

FRIENDS OF PERRY LAKES NEWSLETTER



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WE'RE SEEKING NEW MEMBERS!

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.

WORK SHIRTS

Our new work shirts have now arrived! The shirts are available to members at a cost of \$20 each (non members \$70). To secure one of these great shirts, please [complete this order form](#) which includes sizing charts and payment details.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Welcome to our third newsletter. We continue to grow as an organisation and undertake various work programs. This quarter saw us receive our first shirt orders and the purchase of equipment to improve our weeding operations. Special thanks to the Town of Cambridge (TOC) for allocating a storage shed for our equipment and for engaging our group to plant 2000 plants on the north western side of the western lake.

- Greg Harrison, Chair FoPL management committee

RECENT EVENTS

Tree planting day – Sunday July 3

We held our inaugural tree planting day on Sunday 3rd July. Over 50 members braved a crisp winter's morning to assist the Town of Cambridge in the planting of 2000 seedlings at the northwest border of the West Lake. We were fortunate to have a clear and sunny winter's day to enjoy whilst planting sixteen different native species.



The tree planting was followed by a BBQ where members had a chance to socialise and hear more about work planned by the Town of Cambridge in collaboration with the Friends. This is just the first of many intended planting days over the coming years, with the longer term aim to restore the natural habitat and diversity of plants at the lakes' edge and provide a habitat for waterfowl, turtles, frogs and other species.

Lake Claremont walk and talk – Sunday July 17

We were fortunate to be hosted by Nick Cook, convenor of the Friends of Lake Claremont, for an educational and informative walk around the lake on Sunday July

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:

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Website:

We have now launched our new website which is available from <https://friendsofperrylakes.org>. Check it out to find out more about Perry Lakes and its history, how to become a member, and upcoming events.

PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS

Our previous newsletters are available from here: [Newsletter | Friends of Perry Lakes](#).

17. We heard all about the history of the lake, including its original state as a landfill site and golf course prior to rehabilitation by the Friends group working with the Town of Claremont. The Friends group has a long list of remarkable achievements, including planting over 400,000 seedlings over its lifetime, the awarding of over three quarters of a million dollars worth of grants, and culminating in the release of 43 quendas to the area earlier this year. Wildlife surveys have demonstrated that an original 80 bird species identified at the lake has swelled to 120 species more recently, with turtle populations higher than would be expected. The achievements of the group give the Friends of Perry Lakes a taste of what can be achieved with a group of committed people working together to benefit the community. You can find more information about the Friends of Lake Claremont [from their website here](#) or their [Facebook page here](#).



HOW AND WHEN DID PERRY LAKES FORM?

This is one question that will be addressed in a talk by Don McFarlane, Education Officer at 4pm of Sunday 31st July at the WA Ecology Centre (entry is free to all). There are three possibilities:

- The lakes occur in the swale (dip) between dunes, as do many lakes on the Swan Coastal Plain
- The lake beds were scoured out by wind at the peak of the last ice age (about 20,000 years ago) when the Swan Coastal Plain was much drier than at present, or
- Limestone under the lakes dissolved and the lakes sunk into the depression that were formed. Such lakes are called dolines.

The lake beds are almost certainly older than the lakes because groundwater levels needed to rise to intersect their base after formation.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR AUGUST 2022

Weeding Day Sunday August 21

Our next weeding day will be held on Sunday August 21, 8 am until 10 am. We will meet at our storeroom, which is south of the playground south of West Lake. Please bring your own gloves and secateurs (if possible). Hope to see you there!

Educational talks

We continue to plan educational talks which we will publish on our website here: [Get Involved \(friendsofperrylakes.org\)](#).

