



Parkwater News Issue 2 (2008)

WELCOME to the second Parkwater newsletter. Parkwater continues to be an opportunity for you and The National Trust to work together to conserve remnant bushland. Over the last year the Fire Management plan for Parkwater has been finalized, a Dieback Distribution & Treatment plan has been implemented, and the Parkwater Interpretation plan is now being prepared. Please read on for more information about how Parkwater owners and The National Trust are working to ensure that Parkwater remains a place to be appreciated by you, your neighbours, and visitors alike.

Dieback Management & Treatment

Phytophthora Dieback is a soil borne micro-organism that spreads through water, soil & plant tissue. It attacks a plants root system and prevents the plant from taking in water with which to sustain its self. Dieback is present in parts of the bush reserve along Brockman Road, and this area has now been treated to help in protecting Parkwater from Dieback. If you would like more information please call the Natural Heritage staff of The National Trust. Photo: Alan Briggs



Fire Management

With the end of winter approaching it is an opportune time to take precautions that could protect Parkwater should a fire break out. The National Trust has developed a Fire

Management plan that aims to protect the community and the environmental value of the bushland at Parkwater owned by the Trust. As a Parkwater property owner you can assist by remembering to clear away leaves, twigs and grasses from around your home, ensuring that the gutters are cleared out, and making sure that there is a hose that can reach all areas of the house. Importantly, ensure that your property complies with local government (Augusta-Margaret River) fire break notices.



Photo: Alan Briggs

Interpretation Plan

Parkwater is surrounded by outstanding tourist attractions and natural bushland. In order to ensure that locals and visitors alike gain an appreciation of the unique nature of Parkwater, The National Trust is in the process of having an Interpretation plan created. Once complete the plan will help the Trust to properly conserve and interpret the natural heritage values of Parkwater. Written by Mulloway Studios, the plan will take a holistic approach that will recognise the diversity and many layers inherent in not just the bushland, but in the





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related stories & places that link to Parkwater, such as the *Rails to Trails* walking / cycling trails (including Munda Bididi) and the *Cape to Cape* walking trail. Photo: Shelley Withers

Trust Attractions near Parkwater

In the vicinity of Parkwater are three properties maintained by The National Trust. Bridgedale, of Hampton St Bridgetown, is the oldest building in Bridgetown. Ellensbrook, on Ellensbrook Rd Margaret River, was built in 1857 by Alfred & Ellen Bussell, but expanded with their growing family. Wonnerup House & Old School, on Layman Rd Busselton, was built in 1838, and is near Tuart forest and the Vasse Estuary Wetlands. For more information about Trust properties in the Parkwater area, please call the Trust on 9321 6088. Photo: The National Trust



Parkwater Bushlands Management Group Inc

The Parkwater Bushlands Management Group Inc (PBMG) was established to enable owners to participate in the management of the bushland that makes Parkwater such a unique place. If you wish to get involved in the PBMG please see the Natural Heritage website of The National Trust for more information:

http://www.naturalheritage.org.au/Parkwater_Development.html or call the Trust's Natural Heritage staff on 9321 6088. Photo: Shelley Withers



Payment of Bushland Levy

The money that each owner at Parkwater is required to contribute annually is used to fund the initiatives this newsletter has discussed. The Levy enables the Trust to care for the Parkwater bushland in perpetuity for the benefit of the natural environment, residents and visitors. Thank you for your contribution and support of the bushland.



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If you have any questions on any of the information provided or would like further information, please contact the Natural Heritage staff at the National Trust.

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