



GOODE NEWS

December 2018

Message from the President

What a year!

It's been so busy since the September *Goode News* that I almost didn't manage to fit this one in before the new year begins—just squeaked in by the skin of my teeth!

Lot 660

A large part of what has been keeping us busy has been the continuing campaign to prevent an oversize and inappropriate resort development on Lot 660. In late September, the FBA lodged a 110-page submission with the WA Planning Commission (WAPC) detailing many reasons why the proposed resort is unsuitable and should not be approved. John Nurick, Max Angus, Ian Herford, Richard Vogwill and I wrote most of the document. It is well-researched and, we think, convincing, so we hope it will persuade the regulators to apply their guidelines properly. We will use the submission as the basis for a later submission to the EPA.

Consideration of the proposal has been delayed by the Department of Planning, Lands & Heritage (DPLH) requesting additional information from the proponents (we don't know what information—they wouldn't tell us). They have given them six months to gather the extra information, so the proposal will likely not go before the WAPC until April 2019. We are keeping in touch with the DPLH for news of any developments and will keep you informed.

Heritage Trail and Bushfire Readiness

There's been no update on the Heritage Trail project—we'll have to chase the City up to see what's happening. Another area

where the City is moving more slowly than we would like is in cooperating with us on developing bushfire readiness procedures. We will continue to remind them until progress is made.

Upcoming Events

World Wetlands Day will be held on 2 February 2019, so look out for notices about this important day. Linda Matthews is coordinating events, and also organised a successful 'Save the Lake' session at the Albany Markets on 10 November, with more than 200 information flyers being given to interested shoppers.

Another '**Goode Evening**' is being prepared, for 22 March, so keep that date free. Marguerite Flynn and Chris Hopper are organising this history event which should be as entertaining as the last one.

Our next event is the annual **Sundowner**, to be held on **Sunday 27 January 2019** starting at 5.30 pm. We are trying a different format this year, having Whalers Galley Café cater the event on their premises instead of the FBA Committee members missing all the fun because they're tied up preparing the food!

We hope you'll come along and join in what should be an even more social event than usual. See the flyer below in the newsletter for full details.

We will be holding our AGM sometime in February and will be in touch before then with details. In the meantime, on behalf of the FBA Committee, I wish you all a happy and healthy New Year and I look forward to seeing you often.

Best wishes!

Catherine Macdonald—Mob.: 0434 14 84 63.

Goode Beach Firefighters

In our spare time, most of us choose to slow down a little and enjoy a break from the rigours of our daily routine. However, Goode Beach residents Natalie Rudling and Michael McCaffery rarely take up the opportunity to put their feet up. Along with local residents Chris Myson, Sandy Wells and Derrick Jones, they are volunteer firefighters, members of the South Coast Bush Fire Brigade. When they are not out fighting fires, they spend their spare time in training sessions learning how to protect life and property from bushfire and how to avoid heat stress exhaustion and smoke inhalation.

Photo: Natalie Rudling and Michael McCaffery



Natalie and Michael moved from Northern Tasmania to Western Australia in 2012. They were on a mission to find the quiet life, on a bush block, in a close knit community. They found exactly what they were looking for in the karri forest in La Perouse Road, Goode Beach. They moved from Albany to Goode Beach in April 2017. Michael has a degree in zoology and postgraduate qualifications in geology. He works as a Ranger for the City of Albany. Natalie is a nurse in the Emergency Department at the Albany Health Campus. Although the task of being firefighters while managing careers is challenging, the couple's commitment to volunteering brings many rewards, including the feeling that they are doing their 'bit' for their community.

The Frenchman Bay Association acknowledges Natalie and Michael and our local volunteer firefighters for their ongoing commitment to helping others and their generous community spirit. THANK YOU.

Echidna

Noeleen Holmes and her family have lived at 38 Karrakatta Rd for 35 years and on the 8th of September they had their most unusual visitor yet! Hiding behind a plant pot was this spiky ball, an echidna! In Goode Beach!!

Photo: Noeleen Holmes – Echidna



They enjoyed watching him amble about, quite unperturbed, for an hour or so. He snuffled about with his little snout and fat feet, until eventually wandering up the stairs and off into the bush, never to be seen again!

A Rose by any other name...?

Photo: Chris looking at home at Kew Gardens



It seems that FBA Secretary, Chris Hopper, has been hiding her light under a bushel (of roses?!). Chris was a key speaker at the

Heritage Roses in Australia Inc.'s 14th National Conference in November. Chris gave an image-filled talk entitled "Through the Seasons" at the renowned collection in Kew Gardens in London'. Well done Chris!

Volunteering for Endangered Turtles

Goode Beach local Ian Herford had a chance to get up close and personal with flatback turtles this month.

Last week Ian headed north to Karratha and then across to Delambre Island, the easternmost island in the Dampier Archipelago. Here he joined a dedicated band of volunteers to participate in monitoring of the flatback turtle, which is classed as vulnerable by both the state and federal governments. Delambre Island hosts more nesting flatback turtles, which only nest on beaches in northern Australia, than any other. The objectives of this program are to assess the size of the flatback turtle population nesting on Delambre Island (by counting tracks and tagging females) and to monitor population trends over time.

Turtles come up onto the beach at night to nest and lay 50 to 60 eggs each time. They can return to the beach multiple times during a season. Once they have laid, turtles are checked for flipper and electronic tags which, if present, are recorded to build up a picture of the movements of individual animals. If any of these identifiers are missing, either because they have been lost or because it is a 'new' turtle, the volunteers put the tags in place.

Photo: Ian Herford – A flatback turtle covering her nest



'The work is fascinating,' says Ian, 'though it's no picnic. Walking the soft-sand beaches for eight or so hours is certainly a great way to stay fit. The turtles were starting to emerge after dark and generally carried on arriving until 2 or 3 am'.

Next, Ian thinks he might look for a project which runs during daylight hours!

Weeding Busy Bees

The final weeding busy bee for 2018 was held on Saturday 8 December near the Goode Beach carpark. As you can see, a large part of the joy in joining in is the morning tea!

Photo by Steve Hopper – the weeding group taking a tea break



We expect to continue the busy bees in 2019, so keep your eyes open for signs announcing the next one or check us out on the [FBA's Facebook page](#). Do come along!

Karrakatta Street Party

Quite a few FBA members attended the recent Karrakatta Street party, as they have done for many years. Here's a photo of some of the partygoers. Thanks for inviting us!

Photo by Noeleen Holmes



CALLING FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

Got a story or want to advertise or place a community message on the *Goode News* or FBA website Noticeboard?

If you have news of interest to the Goode Beach community for inclusion in the *Goode News* or on the FBA website please contact FBA Secretary Chris Hopper (cghopper@gmail.com).

FBA Website address:

<https://frenchmanbayassociation.com/>

FBA Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/Frenchman-Bay-Association-FBA-137923590237725/>

COMING EVENTS

YOU'RE INVITED!

FBA SUNDOWNER

Our annual get together hosted by the
Frenchman Bay Association

SUNDAY 27 JANUARY 2019
5:30PM TO 8:00PM
WHALERS GALLEY CAFE

\$15 for FBA members
\$20 for non-members
Children 11 and under are free
Food provided, BYO drinks

RSVP
FBA Treasurer Elly Beckeringh
with payment by 18 January 2019

Direct deposit: 066-500 100 17011
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Please identify your payment with your name

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