

Bitten by the green bug

Linda Taman — a profile

Linda Taman lives in Bayswater and is involved in a number of organisations which play an active role in looking after the local environment.

She is president of the Bayswater Greenwork group, a member of the Bayswater Integrated Catchment Management Committee, a member of the Bayswater Council's environmental advisory group, and regional co-ordinator for System 6—Ecoplan.

As if this isn't enough Linda is the mother of two daughters aged 12 and 8 and operates a day care service for children seven days and six nights a week.

Caring for young children in her family day care business is just one of the many tasks which Linda performs daily.

Linda and her husband Paul, a teacher at beechborough Primary school, moved to Bayswater with their two daughters five years ago.

A long time member of Greenpeace and the Wilderness Society, Linda went along to a meeting of Bayswater Greenwork and found they needed someone to present a proposal to the local council and since none of the three other members were able to make the presentation Linda was encouraged to attend.

"I had never been to a committee meeting before and I sat there with my heart thumping, said Linda.

"I said my few words and sat down.

"I had never been so scared in my life — but it made me realise that I had something to contribute.

"I think everyone should do something which makes you scared stiff."

It is this philosophy that has enabled the Bayswater Greenwork group to decide to become caretakers of the foreshore reserve on the Swan River south of Garratt Road bridge and to work together



for the preservation and restoration of this valuable wetland.

Although the System 6 (M 51) area is in three municipalities and has links with at least three government departments the group has managed to attract various types of funding and is working with these authorities to establish a regeneration and management plan for the area.

This is due in part to the vision and determination of Linda.

Linda would like to see the City of Bayswater develop an environmental strategy which would care for small remnants of bushland in the shire, increase native planting in street verges and parks, develop more cycleways, establish and maintain care of the drainage system and seek to control domestic animals.

Linda's involvement with Greenwork has had a significant effect on her life.

"When we moved to Bayswater I was studying psychology part time and through my involvement with Greenwork I switched to Environmental Science.

"I would like to finish my degree and work as a consultant in bush regeneration work," Linda said.

Good news for reserves

The long and difficult task of implementing System 6 saw some significant breakthroughs and results from much effort this year in terms of regional parks, the setting aside of conservation reserves and the preparation of management plans by local authorities.

In September, Cabinet made some long awaited decisions about the vesting and management of regional parks. The transformation of regional parks from a concept to reality has been a long and tricky process.

This is particularly because of the range of land tenure to be included in the parks and the funding requirements for their on-going management.

Legislation will be enacted to create a new category of land called regional park to be managed by CALM. An annual grant of \$1.45 million will be provided from next financial year to manage the parks.

Final reports to establish the Beelihar (Coogee wetlands) and Yellagonga (Lake Joondalup and associated wetlands) Regional Parks were released in June and November respectively.

Progress continues to be made in the preparation of the Darling Range Regional Park report which is considering the full length of the scarp in the metropolitan region.

On another front in recent months conservation reserves have been set aside east of Wooroloo, adjacent to Avon Valley National Park, at Bullsbrook and on islands in Shoalwater Bay.

Local authorities are making a significant contribution to urban conservation, particularly in the form of management plans.

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Ecoplan update

— from EPA community involvement co-ordinator Margo O'Byrne

Spring is always a busy time and this year has been no exception.

Apart from having the best display of wildflowers in the past 70 years — and I was fortunate enough to take a journey north of Ninghan station to indulge myself in a few days of splendour — there have been a great many things going on in our local bushland areas.

A number of groups have taken advantage of the display to conduct walks and awareness days in local reserves which has provided a great opportunity to encourage family, friends and neighbours to appreciate the local bushland.

Bush regeneration courses have again taken place at APACE in North Fremantle, Gosnells, and Bayswater and along with others, a number of Ecoplan volunteers have increased their bush regeneration skills and taken responsibility for the care of their local reserves.

I was delighted to attend the launch of the regeneration plan for Mary Carroll Park which was a direct follow on from the course at Gosnells.

Congratulations to the City of Gosnells for their progressive work in this area.

Congratulations also to all those who received recognition for their efforts in

the John Tonkin awards.

Parkerville Primary school in particular deserves the recognition.

Many of you will have been pleased, as I was to see that Carina Tan Van Barren from *The West Australian* gained the media award for her reports of local conservation groups

I know that these articles have brought much needed publicity to the valuable work being done by many of you.

