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Para Wirra News



From the Friends of Para Wirra (Patron: Mike Johnson)
and the Barossa Goldfields Historical Society
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Welcome to the March 2022 Edition of Para Wirra News

This quarters newsletter is jam-packed. Along with all the information from the recent FOPW AGM, there are some great articles on the work we are doing as a group and how we are also learning to adapt to new techniques of environmental control as they come available. There is also a timeless story by Mike J of one of his walks in Para Wirra. I say 'timeless', as there is literally no year date yet it could be describing an event from last year or another decade. The description of the beauty of Para Wirra is all too familiar. There are also articles about our monthly adventures and what we can expect to see in the understory over next few months.

Thanks to all those who contributed to this issue. Finding articles in my inbox is always such a welcome site and I hope you enjoy reading them

Darren Williams

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President's Report



My thanks to those who have been working out in the park today and to all of you for coming for our AGM. I hope you are able to stay for the Quarterly Meeting afterwards as well.

Milestones for members in the 2021/2022 Financial year to **19/3/22** were: Kym Smith 15/1/05=17yrs, Mark Wilson 20/01/2018=4yrs. Val Lacy 1/2/06=16yrs, Richard Lacy 15/2/14=8yrs, Helen Bourne 15/2/08=14yrs, Helga Kruger 4/3/1997=**25yrs**, Darren, Jasmine and Obelia Williams 18/2/12=**10yrs**, Julie Williams 17/06/2006=16yrs, Yvonne Gravier 21/2/09=13yrs, Lesley Carnogursky 21/2/09=13yrs, Mike Johnson 15/3/98=24yrs, Patsy Johnson 15/3/98=23yrs, Trudi Gayler 19/3/09=13yrs, Rupert & Helen Thorne 25/3/15=7yrs, Colin Winsor 19/3/99 =23yrs, Molly Hughes 4/5/89=32 yrs, Beryl Peck 21/05/2011 =10yrs, Michael Slocombe 6/4/16=5yrs, Tom and Anne Stone 6/4/16=5yrs, Rob and Sue Marshall & Walking Trails Support Group 18/04/2015=7yrs, Kath Matthews 21/04/2006=**15yrs**, Bernice Cohen 21/06/2016=5yrs, Michelle and Geoff Knight 26/06/2019=2yrs, John Dawkins 7/7/99=22yrs, John Fuller (Life Member) 2/8/2000=21yrs, Leonie Hobbs 16/8/03 =18yrs, Nadia Jankovic 31/7/10=11yrs, Val Lacy 16/08/03=18yrs, Paula Luethen 15/09/2018=3yrs, Dragos Moise 21/9/13=8yrs, Kath Moloney Life Member, 1/7/89=32yrs, Bob Swarbrick Life Member, 1/7/89=32yrs, Phil Gillett 15/12/11=**10yrs**, Steve Taylor 19/10/96=**25yrs**. The more recent achievements to be awarded certificates will be notified to Pam asap. My apologies for not sending them sooner, as they take a while.

Some excellent Working Bees were carried out in the 2021/22 year to date, and Phil Gillett will be reporting on those today. My

thanks to all of you for caring for our beautiful Para Wirra.

We have been able to engage contractors for important work in the park, thanks to the Department and to Steve's hard work on Grant Applications and engaging the contractors themselves. Kersbrook Landcare have also contributed valuable funds towards this work. The contractors have been marvellous, and it is great to see the park improving due to their hard work as well as our own members' amazing efforts.

The Christmas Party in December was no doubt a great event, a good opportunity to catch up with friends and partners, and Mike and I are sorry to have been unable to attend.

Thank you all again for your marvellous work, and your support and fellowship of each other as well as myself in the past 12 months, particularly as I was unable to attend for some months due to illness, and also thank you for continuing to comply with the Covid restrictions to keep us all safe and well to enjoy our wonderful park. You are all wonderful workers, and I am very grateful for the way you kept up the work and good fellowship while I was unable to join in.

Best Wishes for the rest of 2022, and the years to come.
Patsy Johnson.

Elected Positions March 2022 FOPW AGM

The meeting was then handed over to Rupert Thorne for election of officers.

All positions were declared vacant.

