

WALGA Field Day: Natural Area Management and Restoration Practices



Date: Monday, 11 October 2021

Time: 9:00am – 3:30pm (Registration from 8:30am)

Meeting point: South West Sports Complex, Withers

(via Wimbledon Way, then turn right to Rotary Ave and park south of the Centre building – see map)

OVERVIEW

WALGA's field day in the Greater Bunbury Region will cover the coastal plain plant communities ranging from vegetation of the Quindalup, Spearwood and Bassendean dunes to floodplain and riparian vegetation. Participants will learn to identify common native and weed species, recognise the key diagnostic characteristics of different vegetation types, and view ecological restoration projects.

ITINERARY

- 9:00 am** **Welcome and introduction** South West Sports Centre (10 minutes)
Melanie Davies, Biodiversity and Sustainability Project Officer, WALGA
- 9:15 am** **Characteristic coastal plain plant communities of the Quindalup and Spearwood Dunes including Tuart woodlands**
Maidens Reserve, Ocean Drive opposite Regan Ct, Withers (35 minutes)
Andrew Webb, Flora Conservation Officer, DBCA
Orla O'Donnell, Environmental Officer, City of Bunbury
- 9:50 am** Morning tea at Maidens Reserve (20 minutes)
- 10:30 am** **Characteristics of Banksia/Marri woodlands and examination of bushland restoration techniques at Manea Park, including a dieback treatment demonstration**
Manea Park, Somerville Circle, College Grove (80 minutes)
Andrew Webb, Flora Conservation Officer, DBCA
Joanna Hugues-dit-Ciles, Project Officer, DBCA
Barry & Julie Clarke, Friends of Manea Park
Orla O'Donnell, Environmental Officer, City of Bunbury
- 12:00 pm** **Lunch** South West Sports Centre (30 minutes)
- 1.00 pm** **Restoration sites along Brunswick River**
Barnes Avenue Reserve, Sadler Crt, Australind (40 minutes)
Katrina Zeehandelaar-Adams, Project Officer, Leschenault Catchment Council
- 2:00 pm** **Challenges of managing diverse vegetation in urban reserves in Eaton**
Wunditjich Reserve and Lofthouse Reserve, Peacan Lane, Eaton (70 minutes)
Jacquie Nichol, Environmental Officer, Shire of Dardanup
- 3:30 pm** **Close (return to South West Sports Centre, Bunbury)**

South West Sports Centre meeting location