The Bayswater Greenwork group has received funding from the Youth Conservation Corps to conduct a training program for young unemployed people in the Garratt Road reserve and has completed a regeneration plan for the area.

Armadale Settlers Common has gained funding and work has begun on the construction of an Environment Education centre on the reserve.

Brett Tizard promises that there will be a party there for the official opening.

A windy day on November 1, saw the launch of the Yellagonga Regional Park and the friends group there is involved in ongoing bush regeneration work at Lake Goollelal as well as promotion of the park to the local community.

The local chapter of the Australian Association of Environmental Education

hosted the national conference here in September and it was a great opportunity to share ideas with others throughout Australia working in this area.

I was given the opportunity to present a workshop on Ecoplan and have had follow up calls from people in Tasmania, Victoria and Queensland wanting to know more.

Further training sessions have been run at the Shire of Swan and thanks to all the willing participants who gave their time on Saturday mornings.

Thanks again to all who presented talks including Fiona Keating from EPA, Joan Payne from WA Conservation Council, Neil Robinson from DPUD, Peter Keppel from CALM, Grant McKinnon from Shire of Swan, Jane Blake from Ellen Brook Conservation Group, Brian Marshall from Parkerville Primary School, Joanna Seabrook from the Wildflower Society and David Kaesehagen from Ecoscape for the presentation on bush regeneration.

Thanks also to the Shire of Swan for the provision of venue for the training sessions.

The wetlands seminar series has been ongoing with regular attendance of some 20-30 people

Thanks to all who have presented a seminar as this provides an opportunity for those working in the areas to meet with researchers and to understand some valuable background information.

Thanks especially to Shirley Balla from the Water Authority for her work in organising these seminars.

It has been a very challenging year and I think we have achieved a great deal by spreading the word about Ecoplan.

I look forward to consolidating some of these achievements during the next year and I hope that the Ecoplan Conference we are planning for February will give us the opportunity to recognise our achievements and plan together for another successful year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported both myself and Ecoplan over the past year and to wish you all seasons greetings, a peaceful Christmas and a happy and hopeful New Year.

Good news for reserves

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Such plans are essential if the special values of these conservation areas are to be maintained in an often hostile urban environment of people, domestic and feral animals, fire, rubbish and weeds.

This year management plans have been endorsed by local authorities for Mary Carroll Park, Point Resolution, Lake Claremont, Cantonment Hill and Lake Gwelup. Plans are in preparation for Mt Henry and Lake Coogee.

CALM has released a draft management plan for John Forrest National Park.

Community involvement has been a feature of most of these initiatives reinforcing the foundation of Ecoplan as people working together with decision makers to establish and maintain an urban conservation estate in Perth.

All these achievements represent a lot of hard work and commitment by many people within Government departments, local authorities and the community dealing with the many complexities which makes establishing an urban conservation estate difficult though rewarding.

Regional reports

South-East Region

The construction of a field study centre at the Armadale Settlers Common (M80) has started with a grant from the City of Armadale for \$52 500.

Brett Tizard says this will be a regional facility and will include an education and visitors centre. He anticipates that work will be completed in February 1993.

It has been a busy time applying for grants and a joint submission has been made by Armadale Settlers Common and Greening Western Australia for a regeneration brochure for schools, community groups and individuals. This should provide an answer to the question, "How do I start a regeneration project."

Regeneration work and path building will be carried out at Armadale Settlers Common by Westrek as part of the Local Employment Action Programme. A further submission has been made for funding to construct an Aboriginal food and medicine garden on the reserve.

Enthusiasm is very high after five local Ecoplan members attended the bush regeneration course conducted by APACE at the City of Gosnells.

Local Ecoplan volunteer John Robertson has been contracted by City of Gosnells to develop a revegetation plan for Mary Carroll Park (M76).

North-West Region

The number of volunteers in this region has grown since the August Ecoplan training sessions held at Edith Cowan University Joondalup.

Laurie Boylan and Fay Mumme attended the bush regeneration course run by APACE (AID) at Gosnells.

They both enjoyed meeting with people from other regions and organisations, and visiting areas out of their own region.

First hand experience of "foreign" reserves gave them a broader outlook.

Fay says it is easier to network with others when you have actually met them.

"The enthusiasm shown by others and evidence that some councils do listen to their ratepayers, also gave us the impetus to continue lobbying for improvements and never to give up communicating our needs", said Fay.

"We hope the course will be held locally next year sometime", she said.

