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## DANCING IN THE DIRT GALA BALL NEEDILUP OVAL

On the 27th March 2021 the old Needilup Oval came to life as 300 people turned out to support the second 'Dancing in the Dirt Gala Ball' proudly presented by the Fitzgerald Biosphere Group.

With lots of hard work and weeks of preparation, The Needilup oval was completely transformed with a wall of hay bales, a beautiful clear Marquee complete with chandeliers, a stage, the now iconic 'Silo Bar' and hundreds of meters of fairy lights; the making of a beautiful setting for this Black Tie event.

Aimed to create a space where our community can come together to reconnect socially, Dancing in the Dirt allowed us to recognise our resilience as a community for managing the past few difficult seasons, as well as being a great time to prepare

ourselves before the long haul on seeding tractors and the crossing fingers for more rain begins.

In early 2020, the Shire of Jerramungup was successful in receiving funds from the Federal Government "Building our Future" Grant Program, of which a portion of this money was set aside for a community event. The Shire councilors agreed that after the huge success of the Inaugural Ball in 2019, the Dancing in the Dirt Gala Ball would be a great way to bring the community together once again, and so the FBG set to work.

Work begun on writing grant submissions, and we were lucky enough to secure a grant from the Foundation of Rural and Regional Renewal 'Strengthening Rural Communities' program, and we were very glad to have them on board with our event.

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In planning the Ball, it is crucial to us that it is as inclusive as possible - after all it is a community event. For us, part of this means keeping the cost of the ticket prices as low as possible. Sponsorship and donations are a huge factor in helping to keep our costs low and allowing us to keep the ticket prices to a minimum.

A huge thank you must to go Foreman Rural Jerramungup for taking on the Gold Sponsorship for the 2021 Ball. Foreman Rural hosted the famous 'Silo Bar' this year and we were thrilled to have this growing local business be such a big part of our event.

Our Bronze sponsors this year were the Kokoda Opshop Jerramungup, WFI Albany, CSBP Albany and C&C Machinery Albany.

General Sponsors for 2021 were South Coast Stock Scan, Lincolns Albany and Claas Harvest Centre Esperance. The format was to once again celebrate agriculture in our region and the amazing food we produce. We were thrilled that Dan and Sarah from the Museum Café in Bremer Bay were back once again to serve our guests a gourmet feast using as much local produce as possible, something they are just as passionate about as us. The five meter long Grazing Table really was something to behold!

The event was underway at 4pm when buses from Bremer Bay, Borden, Pingrup, Jacup, Gairdner, Boxwood Hill, Ongerup and Jerramungup arrived and entered into our beautiful venue via the cricket pitch runway! The weather was beautiful and the Borden P&C were ready and waiting at the Silo Bar to serve another batch of our famous 'Biosphere Brew' - made from local Jerramungup Barley and brewed in Esperance by Lucky Bay Brewing Co.



Live acoustic music from Perth band Moves Like Swagger was the perfect backdrop to the amazing sunset that was unfolding behind us, and when the Marquee opened at 5pm it didn't take long for the contents of the Grazing Table to be devoured. The formalities of the night were then underway thanks to local MC Nathan Brown, before comedian Cameron McClaren got the crowd together for a laugh.

As well as all of the fairy lights, we were also lucky to have a beautiful full moon to light up the night, as Moves Like Swagger then took the night away and the dancing begun - the music could be heard from farm houses all around Needilup and there were some seriously great dance moves on display!



A special thanks goes to Peter Daniel and Nathan Brown, who were instrumental in cleaning up the oval and the setup in the days leading up to the event. Thank you also to the Turner and Bailey families for hosting the band and comedian for the night, and to the Turner Family for letting us create the space with the use of your haybales. To everyone who helped out on Friday setting up and Sunday packing up, thank you for helping to lighten the load of the committee who by this point were fairly exhausted!



For us the safety of our guests is top priority - having the ability to give our guests the option to catch a bus allows us to ensure as many of you get home as safely as possible which is so important.

A massive thank you to Kemp and Bev Brooks for the use of the your school buses, without this service our event would not be the success that it is.

A final thank you to the St Johns Ambulance crew who attended the night, great to see you had time to have a dance!