RESULTS

POSITION	NOMINATED	NOMINATED BY	SECONDED BY	ACCEPTED Y/N	ELECTED
President	Patsy Johnson Darren Williams	Tom Stone Rupert Thorne	Trudi Gayler Leonie Hobbs	Y N	Patsy Johnson
Vice President	Darren Williams	Phil Gillett	Anne Stone	Y	Darren Williams
Secretary	Anne Stone	Tom Stone	Patsy Johnson	Y	Anne Stone
Treasurer	Kym Smith	Darren Williams	Phil Gillett	Y	Kym Smith
Publicity	Darren Williams	Steve Taylor	Anne Stone	Y	Darren Williams
Assistant Publicity	Leonie Hobbs	Darren Williams	Steve Taylor	Y	Leonie Hobbs
Newsletter Editor	Darren Williams	Tom Stone	Mike Johnson	Y	Darren Williams
Auditor	Anita Corbran	Helen Thorne	Mike Johnson	y	Anita Corbran
Catering	Val Lacy	Phil Gillett	Helen Thorne	Y	Val Lacy
Group Historian	Colin Winsor	Darren Williams	Tom Stone	Y	Colin Winsor
Webmaster	Richard Lacy	Darren Williams	Patsy Johnson	Y	Richard Lacy
First Aiders					Jasmine Williams Kym Smith
PED Counter	Phil Gillett	Tom Stone	Anne Stone	Y	Phil Gillett

Ranger Report 2022- Tammy Leggett

I was reading through the report from 2021 and what an up and down year it has been- again. I was talking to a friend recently and saying that I am missing everyone – we have been out doing ‘stuff’ but still really feel like we haven’t seen many people – being careful of where we are going and how many people are around, but really only doing essential activities, kids sport. Lots of outdoor activities which is great when you work in a park – lots of open space.

Whilst our visitation has dropped a little – we have still been very busy, still up around the 75,000 just from the traffic counters – that doesn’t unfortunately get the data from the number of kids which are coming up with Bush Kindy – which we are looking at ways to capture this information.

There are always staff changes but feel like we have been very lucky with our team up at Para Wirra. We have 6 full time staff working from the office, which includes currently Tim Howard, Sarah Hackett, Farrin Miller, Taylor Heath & Dylan Yates + me. Our team looks after 11 reserves which covers just under 4000ha, including Para Wirra CP, Cobbler Creek RP and recently took on Anstey Hill RP, which between our reserves would be getting up to about 500,000 visitors each year.

We have been working on Glenburnie, undertaking weed control mostly through contractors and they have been working on the South Para River and around the Whites Gully area. We are looking at doing some track upgrades – focus on the 2 steep sections from Glenburnie Road. It has been great exploring this area and it is very exciting to see the Langley Property purchased and being added to the park.

Camping has been very popular and it is great to see park being enjoyed by different people. Many people are return visitors, but lots of new people as well.

There is always something going on in the Barossa Goldfields – September we had a prohibition notice put over a section of walking trail, where we realigned a small section of trail near Menzies Mine. We have been pretty pleased with the feedback from the trails and new signs – especially down near the ford where I think most people were getting lost.

Our Grazing Program continued and we also had Mike Young undertaking deer control most Wednesday nights within the park. We have recommenced our

shooting program for 2022 and I have seen more deer this year than before— we have shot more as well. We are using the Deer Scan app, which anyone can sign up for and record sightings of deer. If you are in the park – or anywhere and see deer it would be great if you can add a record to this app, as whilst we know deer our out there we are guessing at locations and numbers currently. We are working with Forestry SA & SA Water to pull together numbers and programs.

I mention that last year, 2021 did bring more opportunities, the water upgrade commenced— only about 15 years in the making- is going along really well. We have just been able to secure funding for stage 3, which was going to commence next financial year, but they have started already, so works should be finished by around the end of June, the deer control program and grazing program have been successful.

Lady Alice mine safety works although a little slow, the contractor will start there soon.

Whilst we haven't seen as much as everyone as we would have liked – staff look forward to working with the Friends Group and appreciated all the fantastic work each and every one of you do looking after the park. The group continues the success in grants applications, which will continue the important work in the South Para River. It so great to spend time in that area of the park. Remember our cookie jar is generally full and tea and coffee is here if you call through.

