas with new plants are clearly identified in a way that allows people to avoid inadvertently trampling on them. So we went down the day before the Busy Bee and roped off the areas in preparation. Our thanks to Parks and Wildlife for providing us with another 200 metres of flagged rope which allowed us to do this. We also drilled a few hundred planting holes so that our volunteers could start planting as soon as they arrived on Sunday.

Sunday turned out to be perfect planting weather right up until we were safely sheltering under the gazebos and enjoying Angie's wonderful morning tea. Then some light rain began to fall. 34 volunteers planted three trailer loads of plants – about 1,000 plants – watered them in and rinsed out all the pots in preparation for sterilisation at a later date. A really wonderful effort which replaced all the 2023 seedlings (in that area) that we lost over the dry spell - and then some.



***A large group of enthusiastic volunteers gets a quick refresher on planting from Marie before they get their hands dirty.***

Amongst our 34 participants that morning were 11 new members keen to be part of our restoration project. We thank everyone who came down on Sunday and in particular to those coming for the first time. We hope to see you back for many more Busy Bees. We also hope we made you feel welcome and that you enjoyed your time with us.

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At 10:30 ish we packed up and moved up the hill to the marquees to join Angie for morning tea while our Vice Chair, Marie, thanked everyone and gave some background to new members on what we are doing and why. This was also a chance for us to present some of our longer serving members with shirts and hats carrying both Parks and Wildlife and our own logos. We are looking forward to being able to present many more of these in the future as more of our volunteers become regulars at our Busy Bees.



**Happy plants in their new home next to the creek.**



**It took two marquees and a picnic shelter to keep the rain off the morning tea.**

Special thanks to all those who helped prepare for the day and ensure its smooth running – Dick for the marquees and equipment, John for the pre drilling and plant transport, Marie for guiding the planting program, Mike M. and John for staying ahead of the planters while drilling the planting holes, Steph, Carmel and Terry for their answering queries about planting and generally ensuring everyone was supported throughout, Joanna for manning the First Aid post and Angie for yet another wonderful morning tea.



**Steph gives the pots a tub.**

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# WEED WARRIORS

## Weedy Bulbs and Corms

By Steph Bewick

Unfortunately, we are “blessed” with quite a suite of weeds with bulbs or corms, many of which we can reasonably aim to eradicate. Others may fall in the containment category and some are beyond what we can deal with and we may just have to live with those – at least for the foreseeable future.

They are all dormant over summer and emerge as winter sets in. Thus, control measures are only practical in the cooler months.

In the category where we could attempt eradication are those that are both;

- a) not too numerous
- b) form bulbs or corms that are relatively large and easily dug out.

The plants that might fit this category are:



**Watsonia**



**Jonquils**



**Daffodils**



**Peacock iris**



**Pink Gladiolus**

These all occur in low enough numbers that they can be dug out individually and, if every plant is targeted, will not reappear in that place the following year. So fairly rapid progress towards eradication can occur.

We have been tackling jonquils, daffodils and peacock iris for a number of years now and are close to eradicating them. Just a bit more effort over the next two years and we should be free of those weeds.

Pink gladiolus is only present in parts of the site, generally the drier upland sections, and although there are still quite a few remaining, we could definitely eliminate them.

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Watsonia is very widespread but we have spent many years tackling it and have achieved extremely good control in the erosion gully area – it is almost eradicated there – and we have reduced its numbers severely in the eastern half of the site. So eradication there is within reach. The western third of the site is more of a problem and numbers there are quite high.

Slightly more difficult species that can be dealt with in a similar way but may need more repeat visits are:



**Harlequin flower (two species).**



**Yellow ixia**



**One leaf cape tulip**



**Long-tubed painted lady**



**Wavy gladiolus**



**Two leaf cape tulip**

These species form cormels underground and may require some soil to be removed (and disposed of) so that the cormels don't get lost and remain in the dirt after removing the parent plant and main corm. So, where there was one mature plant, there may now be 10 or so small ones.

**Wavy gladiolus, long tubed painted lady, yellow ixia, harlequin flower and cape tulip** are all species that are either scattered throughout the site, or restricted to small areas, but rarely in huge numbers at any location.



**Many small corms/cormels around a corm**

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The remaining species are more difficult to deal with but in some cases we simply must make the effort or they will spread rapidly and cause major problems very quickly.

They are:

### **Three-cornered garlic**

One such case is three cornered garlic. This weed spreads by both seed and bulbils and is capable of totally swamping large areas. We had one major infestation in a relatively small area but comprising many thousands of plants. Initially we attempted to dig them out from these dense mats but we failed dismally. The bulbs of even mature plants are quite small and although the thousands of bulbils surrounding the mature plants vary greatly in size, large numbers of them are very small indeed. Even with careful attention and great dedication it is virtually impossible to get much more than 50% of the bulbs and bulbils.



