

WILDCARE: FRIENDS OF LUMEAH POINT



Newsletter January 2015

Vale Jannette Fagan

11 May 1937 to 11 December 2014

Jannette is remembered fondly by many in the Lumeah Point community as a lively, active and engaging neighbor and friend. Among her many community activities, formal and informal, Jannette was secretary of our Wildcare group. Whether taking notes at meetings, down on her knees for hours tackling oysters or helping frame ideas for the Group's consideration, Jannette tackled everything with unflinching grace, enthusiasm and good humour. A life well lived and an inspiration to us all.

Feral Oyster Removal

1.00p.m. Sunday 18th January

This is the second of this summer's program. The first saw nine volunteers gather on the Lumeah Point foreshore on Sunday 23rd November to continue Wildcare's contribution to the oyster removal program being coordinated by the Pipeclay Lagoon Oyster Growers Association (PLOGA). Thirty-seven bags of feral oysters were removed including some from a reworking of areas previously cleared.

The next scheduled clean-up will be held from 1.00p.m until 4.00p.m Sunday 18th January. Activity will again be restricted to the foreshore from the last point reached.

A registration desk will be set up at 12.45p.m and it is essential that participants register and read the safety guidelines. If you can bring a cold chisel, hammers, tomahawks or other suitable tools as well as safety goggles that would be great. Gloves will be available if required. Solid, enclosed footwear is required and appropriate sun protection recommended.

PLOGA will provide bags and organise removal to their feral oyster dump site. If possible it would be helpful to the organisers if you could advise Garry Hulme that you plan to participate.

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email: garry.hulme@gmail.com

Track maintenance project 01

With financial support of \$2,000 from Crown Land Services the first track maintenance project began. The grant covered the cost of materials and delivery while labor was provided by volunteers.

The North east point –area has been reopened and it and the northern track will be monitored to assess the impact of use and whether further seeding will be done.

Communication

We now have about one-third of newsletters going out electronically. Please email garry.hulme@gmail.com subject "Wildcare" and we will share further newsletters and announcements electronically.

Community Sausage Sizzle

Windsurfing Tasmania volunteers will be joining the Feral Oyster removal of **Sunday 15th February**, with teams tackling beds on and off shore. PLOGA has offered to support a sausage sizzle and we will have the BBQ fired up at about 1.30p.m. So even if you cannot participate in the oyster removal, come along and meet your neighbours and friends of Lumeah Point. This is also an opportunity to discuss the Wildcare projects and suggest priorities for action.

The remaining oyster removal times are:

18 January 2015	1.00p.m. to 4.00p.m.
15 February 2015	11.00a.m. to 2.00p.m.
1 March 2015	12.00p.m. to 3.00p.m.
12 April 2015	7.30a.m. to 10.30a.m.
24 May 2015	6.30a.m. to 9.30a.m.

Rascally Rabbits

For information; I spoke with the Animal Biosecurity and Welfare Branch at DPIPW prior to Christmas about the increasing rabbit population. They indicated that any eradication action should wait until Autumn and is most effective if it is coordinated across the area. Wildcare is happy to provide a contact point with DPIPW. If you have a view on this please let us know.