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### Meetings

MPG members are welcome to attend monthly committee meetings held on the last Monday of each month (except December). Social meetings, guest speaker presentations and bush BBQ's are held regularly and advertised in the MPG newsletter.

#### 'Malleefowl' Matter newsletter

Annually MPG members receive three editions of the 'Malleefowl Matter' newsletter. This publication will keep you up to date with activities, project reports, volunteer opportunities and dates of forthcoming events. Members are encouraged to participate through contribution of editorials or letters to the editor.

#### Further Information

Administration: Copies of the MPG Constitution, Trust Fund Rules, Community Action Plan, 'First Five Years' publication, Auditor's reports, Committee Member contacts and MPG Policy Documents are available to all MPG members.

General Information and Support: Should you require further information on any of the MPG projects or are seeking assistance/advice on improving nature conservation in your local area, we encourage you to contact the Malleefowl Preservation Group.

# You Can Help

The Malleefowl Preservation Group provide the following membership opportunities and encourage your participation through:

- Volunteering for field survey activities
- Pledge to abide by and promote the Aims and Objectives of the Malleefowl Preservation Group Inc
- Assist in 'manning' display board venues
- Help in Fund Raising
- Suggest an MPG guest speaker be invited to your community group or school
- Make a tax deductible donation
- Contribute to the 'Malleefowl Matter' newsletter

If you have a particular skill or idea and would like to be actively involved in our program, please contact your MPG committee.

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# Malleefoivl Matter



Your membership guide to the

Malleefowl Preservation Group Inc.

Welcome to the Malleefowl Preservation Group Inc. This introductory membership brochure provides you with a brief outline of our organisation. We thank you for your support and through your membership we provide assistance and encouragement for you to take an active role in nature conservation within your area.

## Background

The Malleefowl, (Leipoa ocellata) is an threatened species classified as 'vulnerable' (Nationally) and 'rare or likely to become extinct' (Western Australian Wildlife Conservation Act).

Local concern for the decline of the Gnowangerup faunal emblem, the 'gnow' (Noongar Aboriginal name) led to the formation of the Malleefowl Preservation Group (MPG) in 1992 as a sub-committee of the Gnowangerup Land Conservation District Committee (LCDC). The MPG became an independent incorporated body in August, 1995.

#### Group Status and Focus

The Malleefowl Preservation Group Inc is a non-profit statewide community organisation providing a grass roots focus for on-farm nature conservation.

#### The Malleefowl is our 'flagship' species!

The unique lifestyle of the malleefowl has resulted in this special bird becoming a valuable 'flagship' and MPG identity. Saving our malleefowl leads to saving our bush, saving our native fauna and saving our heritage for future generations.

#### Aims and Objectives

- To preserve and if possible, re-establish sustainable and secure populations of malleefowl in their natural habitat in Western Australia
- To enhance knowledge (distribution and natural history) through field surveys and research.
- To develop a long term conservation program for the malleefowl and to seek the support and cooperation of private individuals, community groups, government agencies, schools and universities.
- To increase community awareness for the preservation of the malleefowl by producing and extending information material to the community and contributing to school education programs.
- To raise funds and seek support from government, corporate bodies, private individuals and groups for the preservation of the malleefowl and its associated habitat.
- To ensure that the group activities do not cause unnecessary disturbance to the malleefowl and associated native flora and fauna.

#### Projects and Activities

- Malleefowl research and monitoring
- Community Awareness
- School Education
- Fox baiting
- Feral cat eradication
- Establishment of Wildlife corridors
- Remnant Vegetation Protection
- \* Re-vegetation—planting local species
- Road Verges Mapping
- Recording of Malleefowl and associated fauna sightings
- Assistance to interested rural groups
- Fund raising
- Social activities
- Newsletter publication

#### Membership Fees

Your membership to the Malleefowl Preservation Group is a once only fee. However annual donations are always welcome, either direct to the MPG or as a tax deductible payment through the Community Conservation Trust Fund (below).

#### Tax Deductible Donations

As Trustee, the Malleefowl Preservation Group Inc launched the **Community Conservation Trust Fund** in 1997. This fund has been established to encourage tax deductible donations to support ongoing conservation projects.