

# FRIENDS OF PERRY LAKES NEWSLETTER



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## WE'RE SEEKING NEW MEMBERS!

We're pleased to announce that we are now seeking members to join FoPL and support our work in conserving Perry Lakes.



Benefits of membership include access to free or subsidised educational events and social activities, and feeling you're making a difference to your local area.

Costs for the 2022 calendar year are \$25 for singles or \$35 for families.

To join, please [complete this form](#) and follow the instructions therein.

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

**Welcome to our second newsletter which your committee hopes to bring to you every quarter. Your committee has been working behind the scenes and we are now incorporated, have established a bank account, created a Google workspace and Facebook page, tendered for the establishment of a website, created a membership application process and are currently finalising our logo so we can order our work shirts. We now have 48 paid members, have undertaken three weed days, and are planning to undertake monthly educational walking tours commencing in June.**

- *Greg Harrison, Chair FoPL management committee*

## FOPL LOGO COMPETITION

Thank you to all members who recently submitted ideas for the FoPL logo to the management committee. There were so many fantastic designs received that it was difficult for the committee to make a decision! The committee has shortlisted several options and is now working with a designer to finalise a design. We look forward to unveiling our new logo soon.

## RECENT EVENTS

### Perry Lakes Water Replenishment Project – Walk and Talk April 13



We would like to extend our thanks to Andrew Head, Manager of Parks and Natural Environment at the Town of Cambridge, and our Education Officer Don McFarlane, for hosting our inaugural education event on Wednesday April 13. The event was well attended by approximately 30 members and supporters of the Friends of Perry Lakes. Members

heard about the Town of Cambridge's plans to divert water from the Herdsman Main Drain to the East and West Lake, with diversion anticipated to commence in June. Andrew outlined other planned activities for the area including a new path around the east lake and substantial revegetation in partnership with the Friends.

## CONTACT US



Please get in touch if you have any questions or ideas about future educational events or activities.

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## TO FIND OUT MORE

Follow us on Facebook: [Friends of Perry Lakes](#) | [Facebook](#)

New website details to be announced soon!

### Weeding Day Sunday 24th April

Our Works Coordinator Paul Brown hosted our most recent weeding day on Sunday April 24<sup>th</sup>. Members were able to view our new storeroom which is located in the small building near the playground south of West Lake. Tea and coffee facilities have also kindly been made available by the Town of Cambridge for our use during events. The day focused on weeding the south border of West Lake and removing dense stands of casuarinas that have formed through suckering in the norther part of West Lake. Keep an eye out for our next Weeding Day in May!

### DID YOU KNOW...?

There was once four lakes – East, West, South and Camel, as well as extensive swampy areas in Alderbury Reserve.

East and West lakes had their lake beds modified to make them deeper and more regular before the 1962 Commonwealth and Empire Games. Their banks are now steeper than they were beforehand. Some of the excavated material was used to infill low-lying areas in Alderbury Reserve. South Lake (near the current playground) was filled in the late 1960s because it was considered a mosquito breeding hazard. Islands in East and West lakes were constructed for bird nesting in 1974 (east Lake) and 1980 (West Lake).

The lakes once received inflow of groundwater from the Superficial Aquifer, but are now mainly recharged by stormwater from the surrounding streets. East Lake also receives pumped groundwater in summer. West and East lakes drain water into the underlying aquifer, releasing nutrients from the exposed peat that has built up over many years. Filling the lakes with Floreat Mean Drain water will reduce this loss of peat.

### UPCOMING EVENTS FOR MAY 2022

#### Weeding Day Sunday May 22

Our weeding days continue to be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month, with the next one scheduled for **Sunday May 22**. Please note we will now be meeting at the later time of **8 am**, finishing at 10 am. We are also meeting at a new location – our storeroom which is south of the playground south of West Lake. We request that you wear covered shoes or boots, bring your own gloves and if possible wear long pants. Please bring secateurs if you have some available (not essential).