We look forward to bringing you another community Gala Ball in the future and thanks again to everyone who attended or supported our event in any way – our little community really can do big things!

Jess Bailey



## Dancing in the Dirt was Proudly Presented by:

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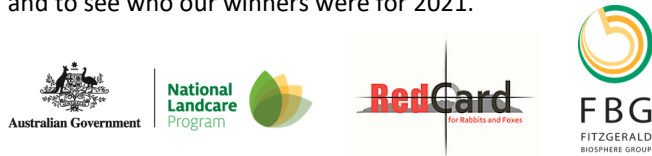
## Thankyou to our Sponsors



# FITZY FOX SHOOT WRAP UP 2021

Our 2021 Fitzy Fox Shoot was held on Friday the 19th of March. We had a massive response this year with 64 men and women registered between the Jerramungup and Bremer Bay shoots which made for our biggest Fox Shoot event in quite a few years.

In a combined effort we managed to cull 190 foxes, four cats and 186 rabbits from within the Jerramungup shire. Weather conditions for the Jerramungup Shoot couldn't have got much better with a warm balmy night making it comfortable stalking weather for both foxes and shooters alike. Whilst only 100kms away Bremer Bay teams struggled on feral animal numbers with the fog rolling in very early on. At 6am Saturday morning, all teams gathered at the tally count locations for a cooked breakfast (sponsored by Lawson Grains) and to see who our winners were for 2021.



**Jerramungup**—nine teams entered.  
**Total foxes – 152. Total cats – 4. Total rabbits – 101.**  
 Winning team (reigning champions)  
 Lead Spreaders West (213 Points)  
 Runners up– Fox Tamperers (212 Points)  
 Most cats – Tie between Lead Spreaders East (2) and Agent orange (2)  
 Most rabbits – Bunny Busters (56)  
 Most kms Travelled – Firing Blanks ( 289 kms)  
 Biggest fox– Fox Vaccinators (7.5 kgs)  
 Biggest cat– Lead Spreaders East (6.5 kgs)  
 Best Rigged out ute– Bunny Busters

**Bremer Bay**– five teams entered.  
**Total foxes – 38. Total cats – 0. Total rabbits – 85.**  
 Winning team– Night Riders (132 Points)  
 Most rabbits– Night Riders (62)  
 Most kms Travelled– Night Riders (281kms)  
 Best Rigged out ute– Big Bang Theory

Once again our Shoots were registered with Red Card for Rabbits and Foxes, where \$5 for every fox and cat culled will be donated to the Regional Men's Health Initiative. Thank you to all of our participants who took part this year. It's a huge and very exhausting effort and your dedication to this very worthy cause does not go unnoticed. If you have any feedback on this year's event or ideas for future shoots please email Jess at [communications@fbg.org.au](mailto:communications@fbg.org.au)



Year	Foxes	Cats	Rabbits
2021	190	4	186
2020	155	12	162
2016-18	607	25	338
Running tally	952	41	686

Big thank you to all of our sponsors for your continuous support towards the Fitzy Fox Shoot.



# Welcome to our newest staff member

We are very pleased to welcome Carrie Taylor to the FBG Team as our new NRM Project Officer. Carrie is coordinating our new salinity project funded through State NRM and our RLP (Regional Land Partnership) project funded through South Coast NRM.

Carrie is from a farming family in Lake Grace and has an undergraduate degree in Conservation and Wildlife Biology from Murdoch University. She is about to complete a Graduate Certificate in Environmental Management and Assessment. This course has a particular focus on natural resource management and sustainable agriculture practices in South West WA, including managing issues such as dryland salinity.

Carrie says: "Around my studies, I spent a couple of years working full time on the family farm, and during seeding and harvest. I worked as a CBH sampler for a number of years during my uni breaks, and have volunteered for environmental education programs, conservation organisations, and native animal rescue centres.

"I feel very lucky to be able to play a role in assisting farmers to implement management practices that can enhance productivity, ensure longevity and adaptability, and have a positive impact on the environment.

"I look forward to meeting you all and becoming a part of the Jerramungup community. It's great to be back in the country full time after being back and forth for so many years; especially in an area full of such unique biodiversity and progressive thinkers." If you see Carrie around, say hi and make her feel welcome. She has been flat out coming up to speed with all of the project activities and people but she will be making contact with people soon.