Once again thank you all for your continued support and see what the next 12 months and beyond brings.

Ranger Update 19 Mar 2022

- Water upgrade project: new pipework install to the Gawler View – now have pressure up there and Tim has fixed up some old sprinklers to water some of the area, keep green over summer. New pipes to the workshop – changed pump set up and waiting on the shed. Old stand pipes will be removed, will be filling points at workshop, tanks and we can open the standpipe at the scenic drive, but it is turned off currently. Maps and plans will be available and will get signs at locations as required. Started work on the line up to the camp ground and then will also include the pumps at the lake.
- No burns planned for this autumn up in Para Wirra, though we do

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want to do some burning around the campground in winter – it reduces the fuels.

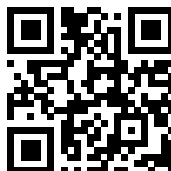
- Lady Alice Mine works – conducted the audits throughout the area, mines and building, fencing of the 3 buildings with access gate to each one, they will also fence the large site by the Captain's cottage and a number of other shafts.
- Grazing program commenced end of January. Go out for 3 nights at a time. Looking at continuing the deer program possibly Wednesday each week. The Park will be closed to access and dates will be on our website
- Glenburnie works – starting planning again for planting in June/ July on the ridge top. Number of plants survived over summer and Farrin is working on this project. Weed control still happening with contractors focusing on the South Para River and Whites Gully. Track upgrade works meet a contractor out on site – just need to follow up with some plans and we can get that work sorted. Verge works happening and Farrin has had a number of trail cameras over the past year.
- Hide Away Picnic Area – staff has had a discussion and we would like to open this site up to camping. Most weekends the park is full with campers and we think this would be better use of this site. Location might not be so popular, but easy for us to keep an eye on. We think it would be a smaller group site, with people able to get a smaller caravan into the area. Thoughts from the group? We have been out and had a look – found some paved pads. One person booking with up to 3 or 4 families. Self-sufficient and aware that there is about a 300m walk to the toilet block
- Scenic Drive – thoughts from the group as well. We have had scenic drive closed now for a while now – possibly 10months and thinking that we would like to keep it closed to vehicle traffic and used for walkers and bike only. Road is rough and not great on small cars. See more walking. Still be a maintenance track access for staff and friends etc.
- Easter is not far away and this year they are going to open campfires from Easter – as long as it is not a total fire ban.
- Follow up about the signs throughout the campsite – the Friends signs

have deteriorated and not sure why. Like the film is cracking – will sort that out.

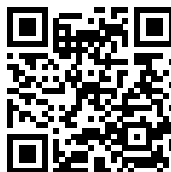
- Also wanted to get your options about seats throughout the park. Many of the seats are starting to need care and attention. There are many seats and we seem to find new ones all the time. Would the friends group have any ideas about where all the seats are and who they were put in for? Not sure how we go about this, not sure if we could approach the groups or families of the seat to see if they would be interested in helping give them a tidy up.
- Park of the Month – May – starting to plan for that in a couple of weeks.
- Also been asked to be part of Green Adelaide National Park City activities which are in June, this is new and we will see what that is all about soon as well.
- Put in for works to undertaken on the Quarry Track – possible extend the besser block track down slope and works along the track. Verging this track and dealing with the run off and the loose gravel.
- Records – Assistance with adding data in to the Biological Database.

Websites for recording information.

<https://www.ala.org.au/>



<https://inaturalist.ala.org.au/>





Barossa Goldfields Historical Society

Secretary's Report - Leonie Hobbs

Tuesday mornings are still well attended. The posts for the signs are up and ready for the signs to be installed. Merv has had knee surgery so there may be a delay in putting the signs up. Photos of the actual signs will be used in the new brochure that WalkingSA is producing for the Goldfields and four other Park.

Covid rules have eased off a bit, but I think we still need to be aware of social distancing within the rooms when we have visitors.

