

# Shire of Denmark

## Friends of Reserves Strategy

The Shire of Denmark has developed a Friends of Reserves Strategy which aims to establish a clear process by which Friends of Reserves groups may operate to ensure a strategic, co-ordinated approach towards effective management of Shire of Denmark reserves.

The Friends of Reserves Strategy may be downloaded at:  
<http://www.denmark.wa.gov.au/councilservices/naturalresourcesmanagement.file/reserves>

Upon registration, Friends of groups will be presented with an information pack which has information to assist with the running of the Friends group and undertaking bushland management activities.

The Strategy outlines the types of bushcare activities that may be undertaken, and the basic skills required for a group to carry out these activities in each reserve.

Before undertaking any activities, Friends of groups must register with the Shire and provide a record of all works carried out.

The Shire can provide support for the formation of a Friends of group and can assist with the development of an action plan for the reserve.

If you are interested in starting a Friends of group or joining in the activities of an existing group please contact the Shire of Denmark NRM Officer (08) 9848 0300/ [nrm@denmark.wa.gov.au](mailto:nrm@denmark.wa.gov.au).

## Shire of Denmark Reserves

There are approximately 80 Shire of Denmark bushland, foreshore and coastal reserves that the Shire manages. Listed below are a number of these reserves for some of which Friends of Reserves groups already exist.

Some of the many Shire Reserves:

- Big Karri Reserve
- Boat Harbour Reserve
- Buckley St Reserve
- Little River Reserve
- Morgan Road Reserve
- Mount Hallowell Reserve
- Ocean Beach Reserve
- Peace Street Reserve
- Redgum Lane Reserve
- Strickland Street Reserve
- Weedon Hill Reserve



Photo (right): Weedon Hill Reserve



Photo: Get to Know Your Reserve - Strickland St Reserve

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## Forming Friends of Reserves Groups (Denmark)



Photo: Strickland Street Reserve walk and talk

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Photo: Strickland Street Reserve

## Friends Of Reserves

Friends of Reserves groups are set up by members of the community who wish to contribute towards the maintenance and management of reserves. They are registered as volunteer groups with the Shire of Denmark.

Friends of Reserves groups work together with the Shire in accordance with any existing Shire-developed reserve management plans and a reserve specific activity plan.

## Benefits of Friends of Groups

There are many environmental, social and personal benefits that come from joining or starting a Friends of Reserves group.

These include:

- Contributing to the long-term conservation and protection of native bushland.
- Keeping your local reserve in good condition or returning it to its natural state.
- Learning about local plants and animals.
- Developing new skills.
- Meeting new people and becoming an active member of the community.
- Involving your whole family in positive experiences.
- Getting back in touch with nature.
- Acting as eyes and ears on the street to alert the local council to any issues in the reserve.

## Activities of Friends of Groups

### Weeding

Invasive plants can take over from native plants in some bushland reserves. Co-ordinating a regular weeding group can assist in keeping these invasive species at bay. Training in weed removal is available through the Denmark Weed Action Group (9848 2641).



Photo: Denmark Weed Action Group Blackberry Control

## Dieback Hygiene Management

Members of Friends of Reserve groups should practise dieback hygiene management protocols when undertaking activities so as to ensure there is no further spread of dieback within Shire bushland reserves. Training is available through Denmark PC Working Group. Contact Bob Fenwick: 9848 2641.

## Flora and Fauna Surveys

Friends groups, in consultation with the Shire, can conduct flora and fauna surveys to identify and monitor the biodiversity values of their local bushland reserve. Gathering this information and monitoring over a period of time can provide valuable information for the long-term health and management of the reserve.

## Removal of Rubbish

Rubbish dumping and littering is an ongoing problem in bushland reserves. Friends groups are able to help in the collection and removal of rubbish to ensure the pristine nature of our bushland reserves is preserved.

## Path Maintenance

Existing walk trails and access tracks within reserves provide a fantastic opportunity for people to get to know their reserve. Maintenance of these tracks is therefore important and can be achieved through regular working bees by Friends of groups undertaking track maintenance.

## Bush Regeneration

Friends groups, in consultation with the Shire, can undertake planting of local native plant species to rehabilitate areas that are degraded.