



NEWSLETTER

JULY, 2018

Greater Wellington National Park

Members of Promote Preston met with the WA Government back in February to discuss the expansion of the Wellington National Park and in particular the need for the expansion to benefit the Preston River Valley. Minister for the Environment, Mr Stephen Dawson wrote to us again in a letter dated June 28 and stated the following:

“The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) has undertaken an assessment of the environmental, economic, and social values of Conservation and Land Management Act 1984 land surrounding Wellington National Park. Consultation with other Government departments has commenced and engagement with Traditional Owners and key stakeholders will commence over the coming months. Delivering the expansion of the Wellington National Park is a priority for the McGowan Government.”

We are looking forward to a positive outcome for Preston River Valley and will keep you informed of any new developments.

Preston River Valley - Spring Program

Thank you to the Donnybrook-Balingup Shire Council who are sponsoring our *Preston River Valley Spring Program* through their community grants program.

Each year we build on what we have done previously in alignment with our [strategic plan](#) and seek to profile our local community. This year we are looking forward to introducing you to our local artists.

Here is our program...we hope you can join us!

August 5 | **Bush Regeneration** | 10am – 12pm

Last year we learnt about propagating natives. Time now to get hands on practical experience.

We will learn how to bring back the bush based on low labour inputs that encourage high success rates. See a regenerating horse paddock, public road corridor and self generating overgrazed goat run.

And you can plant a seedling or two!

Wear gum boots, hat, gloves and bring a trowel.

Meet at 90 Oldmeadow Rd, Lowden

October 6 & 7 | Citizen Science Camp Weekend

Develop your citizen science skills in monitoring flora and birds. Learn more about who lives in the Jarrah / Marri bushlands of the south west.

This campout will be guided by local citizen science enthusiasts.

We will walk along the Thor track. Locals will feed us with some hearty soup for dinner and surprise us with a pop up *bush cafe* for lunch.

Meet Saturday 11am at Yabberup Hall. You will ready to head home by Sunday 11am.

BYO your camp gear and stay overnight.

Registration required – email promote.preston@gmail.com and an info sheet with all the details will be sent to you.

November 3 & 4 | Art...Naturally Artisan trail and textile fine art exhibition

Visit Preston River Valley artisans in their studios

See the *For the Love of Nature* textile art exhibition at the Yabberup Hall

Enjoy the open gardens of the Preston River Valley

We are currently accepting entries for artwork to exhibit from textile artists living in the Bunbury-Geographe region. For more information and to download an entry form go to www.imaginegwnp.com/events

For more details about each of the above events go to. www.imaginegwnp.com or www.facebook.com/imaginegwnp

If you have any questions email us at promotepreston@gmail.com

All our events are free and donations are welcomed