

# GOODE NEWS

December 2020



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

There has been a lot of FBA activity since our last newsletter, with committee members and many others making great contributions to the liveliness of our community. Two successful and enjoyable events have been held—the wrap-up of the community assessment of plastic and Goode Evening IV, both of which are described in this edition. The community library is looking spectacular and is fully functional, so pop by and borrow a book if you find you have some spare time and nothing good to read. Great strides have been made in establishing a bushfire ready system in the neighbourhood, so you can expect to be contacted by a street coordinator near you sometime soon. Regular weeding bees have continued with vigour and the Heritage Trail is moving ahead and may even receive a Noongar name in the near future, we hope. Read on for more details about these and other happenings in articles written by many FBA members and artistically designed by *Goode News* editor, Jen Leonard.

### Lot 660

Much has happened with this project since our last newsletter. We had a brief period of celebration when the WAPC Chairman advised us in early October that the proponent had withdrawn from the proceedings before SAT, with the result that the proposal, Local Structure Plan 9, was refused. The WAPC provided us with the DPLH officer's report to the Statutory Planning Committee and the minutes of the SPC meeting held in February, at which I had presented the FBA's argument. We were very pleased to see that the department and the WAPC seemed to share most of our concerns about the LSP9 proposal and had refused it on a number of grounds.

Just days later, we heard that the proponent had commenced pre-lodgement discussions with the State Development Assessment Unit to determine whether the project could be assessed as a significant development under the new Part 17 of the Planning and Development Act. This process is intended as a 'temporary measure for job-creating projects that can support the State's economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic'. If the proponent does proceed to submit a new development application, the WAPC has advised us that there will be at least 42 days for the City of Albany to provide comments and 28 days for public consultation. We expect to receive timely notification of

any such lodgement, so that we can provide our input. We will monitor the situation closely. Watch this space.

Separately, the City is working on a new Local Planning Scheme. The current scheme was adopted in 2014 and by law had to be reviewed after five years, and the review recommended that a replacement be prepared rather than continuing to amend the current one. Most of the changes will be technical, to reflect changes in the planning system, and there will be extensive public consultation, but we will be looking out for anything that affects our area.

Have a great Christmas and New Year and I hope to see you at the Sundowner in January, if not before.

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**A NEW ORCHID AT GOODE BEACH?**

By Steve Hopper

In September and early October this year, several of Goode Beach’s orchid enthusiasts came across a white spider orchid on a grassy firebreak in the City of Albany’s karri reserve near the termination of La Perouse Road. I was shown the small clump and it was clear that this was a species I’d not seen before. I shared my photos with Andrew Brown, long-time collaborator in orchid studies, and he too offered that he’d never seen anything quite like the Goode Beach spider orchid.

The orchid is distinctive in its lip, which is thrust forward rather than recurved and curling underneath at its apex. The latter recurved apex is the usual situation in caladenias. The shape of the calli or glandular projections on the lip are also distinctive, as is the length of the petals and sepals.

The only problem in concluding that we had a new species at Goode Beach was that only a single colony with a few flowers was known. In October, Chris and I searched the karri reserve’s firebreaks and adjacent bushland but failed to find another specimen. To be sure that the specimens represent a new species, we have to not only know that it has not been named before, but also that it occurs in at least a couple of populations. Hence we have resolved that further searches would be profitable next year in spring to ascertain whether the plant is replicated elsewhere than the original site.

If you come across anything that resembles the spider orchid, at Goode Beach or elsewhere, do take photos and let me know on 9844 4191.



Photos: Steve Hopper and Jane Herford

**SAVE THE DATE**

The annual FBA Sundowner will be held on Sunday 24 January 2021.

Pop the date into your diary.

All the details of the event will be revealed soon.



## CARING FOR OUR BUSHLAND

By Linda Matthews

Our monthly weeding bees have continued since the COVID-19 restrictions were eased.

Two of our working bees were held on the verges along Hayn Road. It was midway through the first working bee that we realised Charlie and Sean had been gone for a while. They showed up later in the morning after 'going bush' and finding the source of the small Taylorina seedlings that were appearing in the area.

