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BUSHCARE GROUPS IN THE MUNDARING AREA

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Below are details of just some of the many volunteer bushcare groups in the Perth Hills area in and around the Shire of Mundaring (SoM), in Western Australia.

The contacts and even the titles of the registered Friends groups are hard to find, because of privacy concerns. So, here is some info I've collected from various sources including public sources. Most of it has been proof-read and approved by the groups listed.

As at 2024 there were said to be about eighty unincorporated volunteer bushcare Friends groups registered with SoM, but many were inactive.

There is also a big group in John Forrest National Park which is registered with the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA). They're focused on weed control using many methods, and having morning tea.

The many SoM Friends groups in bush reserves are involved in weed control but they also plant seedlings/tubestock, control erosion, or install habitat boxes etc. And they have morning tea!

For more details, eg phone numbers or other groups, contact the Shire's Community Landcare Officer, Mikaella Morton, so she can put you in touch.

Daniel Pikel, the previous Community Landcare Officer, wrote

in November 2025:

Could you have a look at the new online map and let me know which group you're wanting to contact? I can't pass personal details on without consent so I need to know which one.

<https://www.mundaring.wa.gov.au/environment-waste/environment-groups-and-programs/community-and-friends-groups.aspx>

Have a look at that map, and click on a pin in your area. Then tell Mikaella which group or which area you are interested in. Note that groups in the map may be listed as 'active' even if they're not — they're just waiting for you to come along and reactivate them!

The incorporated catchment groups can also help to put you in touch with the Friends groups they work with.

OFFICIAL SHIRE CONTACTS

Mikaella Morton
Community Landcare Officer
08 9290 6836 (new number early 2026)
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mundaring.wa.gov.au
7000 Great Eastern Highway, Mundaring, WA 6073

INCORPORATED CATCHMENT GROUPS

Jane Brook Catchment Group Inc. (JBCG)

Jane Brook <janebrookcg@gmail.com>
JBCG works with many Friends groups.

Susannah Wooroloo Catchment Group Inc.

Formerly Susannah Brook Catchment Inc. (SBCG)
<https://www.facebook.com/>

SusannahWoorolooCatchmentGroup/
0408 655 517
susannahbrookcatchmentgroup@gmail.com

Helena River Catchment Group Inc. (HRCG)

Philip Lane, Chair
<https://helenarivercatchmentgroup.org>

Bibbul Ngarma Aboriginal Association Inc. (BNAA)

Mandoon Bilya (Helena River) Catchment
BoorYul-Bah-Bilya (BBB) Program
Francesca Flynn, Executive Director
<https://bibbul.org/>
manager@bibbul.org

BNAA's work centres around restoring ecosystems, reinvigorating cultural heritage and strengthening communities through reconnection to Country.

The BBB Rangers work with BBB volunteers and collaborate with community groups throughout Mandoon Bilya Catchment, including the suburbs of Mundaring, Kalamunda, Gooseberry Hill, Pickering Brook, Glen Forrest, Darlington, Boya, Koongamia, Helena Valley, Bushmead, Bellevue, Midland, Hazelmere, Woodbridge and Guildford.

The BBB Rangers are involved in a wide range of activities, including land and water management; ecosystem restoration; conservation and biodiversity monitoring; biosecurity and pest management; weed and feral animal control; environmental sampling; fire management; cultural mapping; heritage preservation; cultural activities; and community events.

Note: HRCG and BNAA both work in the Helena River area.

BUSHCARE FRIENDS GROUPS

DARLINGTON AREA

Friends of the Bilgoman Well (FOBWE)

(Convict ruins on the corner bush block on the highway, below Bilgoman Pool and above Darlington Road)

Chris Durrant <chrisctd@bigpond.com>

08 9299 6093

See report and pics in “Why SoM Volunteers Should Use Herbicides.pdf” (November 2024).

Friends of Boya Trail.

John Herington Memorial Picnic Ground.

<https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfBoyaTrail>

Friends of Darlington Station Reserve (FODS)

From <https://www.darlingtonvillage.org/community-groups/> :

Friends Groups taking care of our reserves and bush land –

see their pages in the Darlington Review

FOWL – Friends of Waylens Landing

Friends of Native Triangle (behind the Pavilion)

Friends of Glen Park Reserve

Friends of Mandoon Reserve

Louise Stelfox <louise.stelfox@bigpond.com>

Darlington, WA 6070

0437 310 578

See report and pics in “Why SoM Volunteers Should Use Herbicides.pdf” (November 2024).

PARKERVILLE, HOVEA and JFNP

Friends of Clutterbuck Creek

(Parkerville area)

Lisa 0427 073 740

See Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/people/Friends-of-Clutterbuck->

Creek/100064320837189/

Friends of Falls Park and heritage trail Parkerville Hovea (FoFP)

Katie Macfarlane 0407 048 883

Facebook:

Friends Of Falls Park and heritage trail Parkerville Hovea

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/756261333207452>

Friends of John Forrest National Park (FoJFNP)

A major and very active bushcare group, focused on weed control, plus morning tea. Esp. morning tea!

Registered with the DBCA, not the SoM.

<https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofJohnForrest>

friendsofjohnforrestnp@gmail.com

Cathy 0437 800 306

Margaret D. Jones 0414 374 701

mxmargaretjones@gmail.com

Manual weeding, and spraying.

“We collect litter, map weeds, promote the importance of weed control, monitor success of weed control, and compile and manage the weed/weeding data. Like many Friends groups we also access grant money to pay spraying and weed mapping contractors to augment our own extensive volunteer work.”

MAHOGANY CREEK

Friends of Strettle Road Reserve in Mahogany Creek

MOUNT HELENA

Friends of Pioneer Park (Mount Helena) FoPP

Gwyn 0437 890 083

Facebook: Friends of Pioneer Park

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100068932115446>

Friends of Alps Street Reserve (Mount Helena)

Alps Street Friends alpsstreet@gmail.com

Lion Mill Creek (Mount Helena)

CHIDLOW

Friends of Chidlow Reserves

Storme Reeves 0402 322 184

===== OTHER INFO =====

Bushcare Info, Chat & Music (BICM)

Event series initiated and produced by Margaret D. Jones

Hosted by Jane Brook Catchment Group Inc.

www.mixmargaret.com/bushcare

(BICM 8 will be 2pm - 4pm Sunday 7th June 2026. A new venue for us: Darlington Main Hall, gold coin entry).

Herbicide spraying on Shire managed land by volunteers in 2025, the first year of operation.

A report on and by authorised volunteer weed sprayers in the Shire of Mundaring.

Includes Before and After photos demonstrating the tremendous success of the programme. 2025 was the first time in perhaps ten years that volunteers had been authorised to spray on Shire managed land. Available online at www.mixmargaret.com/bushcare

Why SoM Volunteers Should Use Herbicides.pdf (November 2024). Available online at www.mixmargaret.com/bushcare

Eastern Region Landcare (ERL) Website

The ERL website will be launched this year (2026). This

website will act as a digital hub for the ERL program, providing information on volunteer groups, landcare news and events within the East Region. Once live, you'll be able to find the website at erl.org.au

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