Nature City Seminar

Showcasing the latest research and best practice case studies to improve WA’s capacity to manage, enhance, design, and connect with nature in urban areas.

Field Trip Information, Friday 28 June

Number 1 – This field trip has been cancelled. Please contact Dr Lucy Commander at drlucycommander@gmail.com

Name: City of South Perth Canning River Foreshore and Wetlands
Organiser: City of South Perth
Topic: Impacts of Urbanisation on the City of South Perth’s Canning River Foreshore and Wetlands
Meeting place: Fairview Gardens car park, Salter Point
Tour location: City of South Perth Canning River Foreshore, Waterford and Salter Point
Time: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Cost: $15 (lunch included)
Attendance: Max 15 participants

Description: A walking tour of the Canning River Foreshore to Elderfield Melaleuca Grove and Wetland, Sandon Park, Salter Point Lagoon and Redmond Reserve before returning to Elderfield Road picnic area for lunch. In the afternoon, the tour will visit Andrew Thompson Conservation Reserve and Bodkin Park before viewing Clontarf foreshore and Cygnia Cove natural areas. It will include an overview of the retention basin and constructed and retained wetland. Participants will then walk back to Fairview Gardens car park along the foreshore.

Number 2

Name: Bandicoot-in-a-box workshop
Organiser: Murdoch University
Topic: Connecting people with nature (nature play, citizen science and education)
Meeting place: Banksia Court, Murdoch University (near building 460).
Time: 9:30am to 1:30 pm
Cost: $25 (lunch included)
Attendance: Max 30 participants

Description: Bandicoot-in-a-box workshop is a hands-on, interactive workshop designed to showcase the curriculum-linked education and outreach activities we are developing alongside our quenda research at Murdoch University.

Number 3

Name: Honeywood Wetlands – Showcasing Natural Vegetation in Land Development
Organiser: Tranen Revegetation Systems
Topic: Discussing and reviewing the benefits and management of natural vegetation in urban areas
Meeting place: Honeywood Estate, Litchfield Circle Wandi (grassed area at south end of Addis Way)
Time: 9:30 am to 11:30 am (please bring your own refreshments)
Cost: $10
Attendance: Max 40 participants

Description: Honeywood Estate has been designed around five significant Conservation Category and Resource Enhancement Wetlands. The initial condition varied from excellent to completely degraded due to weed encroachment, off-road vehicle activity and agriculture. All degraded areas have been successfully rehabilitated to increase the environmental and aesthetic values of the area, and they now form the centrepieces of the development. To learn more about this award-winning project come join us as we tour two of the main wetlands.
Number 4
Name: Rehabilitating Roe 8
Organiser: Rehabilitating Roe 8
Topic: The role of community in environmental conservation and rehabilitation
Meeting place: Roe 8 corridor, Cockburn Wetlands Education Centre, 184 Hope Rd Bibra Lake
Time: 9am to 1pm
Cost: $35 (lunch included)
Attendance: Max 40 participants
Description: An overview and discussion about the role of community led rehabilitation of seven ecosystems impacted by the clearing of native vegetation for the cancelled Roe 8 Highway extension. Meet some of the community members involved in the rehabilitation works and hear their stories.

Number 5
Name: Herdsman Lake Wildlife Centre
Organiser: WA Gould League
Topic: The role of urban natural places in education and connecting the community with nature
Meeting Place: Herdsman Lake Wildlife Centre, Cnr. Flynn St and Selby St, Wembley
Time: 2 pm to 4 pm
Cost: $20 (afternoon tea included)
Attendance: Max 50 participants
Description: Herdsman Lake Wildlife Centre is one of Perth’s leading wildlife education centres and a special place to learn about WA’s local wildlife and ecology. Learn how the WA Gould League supports nature education and facilitates children, families and adults to learn about the environment through hands-on experiences.

Number 6
Name: Partnerships for Threatened Species Conservation
Organiser: Perth NRM
Topic: The role of community in threatened species conservation
Meeting Place: Perth NRM, 161 Great Eastern Hwy, Belmont
Time: 8.30 am to 4.00 pm
Cost: $30 (bus trip and lunch included)
Attendance: Max 10 participants
Description: A site visit to Ellen Brook Nature Reserve and a workshop at Chittering Landcare Centre on the benefits and methods of engaging the community in Threatened Species conservation. Participants will be encouraged to share their engagement stories and the success and barriers of different methods.

Number 7
Name: Behind the Scenes at Kings Park and Botanic Gardens – Education, Research and Garden and Bushland Management
Organiser: Department of Biodiversity, Attractions and Conservation
Topic: Conservation, Restoration, Education and Horticulture at Kings Park
Meeting Place: Wadjuk Carpark, Kings Park
Tour Location: Kings Park Botanic Garden, Bushland, Naturescape, Science.
Time: 8.30 am – 4.30 pm
Cost: $30 (includes morning tea and lunch)
Attendance: Max 30 people
Description: Join Kings Park staff on a guided tour behind the scenes at Kings Park. You’ll learn about growing Western Australian plants, management techniques for urban bushland, parklands and gardens, Nature Play, environmental education, and cutting-edge research in the science laboratories.