## Reinstating bore monitoring in new Salinity Project

A State NRM funded salinity project is now underway in the Jerramungup Shire. The FBG, alongside DPIRD and DWER staff, and independent consultants, has been developing a plan to address dryland salinity in the area. Work on this year's focus has begun; collating up-to-date maps and data on salinity and groundwater levels.

As reinstating bore monitoring is one of the project's aims, you may get a call from us in the coming weeks if you have a piezometer on your farm. We will be seeking information regarding the condition of these piezometers, and any groundwater trends you may have observed.

As part of the project, the FBG will be monitoring a number of sites across the Gairdner, Bremer, and Fitzgerald rivers, in an effort to assess the current state of the rivers, and how they are affected by salinity and salinity management practices.

The on-ground works in the project consist of biodiversity plantings and fencing in priority areas. We have secured funding from other projects that can be used to subsidise revegetation using grazing species. We will advertise the options available soon.

We encourage farmers to get thinking about salinity on their farms. Sharing their experiences will assist us greatly in developing management strategies, and selecting priority areas on which to focus further data collection and on-ground works.

**For further information about the project contact Carrie on [nrmprojects@fbg.org.au](mailto:nrmprojects@fbg.org.au) or M: 0459454713.**



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# GRDC Hands On Precision Ag Training

On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February, FBG hosted one of GRDC's Hands On Precision Ag Training workshops facilitated by Alice Butler and Blake O'Meagher from Farmanco.

This workshop aimed at providing a "hands on" introduction to precision ag to enable growers to develop a precision ag implementation plan. The workshop covered grower experiences, economic examples of the applications of precision ag, data layers to identify and manage variability, as well as looking at the many software/cloud based programs available. For many of the 14 or so growers present on the day, the PA journey had already been initiated in their businesses and there was considerable interest in 'where to next' and the most efficient ways to use data within different programs.

The workshop aimed to improve understanding of the opportunities of precision ag and to identify steps to take in applying it further. Participants on the day found the most useful aspects to be the grower experiences, as well as looking at economic examples of the applications of PA tools, and the different PA tools and software were discussed in some detail.



The main take home messages from the workshop participants included:

- Don't rush out and spend a lot of money
- Start simple and expand
- Keep ground truthing and checking
- Easier to start using some PA systems which are already available
- PCT AgCloud
- Variable rate can be applied to everything
- There are a broad range of PA resources available

The greatest barriers to adoption in PA is time, cost and knowledge.

The subsequent planned workshop looks to build on the ground covered in the February workshop and to allow farmers to greater develop their implementation plans in a more practical sense using subject matter experts. This workshop will most likely take place in late August and the facilitators are looking for your input. Please get in touch if you would like to discuss further.

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**The One Paddock Challenge 2020 final report is now available to look at on our website. Just visit the link below.**

<https://www.fbg.org.au/reports>

Participant case studies:

- Brad Bailey – variable rate potash
- Lawson Grains, Gunnadoo – faba beans
- Mick & Mark Lester – deep ripping and claying
- Dean Hislop – variable rate inputs
- Trent & Tina Parsons – faba beans
- Mick Swarbrick – deep ripping
- Colin Green – multiple soil amelioration measures
- Viridis Ag, Tantanoola – serradella to ameliorate fragile soils



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# A'mazing' global support for wheat prices



Tight global corn stocks and another expected deficit this year have moved global prices to almost nine-year highs according to Rabobank senior grains and oilseeds analyst Cheryl Kalisch Gordon.

And such has been the price pressure, that normally-committed corn buyers are turning to feed wheat to try to limit cost pressure in livestock feeding, she says.

"This has supported global wheat prices to levels not seen since early 2013," she says, "and with balance-sheet tightening and deteriorating corn-production prospects globally, including in Brazil, support for wheat prices is expected out to 2022."

In Brazil, the world's third-largest corn producer and second-largest corn exporter, Dr Kalisch Gordon says record-high domestic prices reflect their low stocks levels with livestock producers in southern Brazil already importing corn from Argentina and Paraguay.

To further expand available supply origins, Brazil's tariff, of normally eight per cent, on corn imported from countries outside of the Mercosur (South American) trade bloc has again been suspended after a temporary suspension expired last month.

