

YOU CAN BE A LAND CARER TOO!

Piesse Brook needs your help.
The answer lies in working together.

YOU CAN:

- Protect bushland and creeklines
- Plant native plants
- Protect habitat and wildlife
- Enjoy the natural environment
- Join our friends group!

Membership is Free

If you would like to be put on the membership list for information or to be involved, please call us or email through your details to the EMRC Environmental Projects Officer at:
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Friends of Piesse Brook

Working along the Piesse Brook to restore biodiversity,
improve water quality & restore native fauna habitat.



Protecting Kalamunda National Park and its biodiversity



WHAT'S HAPPENING ALONG PIESSE BROOK?

Prior to 2000, the Kalamunda National Park was a weed infested, unloved area. The banks of the Piesse Brook were densely covered in *Watsonia*. Other weeds were also negatively affecting the local flora and its fauna, including *Arundo Donax* (Giant Reed), Blackberry, Bridal Creeper, Pampas Grass, Cottonbush, Cape Tulip and Paterson's Curse.

A number of endangered species live in the area, including Quenda, Chuditch, Red-eared Firetail Finches, Wedgetail Eagles and Carnaby's Cockatoos, to name just a few. Their habitat was being destroyed.



FRIENDS GROUP

The Friends of Piesse Brook Inc. (FoPB) are a group of Kalamunda locals who are passionate about protecting and enhancing the environment. The FoPB began as a community group in 2000. Since then, we have been working to remove the invasive species and restore the local flora and habitat of our local fauna for future generations. Five kilometres of Piesse Brook have already been restored within Kalamunda National Park and we have extended our work into other City of Kalamunda reserves.

Our work is supported by the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council (EMRC), Department of Parks and Wildlife (DPaW), and the City of Kalamunda.



We are always looking for extra help from new members volunteering to join the group as there is still a lot of work to be done to maintain restored areas and continue tackling persistent weeds.

The Friends use a variety of control methods, appropriate to the weed being targeted and the scale of the outbreak. In most cases a weed control contractor conducts initial spraying of specific targeted areas. Then the Friends follow up with the ongoing maintenance. Over time, the group has acquired a watering trailer and a tools trailer, with a large array of equipment necessary for restoration works.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

We are all volunteers. If you would like to join us, please contact us for more information. Tasks in the group range from hands-on work like cutting bamboo, collecting seed, removing flower heads and planting seedlings, to desk-based activities like promoting group activities, taking minutes of meetings, assisting with funding applications and organising social events. Come along on the third Sunday of every month from April to November. We meet at the Kalamunda National Park gate on Schipp Rd at 9.45 am - and work until 12:00 noon. Bring your gloves, boots and a friendly smile, and meet some like-minded people. Join us, it's fun!



If you would like to form your own group to protect and restore your local reserve, contact the City of Kalamunda's Environmental Friends Group Officer for advice - there's a lot of help available!