Bob has given me a copy of the BGHS Minutes book from the inaugural meeting 1987, to 1998 which I have scanned and we now have an electronic copy. I've been reading the Minutes and finding them very interesting. If anyone wants an electronic copy, let me know. I'm actually going through the Minutes and typing them into a Word document which will be easier to read. We still need to find the next book of Minutes to scan and keep electronically. Hopefully there is only one more book before the group went electronic.

We have our first school visit for the year next month. We will do the usual activities except no damper. History Month in May is approaching. We will be open longer each Tuesday (5 this month!) and on the 3rd Sunday, we will add gold panning to the day. May is also Park of the Month with Para Wirra and three other local Parks. The Department will advertise our events on their website.

The fence by Gate 13 has been cut and will be repaired hopefully soon. No idea why the fence was cut as there was no evidence of motor bikes going through.

Leonie

We're Painting The Roses Red...Jasmine Williams

Post Valentines Day, Saturday the 19th of February, our dedicated team of volunteers set off for Mack Creek to tackle roses. We were join by the on duty ranger.

Strong plastic bags had been brought to contain the red rose hips in order to stop seed spread.

However, few hips remained on the bushes, as animals and birds had already taken most. Emu scats located nearby looked like shiny red Jaffas in melted chocolate.



Steve demonstrated how to cut the rose back safely, leaving a reasonable length of cane to "frill". The technique of "frilling" involved hacking into the top and sides of the cane repeatedly, so as to expose the cambium layer in a multitude of areas to encourage maximum glyphosate uptake. Eric offered his machete for this.

Steve also demonstrated drilling into the base of the cane to pour poison into the hole. Kim advised that refilling the drill holes after 5 minutes to be doubly sure was best practice. Steve then covered the cane in red glyphosate, which bled down the cane. Painting the rose cane red.

We spit into two teams. One stayed in the gully at the crossing where the work was overseen by a koala. The other group headed off to the waterfall. The plan was to deal with the roses in the two areas.

It was suggested that the team heading towards the waterfall would clear the

“track” and deal with any bone-seed they encountered along the way. Phill implied that he had been busy in the area; declaring that he would give a dollar for any bone-seed found. Kim triumphantly marched one back. The only one found, so Phill’s retirement fund was safe.



The gully had four large rose bushes, three of them were taller than Steve. Additionally, many small seedlings were located within the area. These were all dealt with.



One of the largest roses was right against Darren’s favourite fungus filled fallen tree, so he was happy to have it liberated. We can all look forward to this winter’s photos of the fungi on this amazing fallen gum. A section of this magnificent tree’s trunk is now located in the Mount Lofty Botanic Gardens.



The work took time and it was soon morning tea. The gully team enjoyed the robin and tree-creepers that flew between the trees during our break. We then continued painting the roses red (a blue) until it was time to go.

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Flower Watch: Autumn winter Orchids-Kath Mathews

Starting May some early orchids to look out for.

Mosquito Orchid - *Acianthus puscillus*

A tiny orchid with one heart shaped leaf that is purple on the underside with a short stem with up to 18 tiny green to maroon flowers. Usually grows in colonies.

Banded Greenhood - *Pterostylis sanguinea* and

Tall Greenhood *Pterostylis viriosa* — both 15-40 cm tall. From June.



Sanguinea has a large reddish-brown striped hood and Viriosa has long sword-shaped leaves and flowers with a darker green stripe.

From July the dwarf Greenhood - *Pterostylis nana* should start to appear.



Right **Helmet orchid** –

Corybas diemenicus small short stalked flower on pale green leaf. Often found under *Xanthorrhoea semiplana* leaves.



Left **Spotted Donkey Orchid**

Diuris pardina the first of the donkey orchids to appear in winter – up to 20 cm.

Right **Blue Faries** -

Pheladenia deformis 6-15 cm tall. Bright blue petals with blue beard. Bright green lance shaped Leaves.



PARA WIRRA SAT 26TH MAY - SHORTLY AFTER DAWN

MICHAEL E. JOHNSON

THE RAIN HAD COME AT LAST FOR THE FARMERS, A LATE START TO THE SEASON.

WALKING ALONG THE QUARRY TRACK WHERE THE PHOENIX TUNNEL GOES UNDERNEATH, THE WIND FULL OF RAIN WAS COMING IN STRONGLY FROM THE WEST.