A team went in to hack at the infestation which was reaching 5–7 metres in height on the edge of Lake Vancouver. The Taylorina, at that height, can readily set seed and distribute it far and wide on the wind. We almost lost Clare in the swamp but she managed to wade back to shore and it probably only took her a week to dry out. Steve and Bill located some Victorian Tea Tree and worked diligently at the patch. Subsequent visits to the site show how effective they were as there is not a seedling on site.

September's weeding bee crew met at St George's Crescent and worked at removing weeds in the bushland near to the steps down to the beach. Steve showed us the Flying Duck orchid growing in the area and we transferred some plants from other areas to try and fill in the gaps and hopefully reduce the space for future weeds to take hold. Then, after a delicious morning tea we went to work on the council reserve on the corner of La Perouse Road and Austin Road. Council verges are

normally 2 metres in Goode Beach but these corners are significantly deeper so our team went in to clear the weeds and improve the sightlines for cars coming down Austin Road.

The outcome was so successful we then went over the road for the October working bee, weeding the council verge at the corner of La Perouse Road and St Georges Crescent.

Our November weeding bee was held near the beach steps in La Perouse Court. Polygala is gaining a foothold along the path and the dunes, so we are taking a proactive approach to remove it before it becomes more established. Our weeders discovered the infestation is larger than initially thought, so we plan to revisit next year to continue the clean-up.

Our December weeding bee will be held on 12 December where we will meet at the Goode Beach carpark for our weeding Christmas party. Peter will bring a truck load of mulch to help suppress the spread of weeds. This was the first weeding bee site and the impact is easily seen as the weed population is considerably reduced ... but we still need to remain vigilant.

We are nearing the end of our third year of weeding bees so our thanks to the many people who come along to help keep Goode Beach weed free. And a big thank you to all who bring along something for morning tea which truly adds to the enjoyment of the day.



Photos: Chris Hopper

## GOODE BEACH STREET LIBRARY

By Jen Leonard

After much anticipation, our Goode Beach Street Library was installed and officially opened for our community in August. Special thanks go to:

- Frank Leonard – for donating the materials and his time to build the library.
- Lynette Knapp and Michael Cummings – for the stunning Noongar artwork.
- Chris and Steve Hopper – for commissioning Lynette and Michael to do the artwork and for providing the weather-proof copies that sit so beautifully on the library.

We love that the community is embracing the library and enjoying what it has to offer. I think everyone will agree with these sentiments from Joan and Ian Brayshaw:

*We would like to thank those responsible for installing the Goode Beach Street Library. We love its construction, decoration and location – and we use it often. It's a great plus for our lovely community. A real win-win! Well done!*



Photos: Jen Leonard

**Prints of Street Library Artwork**

You can have your own copy of the stunning Noongar artwork which decorates our Street Library.

Phone Lynette Knapp 0448 175 999 for a quote for the size of the print of your choice. Parts of the artwork are shown below:



Kurranup Dreaming by Lynette Knapp 2020



Dolphins at Frenchman Bay by Michael Cummings 2020

**GOODE BEACH, A SPECTACULAR HIDEOUT**

By Mila Tutor

Unlike most people I know, I love and prefer winters and do my best to avoid summers. This is quite ironic given that I have lived in Dubai for the last 12 years, where I spent 7 months a year indoors in luxurious air-conditioning!

As a recent retiree, who was turned back from exploring the world by COVID-19, I am so grateful to have found myself in Goode Beach, hiding myself away from the Perth summer. And what an astounding place to land. I just love Goode Beach, the people are super friendly and hospitable and my new digs in St Georges crescent afford me magnificent views up the beach. I wake up every day so delighted to have found such a unique, safe and inspiring corner of the world. I feel so indebted to my friends in Goode Beach for making this possible.

I am taking full advantage of nature and I am out there regularly exploring the tracks in the neighbourhood and

surrounds. My latest walk was from Cosy Corner to Shelley Beach (see the pics). Equally magnificent are the Point Possession and the Bald Hill walks and a particularly satisfying walk was getting around the rocks, at the end of Goode Beach, together with Jen, all the way to the start of the Point Possession Heritage Trail. Definitely only possible at low tide.

