

## Did you know?

There are over 100 bushland, foreshore and coastal reserves that are vested in the Shire of Denmark – each with unique qualities, biodiversity and different management considerations.



# NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Head to [denmark.wa.gov.au](http://denmark.wa.gov.au)

- Send us an enquiry
- Find more information and guidelines at:

[www.denmark.wa.gov.au/residents/sustainability-and-biodiversity/reserves.aspx](http://www.denmark.wa.gov.au/residents/sustainability-and-biodiversity/reserves.aspx)

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# FRIENDS OF RESERVES



## Friends of Reserves

Friends of Reserves groups are set up by members of the community who wish to contribute to the maintenance and management of local bushland reserves.

Friends groups are registered as volunteers with the Shire, and work together to achieve the outcomes in a community adopted reserve Management Plan. Some of the existing Friends groups include:

- Mount Hallowell (Kooryunderup)
- Millers Creek (Water Fall Park)

## Benefits

There are many environmental, social and personal benefits that come from joining or starting a Friends of Reserves group, including:

- Contributing to the conservation and protection of native bushland
- Learning about local plants and animals
- Developing new skills
- Meeting new people and being an active member of the community
- Involving your family in positive experiences
- Getting back in touch with nature
- Alerting the Shire to issues in reserves
- Keeping local reserves in good condition

## Activities of Friends of Groups

### *Weeding*

Weeds can take over from native plants – coordinating a regular weeding group can help to keep invasive species at bay.

### *Path Maintenance*

Walk trails and access tracks within reserves provide a fantastic opportunity to get to know a reserve. Maintenance of tracks is an important part of reserve management.

### *Bush Regeneration*

In partnership with the Shire, Friends groups can undertake planting of local native species to rehabilitate areas that have been disturbed or are degraded.

### *Flora and Fauna Surveys*

Flora and fauna surveys identify the biodiversity values of a local bushland reserve. Monitoring over time can provide valuable information on long term health to guide management.

### *Dieback Hygiene Management*

Friends groups may help establish dieback hygiene management practices and guide our local community on how to ensure there is , as well as guiding our community on no further spread of dieback within our bushland reserves.

## Friends of Reserves Strategy

The Shire of Denmark has a *Friends of Reserves Strategy* which provides a step by step guide and establishes how groups can operate. This ensures a strategic, coordinated approach and effective management of our community-owned reserves.

Find out more at [www.denmark.wa.gov.au/residents/sustainability-and-biodiversity/reserves.aspx](http://www.denmark.wa.gov.au/residents/sustainability-and-biodiversity/reserves.aspx)

## Sign me up!

If you are interested in starting a Friends of Group, or joining in the activities of an existing group, please contact the Shire of Denmark Sustainability Officer.