GLANCING TO THE RIGHT THE EYE WAS ATTRACTED TO A PATCH OF SOFT RED SHINING ON A TREE TRUNK. IT WAS BARK OF A GUM TREE, THE WATER BRINGING OUT THE RICH RED COLOUR AT WHAT APPEARED TO BE THE BASE OF THE TREE. LOOKING CLOSER IT WAS ONE OF THOSE BIG GUM TREES THAT AT SOME TIME IN THE PAST HAD BEEN BLOWN OVER BY THE WIND. DRAGGING THE ROOTS UP INTO THE AIR. WITH MANY OF THE ROOTS STILL INTACT, THE THICK MAIN TRUNK LYING ALONG THE GROUND HAD SENT UP NEW GROWTH AND THERE WERE NOW ABOUT SIX TALL BRANCHES LIFTING STRAIGHT UP INTO THE AIR LIKE NEW TREES THEMSELVES, SOME AS THICK AS A MANS THIGH, OTHERS JUST THE THICKNESS OF A WRIST.

DESPITE THE HEAVY FALL THIS TREE WAS STILL VERY MUCH ALIVE. A LITTLE BIT CLOSER AND THICK GREEN MOSS COULD BE SEEN CLINGING TO WHERE THE TRUNK HAD ORIGINALLY ENTERED THE GROUND BUT THIS WAS NOW OVER SIX FEET UP IN THE AIR, LARGE ROCKS PULLED UP BY THE FALL SCATTERED ON TOP OF EACH OTHER FORMING A CIRCLE AROUND THE BASE OF THE TREE AS IT LAY ALONG THE GROUND.

A PRETTY PICTURE FORMED BY THE ARTIST NATURE. FURTHER ALONG , FROM ALONG SIDE A LARGE STRAIGHT GUM, THE OUTLINE OF VICTORIA HILL COULD BE SEEN THE RAIN CLOUDS SWEEPING OVER THE CREST. THE TREES ON THE INSUBSTANTIAL RIDGE SEEMED GHOSTLY, TALL THOUGH THEY ARE THEY WERE DWARFED BY THE WEATHER FRONT.

WATER WAS RUNNING DOWN THE TRUNK OF THE STRAIGHT TREE, A VERITABLE STREAM FLOWING DOWN THE BARK AND AGAIN THE COLOURS WERE BEING ENHANCED, DEEP GLOWING GREEN PATCHES IN A BACKGROUND OF LIVING GREY, WITH HINTS OF RED SHOWING THROUGH THE BARK.

UP ABOVE THE BRANCHES LIFTED LIKE ARMS TOWARDS THE RAIN CLOUDS. WATER IS RUNNING FROM THE LEAVES DOWN ON TO THE SMALL BRANCHES AND THEN ON TO THE BIGGER LIMBS, RUNNING DOWN AS THOUGH FORMING LITTLE STREAMS , JOINING UP TO FORM LARGER STREAMS UNTIL WHEN THE BOUGH MEETS THE TRUNK IT FORMS THE MAIN RIVER, A WATERCOURSE IN THE VERTICAL.

DOWN OFF THE RIDGE LINE NOW AND THE WIND IMMEDIATELY ABATES AND THE RAIN IS NO LONGER BLOWING HORIZONTAL AND SEEMS

TO BE MUCH LIGHTER AS IT FALLS STEADILY.

WITH NO NOISE A MOB OF KANGAROOS MOVES OFF OVER TO THE LEFT AS THEY DECIDE THAT THE APPROACH IS TOO CLOSE. NOT BEEN SEEN UNTIL THEY ALL MOVED OFF, ABOUT TWENTY OF THEM ALL SILENTLY BOBBING ALONG OVER A CREST, BLENDING INTO THE SHRUBBERY AS THEY GO. A LITTLE FURTHER ON AND ONE MORE IS SPOTTED WATCHING FROM A BUSH LOWER DOWN THE SLOPE. A LITTLE BIT CLOSER AND THE TRACK VEERS TOWARDS HIM AND AWAY HE GOES, THE NOISE OF HIS PASSING DROWNED BY THE FALLING RAIN, BUT HE IS GOING VERY FAST QUITE DISTURBED, HEADING IN A DIFFERENT DIRECTION TO THE REST OF THE MOB. NO DOUBT THEY WILL ALL GET TOGETHER LATER.