I want to thank the good people of Goode Beach for welcoming me into their community, for inviting me to see Rams, sampling the best Indian food I have had for a while, teaching me how to identify wildflowers, overseeing my first attempt at making sauerkraut (amazing) and allowing me to get involved in civic tasks like being part of the Fire Preparations group as a street coordinator. I just love it here and hope one day to make it my permanent home, well ... at least during summers.



Photos: Mila Tutor

## SEABIRD RESCUE

By Clare Mitchell

On 6 November, I was picking up plastic on Goode Beach when I saw a large Pacific Gull attacking a young Great Winged Petrel. The gull was picking up the petrel by its wing, flying up and dropping it on the ground! I made my very loud noise which frightened off the gull and then I ran and picked up the stunned petrel. I carried the bird home, collecting a cardboard box from Chris Hopper on the way. I then rang Seabird Rescue who connected me with Carol from Torbay. She advised me to keep the bird (whom I have named Stormy) quietly overnight in a covered box with a supply of water. The next morning, ably assisted by Barbara Pierce, I met with Carol at Frenchy's where she took over the care of Stormy.

Stormy would have hatched in a burrow on Mistaken Island and on leaving the burrow was probably confused by the lights of Albany. Instead of flying out to sea Stormy crash landed on Goode Beach.

## HERITAGE TRAIL PROGRESS

By Richard Vogwill

### General Progress

Progress on the trail project is advancing, but slowly. We have compiled a lengthy information document for the trail and digitised it. It has been emailed to most interested people, parties, and stakeholders. We are currently working towards financing a budget (via obtaining grants) to complete a Development Application (DA) report (as suggested by the City of Albany). There are three main aspects of the DA report: possible environmental impacts, possible heritage impacts and engineering design. We have drafted a project work plan to complete a DA report, but we are only in the early stages of this work.

### Aboriginal Naming and Approval

We are hoping to find a Menang Noongar name for our trail project area and to discover the history of the Menang people of the area so that we can include their heritage/stories in the trail signage. Fortunately, there is currently a City of Albany project to attach Aboriginal names to prominent Albany places (Restoring Menang Noongar Name Project). We have contacted Robert Reynolds (Project Coordinator), who has been extremely helpful, and he has kindly included our trail in the list of sites that are being reviewed and investigated.

As part of this process, a meeting was held with a bus-tour party of participants from both the Naming Project and the Menang community at Whalers Beach, on 21 November. Our project was discussed, as well as possible

The good news is that Carol collected another Great Winged Petrel, kept them both overnight and made sure they were hydrated and uninjured. She released them into the evening wind off Cosy Corner far from confusing lights. In about 7 years' time when sexually mature, Stormy might return to Mistaken Island to breed!



Photo: Clare Mitchell

names and history of the trail area. It was a useful session with several naming suggestions, but apparently the Menang name for our trail area is not well known and investigations and research are ongoing.

The City advised us that we need Aboriginal approval for the trail before they will accept/approve the DA. Through consultation, we have concluded that we need to deal mainly with SWALSC (Southwest Aboriginal Land and Sea Council) via the Wagyl Kaip and Southern Noongar Working Party that broadly represents the Noongar people in our region. We have contacted the appropriate SWALSC personnel to try to get our trail included on the next Working Party meeting agenda.

### Grant Applications

The grant application phase has not yet commenced. Joanne Headlam (Goode Beach resident and CFO, Southcoast NRM) has been extremely helpful and is knowledgeable about the grant 'scene'. Joanne has volunteered to help with this phase of the project and has identified possible future grant sources that we will pursue at the appropriate time. Grant agencies usually expect in-kind (volunteer) work from the applicant. The required ratio of consultants cost to in-kind costs varies, depending on grant source. There will be a significant amount of FBA 'labour' required during the DA work. Initial estimated costs are close to \$30K, which includes unpaid FBA labour, so we will be looking for volunteers when the time comes. Be prepared!

## COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT OF PLASTIC ON GOODE BEACH

By Clare Mitchell

From March 2019 to January 2020, between 12 and 20 volunteers met with Dr Harriet Paterson for 2 to 3 hours at Goode Beach every 2 months. On each occasion the beach was surveyed using both the CSIRO and the Tangaroa Blue methods.

