

What's Happening at Monjingup??



LAKE MONJINGUP MASTER PLAN

The 8 year Master Plan for Monjingup has been finalised and is now available for viewing. If you would like a copy of the plan - contact Renae on 9071 0624. It makes interesting reading and will direct the committee on the development of the area. Priority projects for the next couple of years will be:

- The development of a Dieback Management Plan
- The development of a Business Plan
- Realignment of the road
- Development of a signage strategy
- Commissioning of entry statement artwork for the corner of Telegraph Road and the South Coast Highway

The committee will be submitting funding applications through Magellan and Lotterywest to get the above projects on their way.

Fixing Mesh to the Boardwalks

The boardwalks become quite slippery when wet and for some time now we have been trying to fix mesh to the top, without success. We have finally gained some assistance with this project now and will be able to proceed on the next available Saturday morning. If you have some spare time on a Saturday morning in the near future, please advise the caretaker, Brian Warren, on 9071 2983.



Monji Birdlife

There aren't many ducks or other water birds on the Lake at the moment, probably because there is so much water elsewhere throughout Esperance, the Goldfields, Wheatbelt and Pilbara.

It was nice to find a very quiet Restless Flycatcher near the lake the other day. At first glance, he looks like a Willy Wagtail, but he's a gun-metal bluey-black colour rather than black and doesn't have a "bib". He has a slight crest and a distinguishing call which is described as "scissors grinding".



Working Bee

A busy bee was held at Monjingup on Sunday, 22nd February.

The walk trails from the Environment Centre were pruned making them much more comfortable to walk along.

Another working bee will be scheduled soon to finish laying the mesh along the boardwalks and to combat the underwater Bulrushes.

Combating the Bulrush at Monji



Bulrush is currently invading and choking the waterways at Monji.

The caretaker trialed cutting the bulrush underwater, with great results! Cutting the bulrush in this way drowns it and therefore makes it die. We will look at holding a busy bee at some time to try and combat the bulrush located in the water. In the meantime, mechanical grubbing will take place along the edges of the lake.



Wildflowers at Monji

It's probably not the best time of the year to look for wildflowers, but they are around if you have a closer look! You can usually find some Banksia's, Eucalyptus' and Mallee throughout the year. There are also a few Hakea's and Grevillea's around.

Some flowers to look for at this time of the year are Blue Grass Lily; Sticky Ray Flower; Wedge Pea; Coastal Groundsel, Pigface, Rose-tipped Mulla Mulla, Pelargonium and White and Purple Lobelia (which usually come up after a fire)

At this time of the year when we have windy weather, it is an important time for plant regeneration. Mature seed heads, which flowered a few months ago, have ripened and split open spilling seeds which the wind spreads far and wide ready for the cycle to start again.

