



WILDFLOWER SOCIETY  
OF WA (INC.)

EASTERN HILLS BRANCH

# NEWSLETTER

February 2018

P.O. Box 111, GLEN FORREST, WA 6071

Meet: Octagonal Hall, 52, McGlew Rd., Glen Forrest.  
4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month. Doors open 7.30pm for 8.00pm

## Committee 2018

**President:** position vacant

**Vice President:** Fran Kinninmonth

**Treasurer:** Robert Atkins

[ehbtreasurer@inet.net.au](mailto:ehbtreasurer@inet.net.au)

**Secretary:** Sandy Stone

**Committee Members**

Alistair Adam

John Bates

Penny Hussey

Francisca Lebel

Pam Riordan

Francisca Lebel volunteered for the Committee after the AGM and was confirmed in office at the December Committee Meeting.

**The position of President remains vacant**, as does one further position on the Committee.

## Email contact

For all email contact to individual Committee Members (except the Treasurer) please use the WSWA's generic email:

[eastern.hills.branch@wildflowersocietywa.org.au](mailto:eastern.hills.branch@wildflowersocietywa.org.au)

## Tasks

- Facebook Manager: Pam Riordan and Robert Atkins
- Garden maintenance: Alistair Adam and John Bates
- Hall Bookings: Alistair Adam
- Hall Housekeeping: Joy Collins
- Librarian: Fran Kinninmonth and Cathy Car
- Newsletter Editor: Penny Hussey
- Plant Sale Subcommittee: Janet Atkins, Francisca Lebel and Mitzi Wehleck
- Propagation Group: Sandy Stone
- Propagation Equipment Purchaser: Sandy Stone

- Representative on Shire Environmental Committee: Lee Roberts
- Representatives on WSWA Management Committee: Robert Atkins and Fran Kinninmonth
- Seed Bank Officer: to be appointed
- Seed Cleaning Group, June Barker
- Speakers and Weekend Excursion Coordinator: Fran Kinninmonth
- Web Page Coordinator: Lee Roberts

## Coming Events February

### Tuesday 6th February

Committee Meeting  
7.30pm, Octagonal Hall

### Monday 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> February

#### Propagation Group

12.00 noon to 3.00pm, Octagonal Hall.  
Bring your lunch.

### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> February

#### Seed Cleaning Group

9.am Octagonal Hall

### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

#### Evening Meeting

#### John Huisman

#### "Seaweeds off the WA Coast"

Dr John Huisman is the Curator of the Western Australian Herbarium and also undertakes taxonomic research into WA marine plants. Other than a two year sojourn to the Hawaiian Islands, he has pursued a goal of a State-wide marine Flora since moving to Western Australia in 1985. John has written eight books and over 200 articles and chapters describing various seaweed related topics, and is presently finalising a book describing the

north-western Australian tropical marine flora, covering the red algae found on the Pilbara and Kimberley coasts.

John's presentation will delve into his past and will include tales of expeditions to remote locations, interactions with a variety of marine life, as well as presenting the seaweeds as the spectacular and unusual plants that have so enthralled him.

### **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February**

**Seed Cleaning Group**

9am Octagonal Hall

There will be no Botanical Ramble arranged until cooler weather arrives..

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## **Future Events MARCH**

### **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

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### **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March**

**Blue Sky Festival**

**Sculpture Park, Mundaring.**

10.00am – 4.00pm

Lee Roberts will be organising a Branch stall. Helpers are required in 2-hour shifts, including for set-up and dismantling. Please could you allocate some time – and you'll enjoy the rest of the festival too! Contact Lee on: [lee.roberts205@bigpond.com](mailto:lee.roberts205@bigpond.com) to let her know when you can help. Also required, small boxes, eg shoe-box size for assembling propagation 'show bags'.

### **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

**Evening Meeting**

**Eddy Wajon**

**Roadside Conservation**

Eddy is passionate about conservation and sustainable development and has a long history of putting the needs of nature conservation into the wider agenda. He practices what he preaches, too, on his own property. He will remind us of why roadside vegetation is important and what we can do to help conserve it.

## **Future Events, APRIL**

### **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April**

**Garden Busy Bee**

9.00am

The garden will need to be tidied up ready for the Plant Sale on the 17<sup>th</sup> of May. Put the date in your diary and come and help.

**Date to be arranged**

**Library Morning Tea**

The Library contains files and boxes of archival material that is all taking up storage space, but is never looked at. It is necessary to decide what to do with these materials. The Librarian, Fran Kininmonth, is going to organise a morning tea, sometime in April, to make a decision. If you are interested in the historical background of the Eastern Hills Branch, please contact Fran to offer your help. It would be a shame to lose important materials for want of knowing why they are important. Contact:

[Frankininmonth2004@yahoo.com.au](mailto:Frankininmonth2004@yahoo.com.au)

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## **REPORTS**

### **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November**

**Annual General Meeting**

**Brian Moyle**

**"An Introduction to the Gibson Desert"**

Brian used maps to illustrate how remote this area is, more or less in the centre of the driest part of Western Australia. It is called the "Gibson Desert" after Ernest Giles' companion, Gibson, who perished somewhere in the region, on a quest to fetch help. Giles wrote: *"I called this terrible region that lies between the Rawlinson*

*Range and the next permanent water that may eventually be found to the west, Gibson's Desert, after this first white victim to its horrors."*



THE LAST FREE SALS OF GIBSON.

Brian then described the landscape, vegetation and influence of fire, illustrated by photos taken along 'highways' dozed by Len Beadell in the 1950s. Many (most?) of us had never even heard of these tracks! A fascinating excursion into the real outback.

*Penny Hussey*

### Awards presented at the AGM



Joy Collins was made an Honorary Life Member after 30 years in the Society.



Lee Roberts was presented with a bouquet as a mark of appreciation for all she has done during her three years as President.



Roger Stone was presented with a Certificate of Thanks for constructing the superb storage bench to hold the propagation materials.

## PLANT OF THE MONTH



Yes, it's Marri!

Around Perth, it is probably the most important summer nectar source for fauna. Beautiful too! The only problem – watch out for roly honkey nuts!

The views and opinions expressed in the articles in this Newsletter are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect those of the Wildflower Society of Western Australia

Workshops - Presentations - Kids Activities - Stalls - Music - Food Vans

# Blue Sky FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 17TH MARCH 2018 10AM-4PM



Devoted to a range of environmental and sustainability issues in the Mundaring Hills.

Held in the vicinity of Nichol Road, Jacoby Street and the Sculpture Park.

**Energy - Waste - Water**  
**Transport - Local Food**  
**Next Generation - Built Environment**  
**Fire Mitigation - Natural Environment**



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