THE TRACK NOW IS VERY STEEP AS IT WINDS DOWN TO THE SOUTH PARA RIVER ACROSS FROM THE DEVIL'S NOSE AND CARE HAS TO BE TAKEN, SMALL STEPS MOVING SLOWLY. INTO A BUSHY ACACIA TO THE RIGHT FLIES A SMALL BIRD. QUICKLY HOPPING AMONG THE BRANCHES IT IS QUITE CLOSE. HARD TO SEE IN THE BRANCHES BUT IT SEEMS TO HAVE A SPLASH OF COLOUR ON ITS HEAD, BLUE OR BRONZE, DIFFICULT TO SEE AS THE HEAD IS CONSTANTLY TURNING. IT IS TOO SMALL FOR A WILLY WAGTAIL BUT HAS THE SAME TYPE OF DAINTY CHEEKY MOVEMENTS. THERE IT FLIES CLOSER AND AS IT LANDS ON A BRANCH OPENS UP ITS TAIL FEATHERS IN A FAN, REVEALING THAT THE FEATHERS ARE ALTERNATELY COLOURED BLACK AND WHITE. ONLY VISIBLE FOR A FRACTION OF A SECOND IT LEAVES A LASTING IMPRESSION OF A DAINTY FAN, PERFECT IN SYMMETRY. NOW IT GOES OFF BEHIND AND THEN OFF TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE TRACK, A SMALL MOMENT AND THEN IT IS AWAY OUT OF SIGHT AGAIN.

AT THE SHARP BEND WHERE THE TRACK TURNS BACK AT RIGHT ANGLES, THE VIEW OF THE DEVIL'S NOSE TOWERS UP INTO THE SKY. SOMETIMES FROM HERE WITH THE LIGHT FALLING ON THE ROCKS THEY GLOW WITH COLOUR. TODAY THE RAIN GLISTENS OFF THEM WHERE THEY PUSH THROUGH THE HILLSIDE AMONG THE THICK UNDERGROWTH THAT CLINGS TENACIOUSLY TO THE BARE SOIL IN THE CREVICES, BUT THERE ARE NO BRIGHT COLOURS TODAY. IT IS A SOMBRE SCENE. LOOKING DOWN, ACROSS THE RIVER THROUGH THE TALL TREES.

THE LICHEN THAT IS COATING THE BOULDERS LYING ON THE GROUND SHOWS AS AN ALMOST LUMINESCENT GREEN. THERE ARE GREENS ALL THROUGH THE TREES AND SHRUBS ON THE OTHER SIDE, SOME DULL, SOME DEEP BUT THIS GREEN ON THE LICHEN STANDS OUT AS THOUGH LIT FROM WITHIN.

NEARER AT HAND, RIGHT ALONGSIDE THE TRACK, CLINGING TO THE VERY EDGE OF THE DROP ARE A COUPLE OF PYGMANTHA ACACIAS AT THE OPPOSITE ENDS OF THE LIFE CYCLE. THE YOUNG ONE SLIM AND THE RICH REDDISH BROWN TRUNK REACHING UPWARDS WHILE ALONGSIDE THE OLDER TREE, TALLER BUT WITH THE UPPER BRANCHES DROOPING BACK TO EARTH HAS A STARK BLACK TRUNK DARK WITH AGE.

AFTER CROSSING WILD DOG CREEK WHERE IT JOINS THE SOUTH

PARA RIVER, THE TRACK RUNS ALONG THE BANK ABOVE THE BILLABONG WHICH JUST A WEEK OR SO AGO WAS ALMOST DRIED OUT, JUST A LITTLE MUDDY PUDDLE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE RIVERBED. NOW ALREADY THE POOL HAS FORMED AND THE RAIN DROPS CAN BE SEEN HITTING THE SURFACE AND THE CIRCLES EACH ONE MAKES MEETS AND BLENDS WITH OTHERS FORMING EVER CHANGING PATTERNS, THE RAINS HAVE COME.