Light refreshments were provided at the end of each survey. Thanks go to Eve Kinlay for providing soup on cold days and sandwiches on warm days and always with the wonderful support of Sue Roberts, supplying yummy brownies.

Dr Harriet Paterson gave presentations on each occasion on the following topics: the seven types of plastic and how to dispose of them, where Goode Beach is in relation to the world and its plastic-bearing currents, how to make waxiwaps, and summaries on the results so far.

In July, Menang elder, Lynette Knapp, spoke to the volunteers on the indigenous connections to the area which was of great interest, especially as the volunteers included six UWA exchange students from Bristol.

In between the surveys, volunteers gathered plastics when walking on the beach. They recorded when, where and the wind conditions. These collections were submitted at the beach survey Saturdays and a prize awarded to the person who had collected the most. They were then sorted, weighed, counted and recorded by Harriet and our fabulous volunteers on the following Wednesday evenings.

The results of the survey show that plastic is a problem on Goode Beach. However, the plastic debris is much smaller than amounts found elsewhere. We hope to hold future beach cleanups at the end of the summer holidays and after large tidal events that occur at the equinoxes in March and September. The most abundant debris recovered were plastic fragments and fishing gear.

The plastic debris poses harm to both marine and land wildlife. Terrestrial animals and flesh-footed shearwater birds are known to have consumed plastics sized 2–

10 mm. This size range represented 64% of all plastic found by project volunteers during the year.

Dr Harriet Paterson presented the final report to the Goode Beach community at a luncheon held at the Hopper residence on 1 August 2020. The fantastic lunch consisted of soups, dips, salads, home-made bread and cakes. A community effort!

The inaugural plastic collection prize of the engraved toilet seat (found in the sand dunes on our very first beach survey by John Myers) was awarded to Marguerite and Warren Flynn. They made 140 trips to collect plastic!

This project was supported by funding from the WA Government's State NRM Program.

A brief summary of the final report will soon be available on the Frenchman Bay Association website.



Photo: Clare Mitchell

## BUSHFIRE READY GROUP UPDATE

By Steve Dale

Since the last *Goode News* in July, there has been progress in getting a Bush Fire Ready Group (BFRG) happening in Goode Beach.

Following the meeting at the South Coast fire shed in August, where an overview of the bushfire resilience project was presented, a call was put out to residents to implement a BFRG. An initial meeting of interested people was held on 19 October, where the BFRG concept was explained. For those unable to attend, Bushfire Ready is a community-led program that encourages and supports local residents to work together in preparing their properties and protecting their families from bushfire. It consists of a Facilitator, Street Coordinators and group members (residents).

From this meeting, the following people have volunteered to progress the BFRG in Goode Beach:

- Facilitator – Michael McCaffrey (South Coast volunteer firefighter)
- Street Coordinators (SC) – (with street allocations listed):
  - Robin Budden – Hayn Road/McBride Road
  - Steve Dale – Caledonia Road
  - Greg Dellar – La Perouse Road/Runnymede Road
  - Bill Deacon – Karrakatta Road/Narvik Road
  - Kris Deutschmann – La Perouse Road/Rossiter Road
  - Rob Harley – Klem Road
  - Jo Headlam – La Perouse Road
  - Ian Herford – Karrakatta Road

- Chris Hopper – La Perouse Court
- Jen Leonard – Karrakatta Road
- Clare Mitchell – Austin Road
- Barbara Pierce – St Georges Crescent
- Charlie Pierce – Fynd Street
- Carol Tonge – La Perouse Road
- Mila Tutor – St Georges Crescent

Karrakatta and La Perouse Roads have been divided into allocated portions – to be confirmed.

There have been two more meetings to refine the SC role and collate resources.

Over the next few weeks, all these SCs will endeavour to contact people at their homes to outline the BFRG, seek information to support each other and try to answer any questions. It is our hope that a support and communication network can be developed, along with a coordinated response in the event that our community is faced with the danger of bushfire.