Alongside this, expectations for new corn crop supply are falling, she says.

"Ongoing dry conditions have already reduced the yield potential of the safrinha (little crop in Portuguese) corn crop whose harvest will begin in around six weeks," she says. "No longer the little corn crop in Brazil, the safrinha crop now accounts for 70 or more per cent of Brazil's annual supply." Dr Kalisch Gordon says the corn crop, depending where it is in Brazil, is being further downgraded by an early end to the summer rainy season or low-to-freezing conditions in areas where the corn was planted late.

"While the USDA continues to have 109 million tonnes down for Brazilian corn in 2021/22, some suggest that this could be at least 10 million tonnes over what will ultimately be available," she says.

Domestic corn prices in Brazil are around double those of a year ago, she says, and food and fuel inflation is already running

high, so the government is looking for further options to ease the pressures on their domestic corn balance sheet.

Low-interest government loan limits for producers will increase by between 16 and 25 per cent depending on farm size, beginning in July.

"This will be too late for any near-term boosts in supply," she says. "As after the imminent safrinha corn crop harvest, the next planting is in October so that any boost in production will not be available until February 2022 at the earliest."

Dr Kalisch Gordon says Brazil's tight corn supply situation would be less exceptional for world markets, but the US is set to finish 2020/21 with its lowest corn stocks since 2013/14, and there are concerns about the size of its upcoming harvest. "While dry conditions and slow planting progress means production is likely to come in below the five-year average," she says.

"As much as the Brazilian government might be trying to increase corn supplies, there is no escaping the fact there will be no stock rebuilding globally or in Brazil this year.

"This means we forecast CBOT corn to trade above 600USc/bu over the coming year, or more than 60 per cent above its five-year average."

This is great news for wheat prices, she says, with the bank forecasting CBOT wheat to trade above 700USc/bu into Q1 2022, 40 per cent above its five-year average.

To find out more about other Rabobank research, contact Rabobank Albany branch manager Phillip Thompson on 08 9844 5600 or subscribe to RaboResearch Food & Agribusiness Australia & New Zealand on your podcast app.

Cheryl Kalisch Gordon



Dr Kalisch Gordon

## ENRICH Farm Planning Workshops

Native plant agronomist Geoff Woodall will be running farm planning workshops in our area, specifically designed to incorporate palatable native plant species into grazing systems.

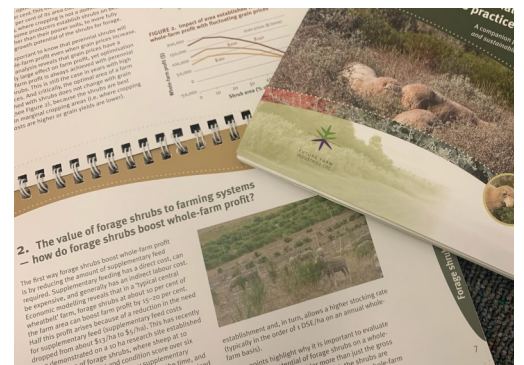
The workshops will be in late July, with dates and further details to come soon.

These workshops are part of an FBG project called *Reclaiming the margins - turning unproductive land into sustainable grazing assets using the Enrich Project model*.

Amongst the major benefits were; a significant reduction in supplementary hand feeding during the feed gap; and a financial return from deferred grazing of annual pastures.

If you are interested in these workshops please let us know. Contact Jess Brown [coommunications@fbg.org.au](mailto:coommunications@fbg.org.au) or Leonie McMahon [eo@fbg.org.au](mailto:eo@fbg.org.au)

With thanks to the Federal Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment Smart Farms Program, through whom this project is funded.



# GRDC Research Updates – Albany

On 3rd March, project officer Maddy Wylie attended the GRDC Grains Research Updates in Albany. With a packed program of grains research delivered over the previous 12 months, the day was kicked off by Peter Bird (GRDC Senior Regional Manager – West), before a season overview was provided by the always insightful Brent Pritchard of Farmanco and Albany consultant Ian Evans.

The season wrap was a good reminder of some of the unique challenges faced across the region in 2020, which turned out to be very positive for some, but providing emerging and new challenges for others (such as non-wetting issues).