BY THE CROSSING OF RIVER BED , ON THE FAR SIDE, STANDS A VENERABLE OLD TREE. PROBABLY GROWING IN THIS SPOT BEFORE WHITE SETTLEMENT IT IS NOW TWISTED AND KNARLED. AT ONE TIME THE BIG HOLE ABOUT WAIST HIGH WAS PROBABLY SMALL ENOUGH TO BE THE NESTING SITE OF GENERATIONS OF BIRDS, BUT NOW IT YAWNS AS A WIDE BLACK HOLE INTO WHICH THE RAIN FALLS.

AND FROM IT GROWS ANOTHER TREE! SLIM BUT ALREADY TALL THIS SAPLING HAS FOUND ROOT IN THE SOIL THAT HAS GATHERED INSIDE THAT LARGE HOLE AND IN THAT PROTECTED ENVIRONMENT IS SPRINGING UP TO THE LIGHT.

FURTHER ON UP AHEAD ALONG SIDE THE TRACK, THERE IS SOMETHING WHITE ABOVE HEAD HEIGHT IN A TREE. GETTING A LITTLE CLOSER IT LOOKS AS THOUGH IT IS A BRIGHT WHITE ROUND STONE ABOUT THE SIZE OF A MAN'S HEAD. HOW WOULD SOMEONE GET A STONE UP THERE? WHY? AS A MARKER PERHAPS. A LITTLE CLOSER AND IT LOOKS AS THOUGH THEY HAVE USED A STICK TO HOLD IT IN POSITION, CLOSER AND IT LOOKS AS THOUGH THE STONE IS SHAPED AROUND THE STICK, NO THAT CANNOT BE RIGHT. A LITTLE CLOSER AND NOW IT LOOKS LIKE A BIG PIECE OF POLYSTYRENE FOAM. NO IT IS A FUNGUS! GROWING ON THE TRUNK OF THE TREE IT HAS GROWN ROUND A FALLEN BRANCH THAT IS LEANING AGAINST THE TRUNK. DOWN ON THE GRASS ALONGSIDE A LARGE PIECE LIES WHERE IT HAS BROKEN OFF, THAT PIECE IS ALREADY TURNING LIGHTLY BROWN AND THAT WILL PROBABLY HAPPEN TO THE MAIN ONE VERY SHORTLY. THAT VIVID WHITE PATCH WILL FADE DROOP AND DIE IN SUCH A VERY SHORT TIME. ALMOST CERTAINLY THE SUDDEN GROWTH HAS BEEN BROUGHT ON BY THE RAIN, THE SIGNAL FOR SO MUCH CHANGE IN THE BUSH.







Para Wirra Wordfind

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N	O	N	C	A	O	S	C	R	S	A	F	T	U	I
D	B	T	V	W	K	K	F	H	I	C	D	L	B	A
T	I	E	M	N	I	E	A	U	I	V	Q	L	A	P
Z	N	C	N	R	Z	Z	E	B	V	D	E	H	R	O
K	R	H	E	X	Y	P	M	F	U	N	N	R	B	S
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V	G	U	G	N	N	W	P	G	Y	S	A	A	U	M
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Word List

Kangaroo, Kookaburra, Emu, Robin, Echidna, BlueWren, Barbeque, Dragon, Lake, Possum, Frogmouth, Rangers, River, Yabbies, Antechinus



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OR PHONE 8280 7279.



The Friends of Para Wirra undertake working bees every first Thursday of the month and third Saturday of the month. Meet at Park Office at 9:00am.

Saturday April 23rd *Weed control as required. Potential work on Partnership Grant
Morning tea at work site.
Please note that this date is actually the fourth Saturday in the month to avoid the Easter weekend.

Thursday May 5th Weed control for FoP Small Grant. Morning tea at work site.

Saturday May 21st Weed Control for Potential work on Partnership Grant . Morning tea onsite.
Executive MEETING.

Thursday June 2nd Weed control as required. Potential work on Partnership Grant .
Morning tea at work site.

Saturday June 18th Weed control as required Partnership Grant. Bring morning tea and lunch if attending meeting. Quarterly MEETING.

***Please check CFS Website. Events cancelled during days of Total Fire Ban.**



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