It is important to emphasise that while a BFRG plays a key role in getting our community bushfire ready, each resident is responsible for their own plan of action.

The Goode Beach community has always demonstrated a strong community spirit and willingness to support each other. The response to this initiative is indicative of that. Collectively, we will continue to value each other and the wonderful part of the world that we live in. We hope that you are wanting to support this too.



Photo: Jen Leonard

## GOODE EVENING IV

By Marguerite Flynn

Goode Evening IV was held on Friday 21 August with gracious hosts, Evelyn and Tony Kinlay, welcoming us once again into their lovely home. Charlie Pierce provided gentle background music on his electric keyboard while guests enjoyed welcome drinks and tasty cocktail food. The guests then broke up into small groups and participated in a short quiz related to the evening's topic. Deserving prize winners of the quiz were Kirsty Nurick, John Nurick and Steve Hopper.

Presenters of the main feature of the evening, historians Malcolm Traill and Mike Lefroy, spoke on the topic 'A Colonial Rivalry: Perth vs Albany Over the Years'. Malcolm and Mike enlightened us on many of the intricacies of the rivalry between the Swan River colony and King George's Sound. Both the content of their presentations and the lively style in which they spoke, kept the audience fully engaged. Being related to both John Septimus Roe and CY O'Connor meant that Mike was also able to give interesting details to which the audience would not normally have access.

Angela Findlay and I, accompanied by Warren Flynn on guitar, gave a fun and thoughtful musical conclusion of 'But Were We Here First?' to round off the evening's entertainment. This was followed by some delectable desserts and cheese platters.

Chris Hopper did an awesome job coordinating a suitable date for the two presenters and organising the delicious and varied catering for the evening, with many willing locals also assisting in creating the various dishes.

Goode Evening IV had originally been scheduled for March, but a certain global happening precluded it going ahead at that time. There was a delightful vibe throughout the August evening, with the close to 40 guests catching up with old friends and making new ones. Everyone seemed very happy to finally be able to participate in the fourth of our wonderful Goode Evening gatherings.



Photos: Steve Hopper

## CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS – LET’S LOBBY FOR IMPROVED MOBILE PHONE COVERAGE FOR GOODE BEACH

By Phil Roberts

Mobile Black Spot Program funding is now available.

The Australian Government is attempting to improve mobile phone coverage in regional and remote Australia through the Mobile Black Spot Program. They are committing \$380 million to invest in infrastructure to improve mobile coverage and delivering more than 1,200 new base stations across Australia.

The Government is seeking feedback from the community on options for the provision of suitable infrastructure which includes a focus on improving mobile connectivity along major roads and emergency circumstances.

Applications for funding under round 5A are now open and close on 10 February 2021.

As Goode Beach residents, we suffer from poor internet and telephone connections. The ageing copper wire network is inadequate and unreliable, and the NBN fibre

optic cable network is unlikely to ever extend to our locality. Existing satellite options have limited capacity and are subject to overloading.

The current funding opportunity specifically mentions the government’s interest in funding significant road networks, and emergency telecommunications.

I think the isolated nature of the Goode Beach/Frenchman Bay precinct represents a suitable funding opportunity with:

- our significant tourism and local traffic loads along Frenchman Bay Road
- our bushfire prone status
- the high incidence of coastal rescue and marine emergencies.

For further information and to get involved, please contact Phil Roberts on 9844 4198.

## THE ELVIE

By Jen Leonard

In early August we were pelted with record rains and winds reaching 80 kph. According to the ABC Great Southern, Albany recorded its wettest August day on record with nearly a month of rain falling in 48 hours, which led to flooding across the region.

We saw first-hand the effects of this weather system along our coastline with massive sand loss along the beaches and damage to the sand dunes, in some areas creating cliffs 2 metres high.

On an after-work walk along Frenchman Bay after the storm had started to pass, I was amazed to find the much-loved historical wreck, the *Elvie*, fully exposed and appearing to be moving with the ebb and flow of the waves. For a while we were concerned it might get swept out to sea.

Fortunately, mother nature was kind to the *Elvie* and it wasn’t long before it was covered back over with sand. I hope it didn’t suffer too much damage.