In the concurrent sessions that following, a highlight was the barley session covered by Jeremy Curry of DPIRD.

In Jackie Bucat's canola session, it was interesting to note that research suggests where soil temperatures allow, there is potential to realise yield upside by planting appropriate long season varieties as early as 18 March. In a year where subsoil moisture levels are encouraging, it was thought that there would be farmers out there pushing the potential on varieties such as ATR Wahoo, etc. The 2020 season also showed the value of investing in hybrid varieties such as Invigor T 4510 or HyTTec Trident.

After lunch, Svetlana Micic covered the projects she had been investigating in 2020 including the insects in chaff project that FBG had been part of.

Another of Svet's project involved controlling red legged earthmites through intensive spring grazing. While no trials

were undertaken in the Jerramungup area (due to no suitable paddocks being found), the findings of this study will be rolled out at a workshop later in the year. It was found that effective intensive grazing in spring negated the need for any use of pesticides.

The always-topical soil amelioration rounded out this session with good discussion from farmers who had been undertaking a variety of solutions.

We then heard from Ben White on different weed seed control options before hearing about emerging crop protection products from Mark Lawrence.

A very worthwhile day to attend, I recommend farmers attending these regional updates in particular to get a good insight into some of the grains research being undertaken and ground-truthed across the port zone.



## Visiting farms – vehicle hygiene

FBG recognizes that there are risks associated with on-farm visits. People can unintentionally carry diseases, pests and weeds. This includes anyone visiting your property including suppliers, vets, transporters, stock agents, consultants, casual staff, researchers and other contractors. It also includes guests and anyone living on the property.

With pests such as white Italian snails in the district, we ask that we are made aware of high risk areas and paddocks before entering the property. We take appropriate precautions in visiting properties within the area, including pressure washing Group vehicles after on-site visits, but really appreciate your cooperation in bringing risks to our attention to avoid further spread across farms.

To limit the risk of visitors bringing new pests and diseases onto your property, consider following the recommendations below:

- limit entry points to access the property – ideally there should only be one access point so that all movements can be recorded and you always know who is on your property
- direct all visitors to a designated parking area by using clear signage, and ask them to report to management and sign a visitor register
- all visitors to the property must ensure that their

vehicles, equipment, boots and clothing are clean and free from pests, weed seeds and plant material

- all visitor vehicles, equipment and boots should be cleaned upon entering the property in a wash-down bay
- any visitor who refuses to clean vehicles, equipment and boots, or cannot demonstrate that their clothing is clean should be refused entry
- limit visitor contact with livestock, crops or plant materials as much as possible and eliminate any unnecessary contact altogether
- if you run a business that has a tourism component, you'll need to clearly indicate any entry requirements and be especially vigilant in checking for new pests and diseases
- disinfect hands before and after coming into contact with livestock, plant material or soil
- ensure that staff and occasional workers clean and disinfect equipment such as pruning shears in-between uses on different properties
- ensure all your staff are familiar with the basic symptoms associated with a pest or disease outbreak and know how to report them.

**VISITORS**  
**PLEASE RESPECT**  
**FARM BIOSECURITY**



# GRDC Frost Workshop –

As part of a GRDC national frost research extension initiative, the Grower Group Alliance facilitated a series of pre-season frost planning workshops, one of which was hosted by FBG at the Needilup Pavilion on Tuesday 9th March.

This very interactive and hands-on workshop was facilitated by Jordy Medlen of Consultag (Narrogin) and presented by DPIRD frost researcher Ben Biddulph, advisor Garren Knell of Consultag and farmer Ashton Gray of Tarin Rock, north of Lake Grace.

11 local farmers attended to discuss the frost season just gone and the plans to mitigate the risk going forward.

Topics of discussion included growing a greater range of wheat varieties (reducing reliance on Scepter), steering away from wheat and towards less susceptible crops such as barley or even oats. It was noted however that there is a limited market for oats in the Albany Port Zone and they would need to be delivered to Perth at this stage.

Another option discussed was hay production. This also comes with several considerations too, such as marketing, machinery and contractors.

Ashton Gray spoke of his experience in his mixed farming enterprise at Tarin Rock where their most frost prone areas are no longer cropped at all. Instead, these areas remain in their sheep enterprise only and are kept under pasture. Part of this decision was driven by some mapping of the farm and identifying those frost prone areas.