The Friends of Yellagonga Regional Park have continued to clear weeds from some of its better bushland.

Bayswater M51, Garratt Road wetland

The Bayswater Greenwork group is expanding community involvement in the M51 Garratt Road reserve.

"We have come to know the area really well and our regular workdays have let people know that someone values the reserve," said convenor of the group Linda Taman.

"Bayswater Greenwork applied for a grant from the Department of Employment, Vocational Education and Training to run a Youth Conservation Corps project at the reserve.

"We had a meeting with Swan River Trust, EPA, City of Stirling, City of Bayswater and the Department of Planning and Urban Development and have set an objective to complete a management plan for the reserve.

"The participants will prepare a management plan of the area and will use this as the assignment for learning English and maths which will be taught at the local TAFE college.

"It seems to be a good opportunity for young people (aged 15-20) in the area to learn some practical job skills, undertake training at the local TAFE college and work on a rehabilitation plan in the reserve.

"We're lucky to have as a member of the group, Miles Hitchcock, who will be the

co-ordinator of the project" she said. "He has drawn up a revegetation plan with some trial areas for weed control.

"I was contacted by Celia Marciniowski, a psychology student from Edith Cowan University, who wanted to study a group of people living close to the reserve. All of these residents had received notice about work going on in the reserve but had not joined in. Celia wanted to look at what was stopping residents attending the workdays and preliminary findings suggested that residents did not participate because they felt they didn't know what they were to do, and didn't know much about the reserve."

The Bayswater Greenwork group will now produce a colour pamphlet of the area and take people on guided walks to explain different aspects of the reserve. Bayswater Greenwork has taken on the task of growing reeds.

A nursery is being set up in co-operation with a local businessman and is a joint project between Greenwork and Workpower — a local group trying to find meaningful work for people with disability.

"We will be trial growing 5,000 reeds next year and we are negotiating contracts," said Linda.

"Anyone interested in ordering reeds can contact me.

"We will start seed collecting in January and if anyone would like to develop their seed collecting skills, they can come along".

The group is in the process of becoming an incorporated body, and development of an interim management plan for the Park is progressing.

Although the Park was officially launched on November 1, official management from CALM seems to be some way off, so there is a plan to ensure integrated management in the meantime.

The group has had fruitful discussions with the Department of Planning and Urban Development and will have a place in future decision making in regard to the management of state-owned land in the Park.

"The efforts of the people in the group who have intimate knowledge of the Park and its ecological requirements are much appreciated", said EPA Community Involvement co-ordinator Margo O'Byrne.

The friends group has also been meeting to discuss the feral animal issue.

Members have written to the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee and the Minister for Local Government to put forward their suggestions for cat legislation.

The group wants compulsory registration, de-sexing for family pets, and night curfews to keep cats out of urban bushland at night.

LandCorp is undertaking a feasibility study for the construction of the Joondalup Environment Centre to be built at the north-western end of Yellagonga Regional Park.

Input from the public is invited for the design of the centre and a copy of the draft will be available soon.

"All local environmental groups are looking forward to an educational centre which will highlight the needs of wetland and bushland areas", said Margo.

Ellenbrook conflict

Dear Editor

Five hundred hectares of banksia woodlands at Ellenbrook Estate are currently being surveyed according to the environmental conditions set by the EPA in bulletin 642. The survey is to determine the conservation significance of this bushland, owned by Sanwa Vines Pty Ltd (owners of The Vines Resort, Upper Swan).

Following a Public Environmental Review for which a record number of 732 submissions were received, environmental conditions were set. Recommendation 4 of the EPA's Bulletin 642 clearly states that detailed environmental studies should be completed prior to the area being rezoned to "urban deferred".

An amendment to the Metropolitan Region Scheme to rezone Ellenbrook Estate from "rural" to "urban" to "urban deferred", is currently before parliament. This fast-tracking by the state government is unacceptable to the community as it contravenes the EPA's environmental conditions.

The premature rezoning has caused much concern within Ellenbrook Conservation Group supporters and the conservation movement in general. This departure from the conditions may hinder the purchase of land for conservation purposes.

The conservation values of the Ellenbrook banksia woodlands will be determined by the EPA and CALM, with the final decision resting with the Minister for Environment.

It is recognised by CALM that the northern half (approximately 950ha) of Ellenbrook bushland has more than 410 species of native plants. By comparison, Kings Park has 250 native plant species and Whiteman Park has 240 species.

