

# Mandurah Environment and Heritage Group 2018 Annual Report



We thank our supporters: Peel-Harvey Catchment Council, City of Mandurah, Rotary Club of Mandurah, Lions Club of Falcon, Grill'd Mandurah and Shire of Murray.

We look forward to Barbara Sing and Stacey Harrison sharing the values they have bought back from their successful applications for scholarships from the City of Mandurah (who we thank) to attend the recent Australian Association of Environmental Education (AAEE) Conference on Queensland's Gold Coast.

Congratulations to members Barbara Sing, Kim Davies and Krista Nicholson who won awards for their celebrated achievements at Peel Bright Minds - ESTEAM Awards. Stacey Harrison was an award finalist.

Dudley Dolphin's public appearances at community events and presentations, e.g. at schools and Girl Guide meetings, are as popular as ever, as is the revised Dudley Dolphin Outdoor Adventure Journal. Stacey manages this project with imaginative ideas like the fishing game to interact with and educate children. Other members support Stacey at events and Barbara co-administers Dudley's Facebook page.

Mandurah Tree Advocates guest presenter in March was the Shire of Murray's Planning and Environment Manager Leanne McGuirk. City of Mandurah was presented with a suggested list of Western Australian Trees, Shrubs and Companion Plantings for their District which was compiled by Men of The Trees - Peel, the Friends of Samphire Cove Nature Reserve and MTA. Lyn and Gill are fellow drivers of this project.

The Friends of Rivers Peel are building on the twelve year history of successful clean-ups of waterways guided by Colin Elton. Following the success of the Clean Up Peel Waterways events we, in partnership with the Peel-Harvey Catchment Council, are looking to introduce a Keep Peel Waterways Beautiful concept which will focus on preventing rubbish and litter entering our waterways.

The Friends of Samphire Cove Nature Reserve plant hundreds of seedlings annually with matting and mulch provided by Peel-Harvey Catchment Council. Parks and Wildlife Services manage the reserve and have recently resurfaced the limestone track in preparation for the Friend's suggested All-Abilities Interpretive Trail. On the last Sunday of every month 9-10 members on average turn up to work at the reserve.

The Canoe Trail Friends of Mandurah and Pinjarra are well known for their published canoe guides and brochures, as advocates for canoe launch sites and for the protection of our aquatic fauna. This year they persuaded Mirvac to donate \$7000 to the City of Mandurah for an additional All-terrain Wheelchair while ensuring that the existing one at Mandurah Visitor Centre is available for paddlers and non-paddlers.

Events we participated in this year included National Tree Planting Day, Mandurah Rotary Duck Race, Falcon Lions Club Kids Fishing Competition, Stretch Festival's Environment Event and Yalgorup Bioblitz.

The closure by Sport and Recreation of our seven free websites last month, forced us to have one main website constructed and managed with a big thank you to our hardworking secretary Linda. We are pleased to officially launch our new website today: [mehg.org.au](http://mehg.org.au). Inspiration for our excellent new logo came to Randall Jones at 2.30am one morning; further suggestions were made by Alanna. We now rely more on our Facebook pages, where we are liked and followed by some 1100 people.

I would like to thank our committee of vice-chair Barbara Sing, secretary Linda Thorpe, treasurer Stacey Harrison, committee members Gill, Lyn and Sharon, our auditor Harry Sweeting, members Alanna and Sally for commitment to our group and to the other community groups they are members of.

The committee is always willing to consider possible future projects, be they from groups or individuals.

We welcome our guest speaker Sharon Meredith from Peel-Harvey Catchment Council and look forward to her presentation, Migratory Magic in Manila - Summary of the EAAFP CEPA Workshop and Learning Event.