

# Friends of Galup



## GETTING OUR NAME RIGHT – ~~FRIENDS OF GALUP LAKE MONGER~~

We've called a meeting to address a special resolution to change our current official name – “Friends of Galup/Lake Monger” as the name of the area was officially changed last year. (You'll see Google maps and other signage now is just 'Galup'.)

However, every official document we have (bank account, Incorporation, Charities registration etc, etc) is still in the old name. To change it to Galup we have to go through a special resolution meeting process. For this change we need 75% of our paid-up membership to agree.

We've already updated our pink vests to match the updated name.

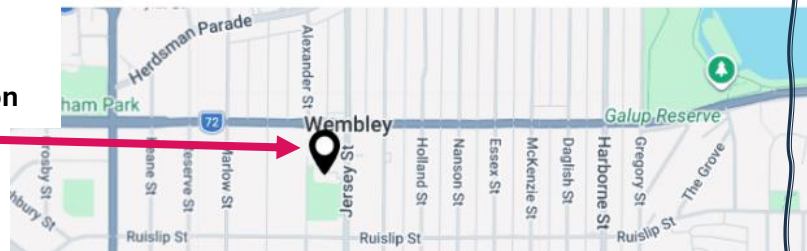


### Tuesday April 28th

#### Annual General Meeting and Special Resolution

**Where:** Wembley Community Centre.

**When:** 6pm.



**1. Special resolution:** to change our official name from *Friends of Galup-Lake Monger Inc.*

to *Friends of Galup Inc.*, in line with the renaming done by Landgate and the Town of Cambridge.

**If you are a paid-up member you can vote on this change by either attending the meeting or by nominating the Secretary by email ([friendsofgaluplakemonger@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofgaluplakemonger@gmail.com)) to record your proxy vote, Yes or No.** The approval of 75% of our financial members is required to make the change.

**2. Annual General Meeting:** the annual reports are presented and the committee for the coming year is elected. We have a vacancy for the position of Treasurer – an important but not too onerous role.

**We look forward to your support.**

## WE'RE GROWING



Welcome to new FoG members, Brett and Ann – good to have you on board. And many thanks to all the other volunteers who turned up to support our last Busy Bee.

Building what's often called a 'critical mass' of members is important. Besides giving us volunteer power for our Busy Bees, your eyes on Galup and related advocacy for change help build a stronger voice with other organisations who can support our efforts with grants. It also helps add strength to our requests of the Town of Cambridge Council.

Restoring Galup is an immense task, but small steps build to positive change.

Support us by becoming a Financial Member of Friends of Galup. Go to [www.FOGLM.org](http://www.FOGLM.org) and click MEMBERSHIP on the home page.

## WEEDING AROUND THE LAKE IS A VITAL STEP

Our efforts over recent months are visible (*as this pic shows*).

Previous years' plantings have been suffocated and have created dense areas where new plantings cannot survive.

We've been working on a large patch of weed-infested ground on the west side of the lake. (It's alongside the path – between the Community Shed Path and the Dodd St playground and food truck.)



*Thanks to the Town of Cambridge, we had a great Morning Tea at the Recreation Centre, following our massive weed pull.*



### Next Busy Bee

We'll have a chance to do more in this area at our next Busy Bee in May. It's on the usual second Sunday of the month – **10<sup>th</sup> May**.

Look for the lakeside signs early in May, on our Facebook page, and our website. (See the QR codes on the last page of this newsletter.)

### In June we start planting again

**There are two dates: Sunday June 14 and Saturday June 20. and two locations:**

1. North east of lake to start to provide cover and safety for turtles and hatchlings .
2. Along the eastern side between the Conservation path and the main walkway/cycle way where we'll be "filling in the gaps".

Planting is one of the most important events in our calendar. We're looking forward to involving lots of volunteers from the community – schools, clubs, families – as well as Friends of Galup.

## WHERE'S THE WILDLIFE?

Have you seen a swan lately? They're now rarely seen around the lake. Less than four years back, they were nesting around the lake edge. Now we're lucky to see any adults and there have been very few cygnets paddling along with Mum and Dad in recent years. Hard to imagine that bus loads were brought to this area to view our Black Swans only a few decades ago. (In those days feeding the swans with bread was popular, but we soon learnt it was the wrong thing to do!)



1969. Children feeding the swans at Galup



The lack of wildlife proves that the lake is no longer a haven for waterbirds. A few pelicans drop by – but in shrinking numbers. We're still seeing turtles in the murky waters but they're far harder to spot.

It's mostly about the water...

