

The BICM event series

Bushcare Info, Chat & Music,
initiated and produced by
Margaret D. Jones (MDJ)

Focused on weed control

Because the bush
NEEDS OUR HELP

BICM 1

11 February 2024 at Parkerville Oval Pavilion (because the Parkerville Hall had been damaged). 2pm - 4.30pm.
Hosted by Friends of Falls Park and heritage trail Parkerville Hovea (SoM), and Friends of John Forrest National Park (DBCA).

Eric McCrum was there to sell the book *The Nature of the Jarrah Forrest*

No guest speakers, just lots of chat.

Weed examples by **Val English**.

Original music by **Margaret:**
Three Parkerville Pieces (suite for solo piano):

- 1) ***DNA in the Valley: the Evolution of Self-Awareness***;
- 2) ***Puck at Parkerville*** (based on Shakespeare);
- 3) ***Rainbows Over Hovea*** (piano).
Amazing Grace, A Song for All (Harvey Milk Gave Us Hope) (piano and voice).

BICM 2

14 April 2024 in the Margaret Forrest Centre inside John Forrest National Park. 2pm - 4.30pm. **Again hosted by Friends of Falls Park and heritage trail Parkerville Hovea, and Friends of John Forrest National Park.**

Guest speakers:

Paul Udinga - Senior Ranger at JFNP: **A Short History of Weeds in JFNP**, featuring Anthea Elsner's short 2020 film **Not In My Backyard**.

Julian (Joe) King - long-time FoJFNP weed slayer: **Friends of John Forrest National Park – A Brief History**.

Val English, long-time ecologist: **Weed or Wildflower?** Presentation on invasive species with examples in buckets

Original classical music by MDJ:
Androgyne Prophecy (1977 piano, composed nearby).

Life's Journey: Song and Dance of the Conscious and Unconscious (piano).

Beside the Foyle (piano & vocal), based on Londonderry Air/Danny Boy with new words and music.

BICM 3

23 June 2024 at 120 Stoneville Road (venue: Mundaring Uniting Church) 2pm - 4.30pm. **Hosted by Jane Brook Catchment Group Inc.** with assistance from many Friends groups incl. FoFP and FoJFNP. "Chat" added to the title of the event for the first time.

Guest speakers:

Eric McCrum - The Wonderful World of Fungi.

Una Bell - Illustrated talk on native grasses and weed grasses, with examples in pots.

Music by Margaret D. Jones (all original except Beethoven):
Rainbows Over Hovea (piano);
Greensleeves When I Was Young (Point of view: an LGBTI ally ie friend, parent, or partner) (piano & voice).
Pathétique Sonata (II) by Beethoven.

BICM 4

25 August 2024, 2pm - 4pm (30 minutes shorter), **again hosted by Jane Brook Catchment Group Inc.** with assistance from many Friends groups incl. FoFP and FoJFNP.

Guest speakers:

Andrew Wallace, outstanding young local naturalist. Illustrated talk: **Our insects in a changing world** - how our local invertebrates are dealing with, and changing with the changes in southwest Australia.

David Newsome, PhD, Emeritus Associate Professor, Environment and Conservation (Murdoch University). Illustrated talk: **why weeds are such a problem.**

Music by Margaret D. Jones:
Rustle of Spring (Christian Sinding)
Sonatina Dysphoria (MDJ, 1981)

BICM 5

16 February 2025, at Mundaring Uniting Church. **Hosted by Jane Brook Catchment Group Inc.**

Guest speaker:

Pete Kendrick, an illustrated talk about removing millions of weedy Date Palms at Millstream in Pilbara.

Music by **Storme Reeves**, singer/songwriter, songs from her 7th CD ***Heartfelt Illusions*** (available now, and also on digital platforms), see www.Storme.com.au

Music by **Margaret D Jones**, piano: Felix Mendelssohn: **Hunting Song** (Song Without Words Op. 19 No. 3 in A major), performance dedicated to weed slayers everywhere.

Wise Ones Say (song): a reworking of *Can't Help Falling In Love* covered by Elvis Presley, dedicated to forests everywhere.

Mussorgsky: **The Great Gate of Kyiv**, performance dedicated to the innocent victims of all wars.

BICM 6

Sunday 25th May 2025, Margaret Forrest Centre. **Hosted by Jane Brook Catchment Group Inc.**

Geoff Cockerton, MD and Principal Botanist with Western Botanical, and **Linda Dalgliesh**, an illustrated talk covering three topics:

- **Weeds of the Jarrah Forest** (weedy grasses and errant wattles).
- **Flora and vegetation of the North-eastern goldfields** (geology, landscapes, soils, and hydrology), an *Acacia* case-study.
- **Grass Trees, *Xanthorrhoea* and *Kingia*** (species complexes awaiting discovery and formal description — research with Linda Dalgliesh).

Weed examples collected by Val English.

Special guest: 12 year old **Ziah Jones**, piano: **Prayer of the Swinging Mantis** (AMEB exam syllabus piece by MDJ), and **Hidden Secrets** (Ziah's original composition, unprompted and unassisted).

Rob Greenwood, poetry recitation: **Jane Brook in January**. Written at the end of Falls Road, Hovea.

Margaret D. Jones, classical composer, pianist & singer
Etude in C minor, Op. 25 No. 12 (“Ocean”) piano solo by Chopin;
Bist Du With Me, based on a 1718 da capo aria (operatic love song) called Bist du bei mir. Initial (German) words & music by G. H. Stölzel 1718. New (English) words & arr. by MDJ 2025, piano accompanist **Yamuna Daw**.
Rainbows Over Hovea, 2017 piano solo by MDJ.

BICM 7

Sunday 12th October 2025, 2 - 4pm. Margaret Forrest Centre. **Hosted by Jane Brook Catchment Group Inc.**

John Joseph Jones, poems recited by Lawrence Jones: **Love Is Like A Tree; Rain In June**

Margaret D. Jones, classical composer. Two original piano solos from

Three Parkerville Pieces (suite):
DNA in the Valley: the Evolution of Self-Awareness
Puck at Parkerville

Una Bell: What grass is that?
Illustrated talk on the differences between local native and introduced weedy grasses

Margaret D. Jones, classical singer
Yellow Tingle Tree (w by JJJ, m by MDJ)
AMAZING GRACE, A Song for All (Harvey Milk Gave Us Hope) (w & m by MDJ)

Val English: weeds collected on the weekend, on display during the event.

BICM 8

Probably June 2026.

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