***Three-cornered garlic***

Thus, dense mats must be treated with herbicide initially to knock the numbers down to the point where we can deal with them by hand. Once we get the numbers down to individual plants separated from each other, we can dig out the soil around those plants and dispose of the lot – soil and the bulbs/bulbils within it. After our failure to control them using manual methods we resorted to herbicide treatment and the numbers are now well within our reach for complete localised eradication in that treated area.

Where this weed is just establishing (and we have quite a few areas where this is the case) we may also be able to control them using the soil disposal technique. If that fails, we can fall back on careful use of a suitable herbicide.

It is also critical that we ensure that all flower heads are removed before seed is produced. Obviously, that is covered where we remove the entire plant but anywhere that we can't remove the plant before flowering, we must remove all the flowers early.

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## **Freesia**

Whereas locating the three-cornered garlic is quite easy, freesias are much more difficult to find and map.

Freesias are widespread across the site and, like three cornered garlic, quite capable of carpeting large areas of bush. Our first problem is to map all infestations so that we can return to them regularly or direct contractors to them in a time-efficient manner. Their distribution is scattered, the plants are small, and the bush is often thick. So, pointing someone in the general direction of where they occur won't guarantee that they will be found. Thus, once we find a patch, we need to be able to map it in a way where we (and third parties) can quickly locate it later on. At the moment, contractors spend more time finding the plants than treating them and that tends to make the exercise uneconomical. GPS based mapping tools are the most likely way we can improve this.



**Freesia**

Removing flower heads before they set seed is vitally important for this species too. They produce copious quantities of seed, and it is attractive to parrots, so failure to stop seed set will not only see more plants next year in that location but everywhere that the parrots drop seed. Other birds and mammals may also be spreaders.

Where numbers are high and infestations are dense, we may again need to use herbicides as a first step. Isolated plants can be dug out, but great care needs to be taken to find and remove all corms and cormels – not easy but it may be worthwhile for small numbers of plants. Particularly if we can prevent establishment of freesias in a new location.

So once again we need to carefully remove the soil around the plant and dispose of the lot. Herbicide treatment of the parent plant has no effect on the cormels, so herbicide application can kill the parent but the cormels will germinate once the parent corm has gone. So, a return visit the following year will be required.

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## **Soursob**

Soursob is becoming quite widespread on our site and our best option is spot spraying before it spreads further. Soursob is unusual in that it flowers profusely but doesn't set any seed. It spreads by producing bulbils and it has contractile roots which pull the bulbils deep into the soil. The bulbils are only loosely attached and generally fall off when the plant is pulled out or dug up. For those reasons, manual control is generally not a viable option.



***Soursob***

**Finger leaf oxalis and Guildford grass** unfortunately are widespread on our site and far too numerous to seriously consider any form of control at the present time. We simply don't have the financial resources or manpower to tackle them.



***Finger leaf oxalis***



***Guildford Grass***

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## Hakea myrtoides

Hakea myrtoides, also known as the Hakea myrtle, is a distinctive small lignotuberous shrub that reaches a height of 0.5 metres. Its small elliptical leaves with sharp tips are a unique feature. The plant's strikingly beautiful deep pink to red flowers, which emerge from the leaf axils and cluster on the stems near the branch ends during winter and early spring, are another standout characteristic. The small, oval, and woody seed pods, each containing two winged seeds, add to its charm.



Hakea Myrtle grows in Jarrah and Wandoo woodlands in the Darling Ranges, the Avon Wheatbelt, Geraldton Sandplains, and the Swan Coastal Plain. Small populations grow in loam, gravel, and clay, often associated with granite & dolerite boulders.

Although not currently listed as threatened, the Hakea myrtoides is a rare and precious gem in the botanical world, owing to its limited distribution. Its rarity underscores the importance of its conservation.

Hakea Myrtoiedes has the potential to be an attractive garden plant, but it is challenging to grow due to its particular niche requirements. It can grow in full sun or partial shade but does best in hot, dry conditions as it is very susceptible to moisture and will die back in warm, humid conditions. Grafting of the species onto the eastern *H. salicifolia* has been very successful, as has the crossing with *H. petiolaris* producing the hardy and spectacular garden species 'Burradong Beauty' that originated in the 1980s at Burrendong Botanic Garden and Arboretum in NSW. Hakea myrtoides can be grown from seed, but seed is difficult to obtain. Summer humidity can cause dieback of the flowers and seeds. Propagation from cuttings is difficult. FOULF has succeeded in growing over 50 plants from local seed. These will be planted in granite outcrops in Mundi Park, ensuring the conservation of this exceptional and rare hakea.

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Our project is located within the Lesmurdie National Park and Mundy Regional Park, which come under the control of the Parks and Wildlife section of the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions. The Department was the catalyst for our formation in 2012 and has strongly supported us ever since. We really value that support and particularly the trust that they have shown in us for the last 11 years.

The Lesmurdie and Districts Community Association (LDCA) was a wonderful partner for many years and enabled us to raise considerable funding for improvements that weren't covered by the NRM grants. Paths, bridges, earthworks, car parks, children's climbing frames and more – the Up the Creek (UTC) project.