## WHAT'S WITH THE WATER?

Water quality records– and the colour of the water – make continuing deterioration of lake water very obvious. Council signs highlight the risks of people and pets going anywhere near the water.



*What's grass and what's water? It's all green...*

Water quality has to become a key issue if we are to restore Perth's wetlands. Galup may be one of the worst affected but it's a far bigger issue than just our local lake. It will need more than local councils' efforts and large-scale planning to help with the healing. We can help by building the momentum to act. Highlighting the low quality of the water and related risks in places like Galup will build awareness and move authorities to action. As individuals, we can use our contacts in our neighbourhoods, communities, and the media to enhance this focus.

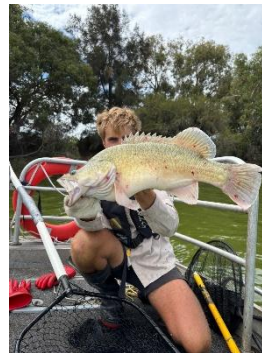
Look for opportunities to help our Friends group to spread the word and hit the headlines.

## FERAL FISH CONTROL

Following on from our last issue of *Galup Gossip* we can confirm that there have been seven days of electrofishing, yielding 797 feral fish totalling 1,220kg. There were 460 Carp, 215 Goldfish, and 119 Cichlid in the hauls. The big surprise was two Murray River Cod (although how they got here is a mystery!).

The program will continue next year and beyond.

Carp are the target. Research has identified that they disturb sediments, uproot juvenile aquatic plants, elevate nitrogen levels through mucus and waste excretion, promote algal blooms, compete with native fish for food, host some 27 parasite and pathogen taxa – and the list of crimes goes on.



*Photo supplied by Dr Dulana Herath, Pases Aqua Pty Ltd.*



## News Flash...

There are some interesting approaches to the eradication, of carp and this story from the Murray River is worth a look!



<https://tinyurl.com/FoG-Carp-Dog-Treats-story>

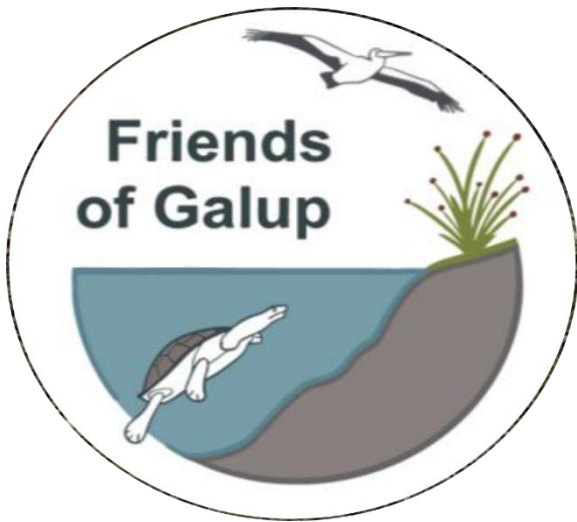
## UWA STUDENTS GALUP FIELD TRIP



Friends of Galup once again supported UWA Environmental Master students on their field trip recently. With lecturer Dr Cristina E. Ramalho, the focus was on the value of places like Galup to the wellbeing of the environment and the community – now and in the future.

Some twenty-plus students learnt of the past history and current challenges of the lake. They were also encouraged to consider how their future careers might contribute to the management of environments such as Galup.





Friends of Galup (FOG) is a volunteer group, working to protect, restore, and enhance the flora and fauna of the lake and to share our knowledge of its history.

We aim to ensure that current and future generations can enjoy an enhanced lake environment.

Visit our website to find out about our planting and weeding Busy-Bees, and how you can contribute to the wellbeing of the lake.



## Next Busy Bee

### Weeding and Rubbish pick-up

Meet at the Community Shed Carpark, (off Gregory St) on the West side of the lake.

Sunday 10th May  
9.00am - 10.30am

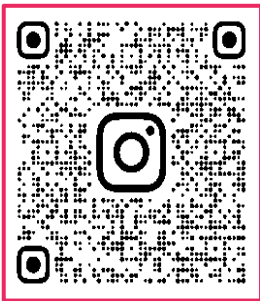
## June planting days

Sunday 14th June  
Saturday 20th June

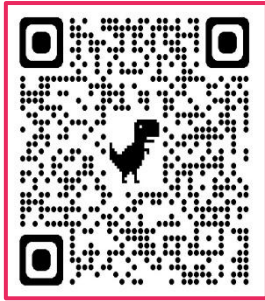
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