An interesting conflict has recently occurred with the appointment of Jim McGinty to the environment portfolio. Homeswest is an official joint venture partner with Sanwa Vines Pty Ltd (owners of the Vines Resort). The Minister representing Homeswest is Jim McGinty MLA.

Therefore, the Minister representing the government department involved in developing Ellenbrook Estate is also the Minister who will have the final say regarding the areas to be conserved for native flora and fauna protection.

Ellenbrook Conservation Group urges the Minister for the Environment to ensure that this conflict will not reflect in his final decision regarding the area to be conserved within Ellenbrook.

For further information please contact Kingsley Dunstan on 571 1231 or myself, Jane Blake on 458 4291.

Jane Blake

Conservation of urban bushland

Dear Editor

With the System 6 — Ecoplan concept almost two years old, and despite the efforts of the EPA staff involved in Ecoplan, Ecoplan volunteers and the voluntary conservation movement, losses to the conservation estate continue.

Members of the public are showing they support the conservation of urban bushland and System 6 areas by participating in the EPA training sessions and initiating positive actions in support of bushland, but still the destruction goes on.

Over the past few months the Government has sanctioned the clearing and filling of important urban bushland and wetlands. Some of our priceless natural areas lost forever are:

- Hepburn Heights bushland
- Significant Jandakot wetlands, including Hird Road Swamp and the beautiful Solomon Road Swamp
- Significant bushland in Hartfield Park
- Banksia woodland in Canning Vale
- Secret Harbour - Interim Listed on the Register of the National Estate

Other areas approved for development by the EPA and likely to be destroyed in

the near future include:

- part of the Creery wetlands Mandurah (a samphire estuarine wetland which supports rare international wading birds)
- high conservation value wetlands and coastal heathland at Port Kennedy (System 6 M106) also Interim Listed on the Register of the National Estate
- Singleton - coastal heathland (System 6 M107)
- Golden Bay - coastal heathland (System 6 M107)
- Cedric Street, Osborne Park wetlands - (Environmental Protection Policy wetland)
- Part of the Brixton Street wetlands

The areas listed above are only the tip of the iceberg and many important and beautiful natural areas are lost without a murmur.

It would be easiest for us all to shrug our shoulders and say "the situation is just hopeless". However what Ecoplan is meant to be about is ordinary people in the community demanding a responsible and caring attitude to our environment from Government and government agencies. It is about getting out there and doing things.

It is really up to us all - if we are not prepared to allow the current profligate actions of the Government to continue we must speak up loudly and say so, and keep on saying so. If a large part of the community does not take decisive action, the legacy of this generation will be a pauperised and weakened environment. The once complex and rich plant and animal community of the Perth area will be only a memory, recorded in books.

Joan Payne

Letters

Secret Harbour, Rockingham

Dear Editor

Slashing and clearing operations began at Secret Harbour approximately a month ago, despite Secret Harbour being Interim Listed on the Register of the National Estate. The Australian Heritage Commission had planned to conduct a further survey of the flora prior to proceeding to consideration of Final Listing.

This will be made almost impossible now because large sections of the vegetation have been slashed. No clearing permits appear to have been obtained prior to the slashing operations, and although it was reported in writing to both the Deputy Soil Commissioner, the Soil Commissioner, and the Minister for Agriculture's office, slashing operations continued.

We understand that the developer may have begun slashing operations without Department of Planning and Urban Development subdivisional plan approval for the proposed urban golf estate development.

A chronology of events has been put together dating back to 1982. This includes a verbal commitment by EPA officers on February 15 1991 to protect internationally significant parabolic mobile dune system and high conservation wetlands within a subdivisional plan.

The subdivisional plan is veiled in secrecy and apparently not yet approved by the Department of Planning and Urban Development, it would appear that current slashing operations are designed to reduce the environmental values of the area and are premature.

The bare minimum that should be demanded by the planning and environmental agencies is that the subdivisional plan protects -

- the mobile dune system
- high conservation wetlands, including the stunning Anstey Q wetland complex
- a minimum 200 metre buffer around the Anstey Q wetland
- an adequate buffer zone around Cud Swamp

The loss of Secret Harbour is a tragedy for science and conservation and is an example of the short-sightedness and

lack of resolve to protect outstanding parts of our natural environment for future generations by today's decision-makers.