Ben Biddulph also provided a wealth of knowledge, with some key take home messages being:

- Identify frost prone paddocks
- Consider enterprise in a zone
- Review nutrient management
- Modify soil heat bank
- Select appropriate crops
- Manipulate flowering times
- Finetune cultivar selection

More information and references can be found at <https://grdc.com.au/resources-and-publications/resources/frost-management>



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# Grazing Naturally workshop

The drivers behind the FBG holding the Grazing Naturally workshop were to explore ways of leveraging greater efficiency from our grazing systems and to investigate planning tools to aid decision making around stocking rates.

Dick Richardson, from Grazing Naturally, ran a one-day field day followed by the two-day workshop in early March at Jinjinnup, our (Ants Thomas and Leonie McMahon's) place, between Bremer Bay and Boxwood Hill.

The Grazing Naturally system stems from Holistic Grazing. It uses two different management strategies for grazing pasture during the open (growing) season and the closed (non-growing) season. Stock are rotated through a series of zones (or paddocks) at a rate that keeps the grasses grazed down to encourage continuous growth. One paddock (referred to as the Priority paddock) becomes the reference paddock. Beyond the productivity and planning benefits of the Grazing Naturally system there is also the opportunity to build soil carbon. Out in the paddock we learned the 'STAC' method of estimating feed quantity. Back in the shed we calculated stocking rates, feed demand and carrying capacity using an excel-based spreadsheet from Grazing Naturally.

Putting the theory into practice is the next challenge for those



of us who attended the workshop.

Further information about the Grazing Naturally system is available at [www.grazingnaturally.com.au](http://www.grazingnaturally.com.au) or for more information about the workshop you can call me on 0428351127.

Leonie McMahon

The funding for this workshop came from a Smart Farms project entitled *Building resilient farming systems in the face of increasing climate variability*. This project is supported by the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources, through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Programme.



## Exercise, social connections, fresh air...and we now live in a cleaner place -

**what a reward our volunteers experienced.**

Our annual Clean up Bremer Bay in May day was a wonderful success again this year. The usual sponsors stepped up and provided a waste-free sausage sizzle, and to the relief of the kids, there was ice-cream in a cone too.

This year was a special one because for the first time we were able to sort the recycled materials. The bottles and cans that are eligible for the Containers for Change program were sent to the Bremer Bay Primary School to support their fundraising project. Thank you to the Bremer Bay Brewing Company for the use of their bags and Rosie Clews for taking them to the school. All in all, it was a seamless morning. We had beautiful weather to work in while we gave a bit of love back to our beautiful environment. The photos often don't reflect the true number of people who contributed, particularly those who collected rubbish out of town, so thank you everyone for all your efforts.

Thanks to Gordon Capelli from the Jerramungup Shire Works Crew who picked up rubbish in the Shire truck. Our thanks also to Bremer Bay Rural and Hardware, Bremer Bay Roadhouse, Bremer Bay Resort and Bremer Bay General Store for their generous donations. We also were able to create a lucky dip with a voucher for \$50 thanks to Tara and Wayne Pittard. This was won by Natalie and Craig Davis.

Thank you Everyone.

Therese Bell,  
Bremer Projects Coordinator



# FBG Weed Action Group Update

The morning of 7th May 2021 was just beautiful where I live, 50 km from Bremer Bay, so it was with a skip in my step that I went to meet our weed action group in town. We were meeting to pull Coastal (Victorian) Tea Tree seedlings from a very special reserve: the bit of bush between the skate park and the health clinic, which is an outstanding showcase of local plant biodiversity for our visitors.

Well, the closer I got the wetter it became and yet there were people waiting for me. You would expect most would have chosen another day, but not this lot. Despite the persistent drizzle we enjoyed fairly warm and windless conditions. The weeding was easy because the soil profile was so wet, which was important since we didn't want to leave any of the root system behind.

