

NEWS

BUSHLAND MANAGEMENT WITH FRIENDS, YORK AND BINDOON

Two *LFW* coffee mornings were held in the Perth area recently, one in September hosted by Jan and Keith Schekkerman at York and the other at Bindoon in October, hosted by Wendy Russell.

The Schekkermans' 32 ha block contains approximately 20 ha of bushland and has several different land formations and habitats ranging from sandy sheoak to granite outcrop and wandoo woodland. While refreshments were being enjoyed, Keith and Jan discussed their property and how they hoped it would eventually develop. Penny Hussey gave a fascinating recount of the geological history of the area, leading to the landforms that we see today. A most enjoyable ramble was undertaken through a variety of vegetation types and landforms, with nearly 150 plants being noted in flower. Of particular interest was the granite outcrop which was in excellent condition, where we were delighted to find a colony of elbow orchids. As we walked, participants exchanged ideas and suggestions, based on their own experiences.



Orchid spotting on a granite sward.
Photo: P. Hussey

Wendy Russell's property, just south of Bindoon, has mixed woodland of marri, jarrah and wandoo and is enjoyed by a wide range of native fauna. Some of the *LFW* participants were particularly interested in the problem with

dieback and its successful treatment. Wendy and her neighbours, Rhonda and Graeme Vincent, had liaised with the Chittering Landcare Group and performed a staggering 3,000 stem injections on vulnerable jarrah trees. Wendy commented that she never knew that she had so many jarrahs on her property until she had had to stem inject them! It was very pleasing to report at the end of the walk that the jarrahs on their properties were looking much healthier than on the first *LFW* visit in November 2001.



Studying the symptoms of marri canker.
Photo: C. Hall

LFW coffee mornings provide an excellent opportunity for participants to get together and meet like-minded people in a relaxed and informal atmosphere. Judging by the comments made, both events were much enjoyed, and *LFW* looks forward to facilitating further coffee mornings in the future.

If you would like to host a *LFW* coffee morning, with refreshments and organisation provided by *LFW*, please contact:

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