

Rosalie and Robert Glynn own a 0.2 ha block on the eastern banks of the King River approximately 12 kilometres north east of Albany townsite. Ever since they purchased the bush block in 1996, they have zealously guarded the remnant bush. When the builders constructed her house Rosalie excluded them from intruding into the bush area and laid down strict rules about waste disposal on site. On one occasion she collected some of the builders' rubbish which had blown into the bush area and hung it in large, obvious rubbish bags on the boundary rope between the bush and the house site, making sure that the 'no rubbish' message was clearly understood!

Rosalie is a natural 'green thumb' and has quickly revegetated any of the degraded areas on the block. She became intrigued with the vast array of plant species that kept flowering in her garden so began to collect plant

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specimens in a small home herbarium. Late last year she took her pressed specimens into the Albany herbarium for identification. They recorded over 94 species and one turned out to be a Declared Rare Flora, *Laxmania jamesii*. There are still many small grasses and annual herbs in the garden which haven't been identified, then there are the fungi, the lichens and, of course, the growing number of animals using the garden too.....

Rosalie's garden is smaller than the minimal 2 hectares for full membership with *Land for Wildlife*. However, we have special smaller *Land for Wildlife* signs for these smaller properties where the owners are still managing their bushland to preserve its diversity. These landholders also receive 'Western Wildlife' and are welcome to make contributions with their nature observations.

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