As I watched passionate people converse, share stories and enjoy our beautiful vegetation, it really emphasized to me the benefits of group efforts. We often talk about getting your eye in....and how easy it is to miss plants so it was especially



beneficial that one volunteer had completed an audit for the weed the previous weekend and was able to guide our efforts. Two hours passed very quickly and successfully so we are feeling inspired to come back and check our efforts in the future. Once again, it's a joy to be around these people looking out for our environment. Thank you to our very special "Weed Action People"

A footnote: Now is a great opportunity to control young coastal tea tree plants by taking advantage of our wet conditions. Not only will it be easier to pull the roots, it's an opportunity to avoid using chemical weed treatment. Coastal tea tree seedlings don't flower in the first couple of years so now is the time to take action if you find small plants. Please leave adult plants onsite so the seed pods don't spread, and then keep an eye out for future germinations that can easily be weeded. Effective control of an infestation takes a minimum of three years and requires ongoing commitment, especially if we don't want this invasive weed in our National Park.

Thanks also to the Australian Government Department of Industry, Innovation and Science for funding for this project through the Communities Environment Program, and Rick Wilson, Member for O'Connor.

Therese Bell



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## Wild geranium control at Short Beach.



Wild geranium had taken over the native vegetation on the foreshore near the Short Beach car park. Months of weeding, over several sessions, and experimenting with different weed management techniques, have given really pleasing results. A terrific effort by the Short Beach residents.

## Easter Markets 2021



Australian Government  
Department of Industry, Science,  
Energy and Resources

The Bremer Bay Easter Markets were well patronised in 2021, especially since the 2020 event had to be cancelled due to Covid 19 restrictions. It was really heart-warming to have residents approach us and ask to be involved in our weed action group. We also spoke to many in other regions who saw a need for the initiatives they learned about in Bremer. With visitor numbers in the town swelling, we also had the opportunity to improve knowledge of the types of visitors who attended our stall.

Special thanks to the Australian Government Department of Industry, Innovation and Science for funding for this project through the Communities Environment Program, and Mr Rick Wilson MP, Member for O'Connor.



# SAVE THE DATE

# FBG SPRING FIELD DAY



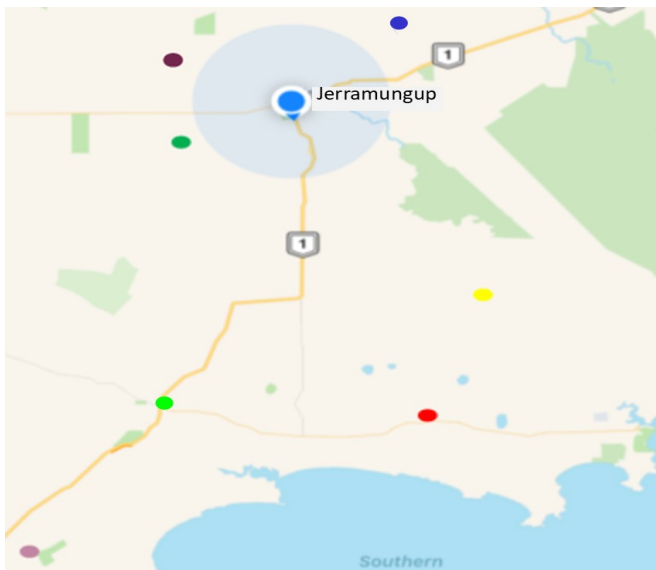
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## JACUP AREA

MORE DETAILS TO COME  
FREE FOR MEMBERS,  
\$30 FOR NON-MEMBERS



### Jerramungup district rainfall



Location		Jan	Feb	Mar	April	Total YTD
Jerramungup	●	3.2	25.0	50.6	68.3	147.1
Needilup Nth	●	0.0	15	36	37.5	88.5
Needilup Sth	●	0.0	20.5	39.5	54.5	114.5
Jacup	●	0.0	29.5	53.5	50.5	133.5
Bremer Rd	●	0.0	25.0	59.0	77.0	161.0
Gairdner	●	1.0	35.5	66.5	48.5	151.5
Boxwood	●	4.4	29.0	69.2	90.6	193.2
Mettler	●	17.3	56.8	56.2	89.7	220.0

## Upcoming Events

We are in the process of finalising details with presenters for a number of events scheduled for the coming months. We will email an updated schedule once finalised. Keep an eye out on social media as well for further information about....

- Drainage Workshop
- Red Legged Earth Mite workshop
- Enrich Farm Planning Workshops
- Cat Sterilisation Clinic
- Spring Field Day

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