Joan Payne

Protecting urban bushland

Dear Editor,

I am writing to let you know that over fifty people from conservation groups in metropolitan Perth participated in a workshop held at the National Trust headquarters on Saturday 7 November 1992, to discuss action to protect urban bushland.

Urban bushland is an issue of widespread community concern. Local residents and conservation groups have campaigned to protect bushland threatened by development. Hepburn Heights, Ellenbrook and Port Kennedy are current examples of public concern and government disregard for our natural environment.

Many people are also involved in caring for urban bushland through bush regeneration, ecological surveys and raising public awareness of the values of our urban remnant vegetation.

The November 7 workshop confirmed that urban bushland is a conservation issue which needs to be tackled. It was agreed that conservation groups must work together to be effective. To provide a forum for community action, the Urban Bushland Council is being formed. The Council will encourage networking of information and expertise, support local action and lobby for bushland protection.

You can expect to hear more on urban bushland over the coming months!

To find out more or to help lobby for bushland protection, contact Jane Blake on 458 4291, Geoff Curtis on 448 4473 or myself, David Wake on 305 1591.

David Wake

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Community involvement emphasised in environmental conference

This year Perth was host to the national conference of the Australian Association of Environmental Education.

The keynote speaker, David Bellamy inspired and entertained all present, despite only a couple of hours sleep between his late arrival and opening address.

The conference, held at Wesley College South Perth and at the Perth Zoo, was in conjunction with the Marine Education Society of Australia and provided a chance to get to know people working in a range of different fields.

The theme of the conference was Linking the Community and there were many opportunities to speak with people doing similar work in other parts of Australia.

Participants were welcomed to the conference by Ted Wilks from the Nyoongah people of the Swan River.

He played the didgeridoo and explained the significance of the area to Aboriginal heritage.

It was a timely reminder of links to the land which were part of Aboriginal lifestyle before 1829.

Michael Breen, a Perth based psycho dramatist provided the opportunity to act out the making of links, and even the Victorians could manage to form links with West Australians despite the Eagles victory the previous weekend.

As often happens at conferences, the days were so full of interesting things to attend that it was difficult to make choices.

A workshop that interested me looked at ways to involve the "unconverted" in looking after bushland.

I was impressed by the work of Stuart Traynor, a National Park Ranger in the Northern Territory who believes that the best way to teach people to value the environment is to take them into the bush and give them a good time.

He has a junior park rangers programme and combines environmental education with fun times in the bush.

The pasture watch programme from Queensland had a novel idea for measuring the number of plants in a quadrant by using a stubby carton to cover the area and working out the percentage of groundcover under the carton — a good way to combine recycling with vegetation survey work.

Conferences like this provide the opportunity to see the work of urban bushland regeneration in Perth as part of the big picture and to realise again that the work being carried out in our local bushland is similar to that of the coastal vegetation group in Tasmania, or those planting trees and restoring vegetation in a community west of Alice Springs, or the work of the Marine Education group in Westernport in Victoria or the catchment centre in Casino in NSW.

As always, the end of the week comes too soon and the exhaustion of talking too much and too many late nights catches up with you.

Congratulations to the conference organisers for a job well done.

I am looking forward to the next conference in two years time in Cairns where the weather is guaranteed to be much warmer.

Margo O'Byrne

Wetland seminar series

Just a reminder that you are welcome to attend any of the presentations in our wetland seminar series.

Future presentations are:

Thursday 10 December 1992.....3.30 pm

- An assessment of the value of different types of wetlands for waterbirds

Stuart Halse (CALM, Woodvale)

Thursday 21 January 1993.....3.30 pm

- Management implications of the interaction of groundwater with wetlands

Lloyd Townley ..(CSIRO, Floreat)

Thursday 18 February 1993.....3.30 pm

- The effects of altered water levels on wetland plants

Ray Froend (Water Authority of WA)

Thursday 18 March 1993.....3.30 pm

- Applications of wetland evaluation systems in WA

Alan Hill (Water Authority of WA)

Thursday 22 April 1993.....3.30 pm

- Strategic drainage planning for urban catchments

Pat George (Water Authority of WA)

Seminars are held in the EPA seminar room, 9th floor, Westralia Square, 141 St Georges Terrace, Perth.

RSVP to Leeanne Harris 222 7038 or 222 7000 by 5pm the day before the seminar.