The Kalamunda Men's Shed partnered with us to build shade houses where we could raise our own plants and where we could hold plants grown for us by nurseries – prior to planting out. We greatly value our association with KMS and hope it will continue and deepen for many years. More recently they have also helped us acquire two green houses to further enhance our plant propagation work.



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# ABOUT US

Formed in Dec 2012 by a few like-minded people, the Friends of Upper Lesmurdie Falls Inc. have committed themselves to helping to rehabilitate, improve the amenity and record the history of the area – which initially was badly degraded by large infestations of weeds that had taken over and suffocated the native flora.

# BUSY BEES

Busy bees mornings are held on the 2nd Sunday of every month - tackling weeding, stone work, propagating, planting, rubbish clearing, exotic tree removal and maintenance work. We make sure there is always something for all ages and abilities.

Everyone is always very welcome to join in - no experience or tools needed.



And we always finish with a well catered morning tea thanks to Angie Parker!

Want a fun morning at a busy bee for you or your family? Contact us to find out the details.

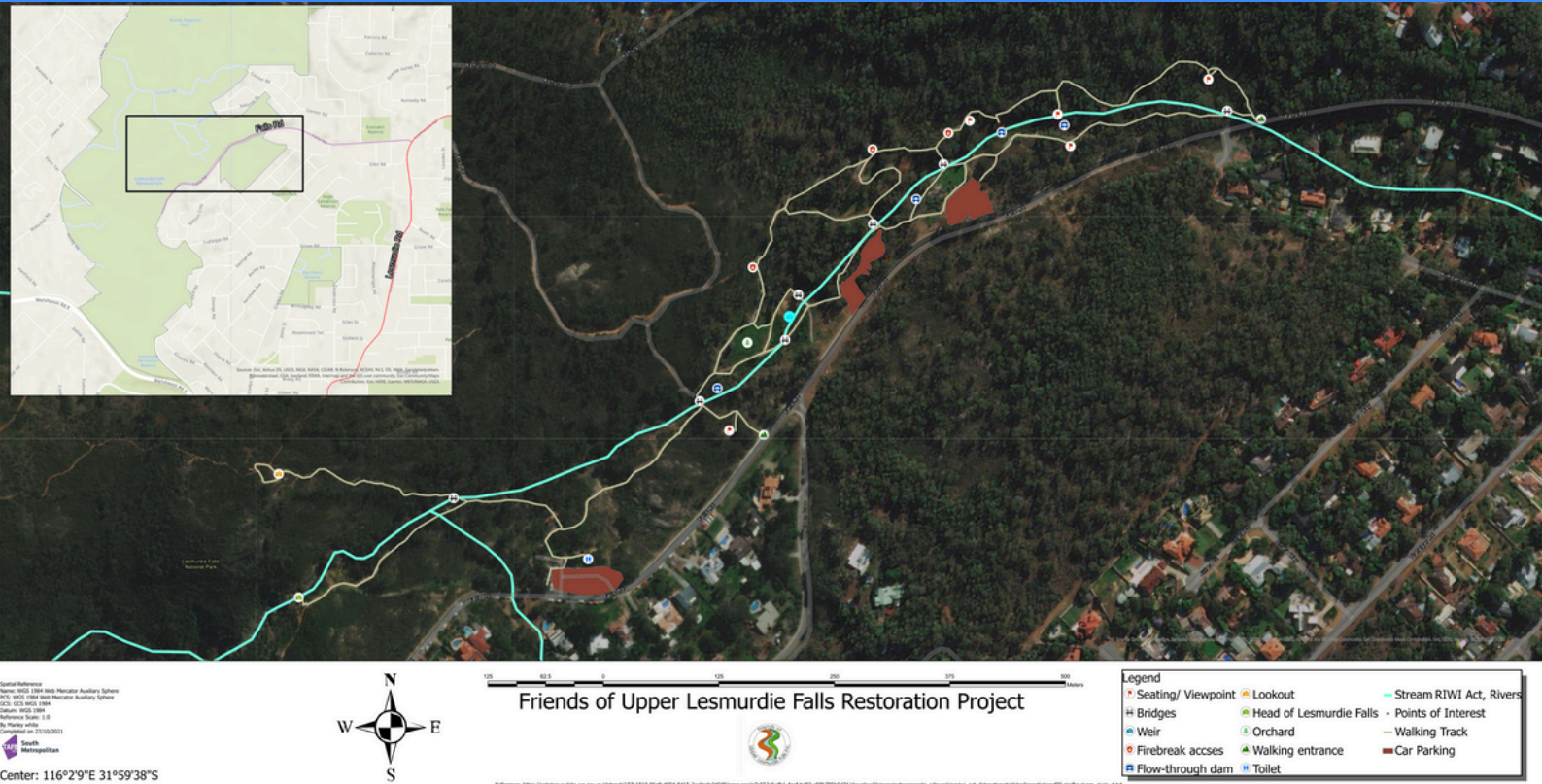
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