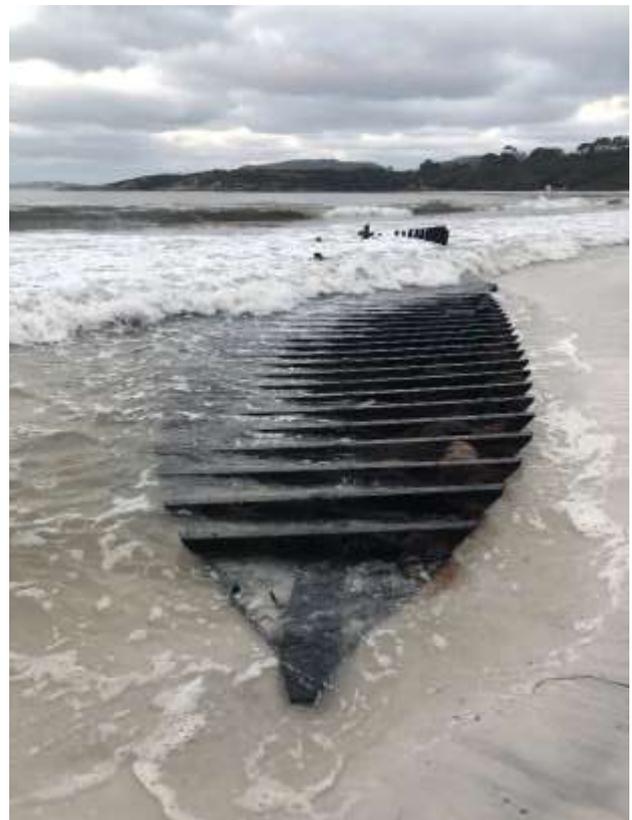


Photo: Jen Leonard

## VALE ANDY CRAWFORD

By Clare Mitchell

Sadly Andy Crawford left us after a short illness on 31 October 2020.

Andy and his wife, Pat, moved to Goode Beach in the 1980s. They rented 3 St Georges Crescent until their house was built at the strangely addressed 4 Austin Road. Neighbours fondly remember spending hilarious evenings there in good company.

Andy was a school teacher. After he retired, he reinvented himself as a gardener and community handyman. He was very creative and engaged in pottery, painting and poetry and played a mean guitar. He built beautiful furniture and his wondrous wooden boat!

He withdrew from his many activities to care for Pat, who passed away 3 years ago. Since losing Pat, Andy had been involved in their large joint family, being a good neighbour and enjoying activities with the Albany Probus club. He even sailed his wondrous wooden boat.

Andy enjoyed a little poem by Michael Leunig:

*God bless this tiny little boat  
And me who travels in it  
It stays afloat for years and years  
And sinks within a minute*

*And so the soul in which we sail,  
Unknown by years of thinking,  
Is deeply felt and understood  
The minute that it's sinking*



Photo: Clare Mitchell – Andy's boat

## THE SEARCH FOR *DROSERAS* (ALBANY SUNDEW)

By Mila Tutor

After a call for volunteers from the Frenchman Bay Association, I joined Libby Sandiford in the search for this rare flower. Our search started around the Torbay Inlet and took us as far as Cosy Corner. With maps of the area providing clues to likely habitats, we bashed through thick foliage, waded through dark, tannin-coloured ponds and tramped up and down sandy paths.

We found some beautifully flowered fields, peacock spiders, several different types of beetles and luckily didn't encounter any snakes ... whew.

No *Drosera paleacea* either!



Photos: Mila Tutor

# What's on at the Station this Summer



## Twilight Tour & Dinner

Friday 8 & 22 January  
6pm - 8pm

Our popular Twilight Tour is back this January for two nights only. Discover the stories of Albany's whaling history in this exclusive sunset tour, then relax at Whalers Galley Cafe for dinner.

## Yoga Workshop & Breakfast

Saturday 16 January  
7.30am

Join experienced Yoga instructor Racquel Cavallaro for a yoga workshop & breakfast. Set within our Wildflower Garden this workshop will support your health and wellbeing for the New Year.



Plus, visit our website for more information on our three week summer holidays program starting Monday 11 January.

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