Ecoplan conference

Plans are underway to conduct a conference for Ecoplan volunteers in February, 1993. The theme of the conference is "Working together to protect Perth's environment". It will provide an opportunity for those working in the field to exchange information and share ideas on such things as:

- bush regeneration techniques
- setting up an information stand in your local shopping centre
- creating an effective display of your group's work
- getting people involved in your project
- dealing effectively with government departments
- working with local government
- involving your local school in the care of bushland
- applying for grants

Final details of date and place are not yet available.

Details will be sent to all readers of *Ecoplan News*.

Should you wish to lead a workshop at the conference please contact Margo O'Byrne on 222 7054.

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world — indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.

Margaret Mead

Working together provides results

There are many benefits for groups who co-operate in building strong movements for change.

The obvious benefits are:

- By pulling together, you increase your potential influence and enhance each other's strategies or create joint strategies—which better harness people power.
- Scarce resources can be shared and important information pooled.
- Combined fundraising can be more profitable, or alternatively, finding ways to avoid competing against each other for fundraising is mutually beneficial.
- Cooperative pressure exerted to support funding submissions or stop funding cuts is more likely to be felt.
- The more important benefit is the morale boost and widening of perspective that comes from knowing that your group is part of a movement.

The familiar difficulties that arise to prevent co-operation are:

- Underlying feelings of powerlessness get turned into competitive behaviour.
- Habits of isolation or attitudes of always being in opposition can be turned against anybody whose ideology is not completely aligned.
- Projection of motives and qualities with subsequent polarization is unnervingly common among groups who are natural allies.

Other practical ways of building ties are:

- Labor swaps, in which you get to work on each other's projects.
- Newsletter swaps or joint newsletters.
- Joint training sessions and workshops.
- Sharing speakers and co-hosting fundraising events.

- Celebrating victories together or inviting other groups to parties. All these strengthen the sense of the movement that you are part of and help sustain the shared vision. For creating a positive climate, affirmation of one group by another is as important as individual affirmation within groups.
- Make calls or write letters of congratulations.
- Put articles in your newsletter about projects that other groups have done.
- Say what you liked about something the other groups are doing, or express appreciation that they exist.

The barriers will tend to crumble quickly when people feel supported and appreciated.

An extract from "In The Tiger's Mouth" by Katrina Shields — published by Millennium Books (1991).

Enthusiasm for bush regeneration

Bush regeneration courses were conducted this spring at three different locations by APACE Aid (Appropriate Technology and Community Environment).

The courses at North Fremantle, Gosnells (where it was sponsored by the local council) and Garratt Road foreshore were enthusiastically attended by Ecoplan volunteers and others.

In June 1992 the inaugural meeting of the West Australian Association of Bush Regenerators [AABR (WA)] was held.

From this meeting a steering committee was established to develop an appropriate constitution for AABR (WA) and ratify it with the parent body in NSW.

This process is well underway and AABR (WA) is expected to be formally established in January or February of 1993.

All graduates from the APACE course will be informed of the meeting date when it is set.

The steering committee has also been developing criteria and methods for accreditation of full membership status (i.e. 200 hours of field work over a two year period) and these criteria will be formalised by the time of the meeting and all members will be given a copy.

If your group is involved in bush regeneration and maintenance and you would like occasional or ongoing help from others please complete the details below and send it to: *Ecoplan Coordinator, EPA, 141 St Georges Terrace, Perth 6000.*

Name of group _____

Contact person _____ Phone _____

Reserve _____

Do you have regular working days in your reserve YES NO (please tick)

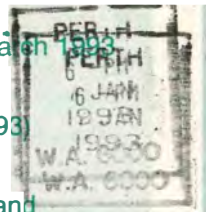
Dates and times of regular working days _____

Is this a System 6 reserve? YES NO (please tick)

Landcare courses 1993

Greening Western Australia has developed a number of Landcare courses for teachers and interested community members. Courses are usually one day and include

- Getting to know your local bushland.....(September 1993)
- Planning a revegetation project(monthly at APACE)
- Practicalities of seed collection and plant propagation..(monthly at APACE)
- Eucalypts of Perth(a three hour workshop, March 1993)
- Bushland empathy activities.....(April and October 1993)
- Exploring curriculum resources.....(throughout WA, terms 1 and 3, 1993)



For further information about these courses contact:

Greening Western Australia
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Friends of Mary Carroll Park need a coordinator.

If you have some time and would like to act as the coordinator for the Friends of Mary Carroll Park in the City of Gosnells, then our services are required.

Please ring --
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