



FRIENDS OF SWAN RESERVE Inc.

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While we wait for Warrnambool City Council to finalise their plans for Swan Reserve, we never the less have plans in train that have already been funded. We have three grants with WCC that we will need to carry out and report on this year.

- 1/. Clusters of Trees Grant. This will grant will fund the planting of established trees around the reserve.
- 2/. The remainder of our Environmental Community Grant which has been redirected to fund the purchase of plants for three new garden beds including the Biodiversity Bed (See plant list right).
- 3/. The third stage of our Environmental Community Grant which will fund the educational message signs to be erected in our Endangered Species Bed.

A big issue for all public gardens is how to name plants so the general public can identify them. Individual name plates all seem to get “lost”, are expensive to produce and often plants die on you anyway. Fortunately Peter Robertson from WCC has offered to fund a large sign containing images of each of the plants in our Endangered Species Bed together with their locations on a map of the bed. We look forward to seeing a first draft of this sign being designed by council staff.

The most exciting part of the Swan Reserve development is the inclusion of aboriginal cultural heritage artworks inside the historical wall on Kepler Street acknowledging the six tribes of the Maar Nation. This will feature bluestone pavers which form part of three concentric rings and set into hard landscaping to symbolically acknowledge the local tribe. The middle ring will act as a compass where the names of the other five tribes will be etched into bluestone pavers in the direction the tribes are located. Also included will be a Smoking and Ceremonial Bowl which will be placed in the centre of the “Marrang” (Social Gathering Space). The entrance to the public playground will include six message sticks to be painted by local primary schools in cultural colours.

We wish Jenifer MacMillan, project Co-ordinator well for her future as her contract with WCC has now ended.

Biodiversity Bed

The construction and signage for this bed is being funded by the Nature Glenelg Trust from Mt. Gambier. Species to be included are:

- Kunzea pomifera*
- Lotus australis*
- Adriana quadripartita*
- Stackhousia spathulata*
- Ixodia achillaeoides ssp arenicola*
- Acacia nano-dealbata*
- Leucopogon parviflorus*
- Malva preissiana*
- Lasiopetalum schultzeni*
- Bursaria spinosa* Large leaf form
- Correa reflexa* Grannys Grave
- Tetragonia implexicoma*
- Pultenaea canaliculata*



Left: *Lotus australis* (A. Merrick) Right: *Kunzea pomifera*