

NARPULUNGUP NEWS

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE FRIENDS OF FITZGERALD RIVER NATIONAL PARK

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Photo: Libby Sandiford

AGM: SATURDAY 12TH MARCH 2022

AT POINT ANN

PLEASE JOIN US!

Date	Saturday 12 th March 2022
Where	undercover area at Point Ann*
Time	morning tea from 10 am guest speaker & walk and talk from 10.30am lunch from 12 noon AGM 1.30pm

What to bring Please bring everything you need for morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea, a chair, and all your usual bush gear. Camping available nearby.

Guest Speaker Geologist Katy Evans

Katy completed her degree and PhD at Cambridge in the UK, then worked on the formation and longevity of acid mine drainage before coming to Australia in 2002. She migrated gradually from Melbourne to Canberra to Perth, where she has undertaken teaching and research at Curtin University since 2007. More recently, her long-standing love of the Great Southern led her to Lowlands, between Albany and

Denmark, where she attempts to balance the joys of geological research and teaching with building a strawbale house and the practicalities of managing a small property.

FITZ WANTS YOU!

The Committee of the Friends of Fitzgerald River National Park is seeking expressions of interest for potential new committee members. If you are passionate about 'The Fitz', and have a little time on your hands, we would love to welcome you to the committee. We run meetings on Zoom, so location is not an issue.

All positions will be declared vacant at the AGM, and if you wish to step forward to as a new office bearer, please don't be shy...

We are also looking for local (-ish) Friends' members who have some spare time to run activities in the Fitz, such as first nations culture, hiking, art, photography, bird watching, beach combing, flora ID...

If you are unable to attend the AGM in person, please complete the included nomination form and/or proxy form and return them to admin@fitzgeraldfriends.org.au by 10th March 2022.

*Please note the change of venue from Twertup!

KATY'S TALK - ABSTRACT

Geology of the Fitzgerald Biosphere: What we know, what we don't know, and how we know what we know.

The staggering beauty and unique flora of the Fitzgerald Biosphere are rooted firmly by the underlying geology, which shows equivalent diversity and unique characteristics to those of the more ephemeral but obvious features of the geomorphology, flora, and fauna.

The geological history of the Fitzgerald Biosphere began very early in Earth's history; the Archaean ended over half the age of the Earth ago, but crystals from that time are preserved within rocks now exposed within the Fitzgerald Biosphere, where they record processes on ancient continental margins that were very different to those that operate today.

As the continental margin evolved over the next billion years or so, sediments were deposited, buried, and metamorphosed at high pressures and temperatures as the tectonic plates advanced, retreated, and rotated, in a slow but elegant dance that is reflected by some of the most striking units within the Fitzgerald Biosphere, such as the Kundip Quartzite. Rocks that were originally igneous, such as those at Fisheries Beach, intruded the sedimentary rocks and were metamorphosed to form charnockites, a rock type that is still enigmatic and controversial even today after decades of study.

ago, parts of the Fitzgerald Biosphere formed the basement to sediments deposited both on-shore and beneath a shallow sea. Units such as the Pallinup siltstone, which includes the spongolite unit and numerous other fossils, record warm open waters and a detailed record of these times is provided by deeply incised valleys that cut these rocks.

Given this extensive history, it is hardly surprising that the landscape is so complex and diverse. What is surprising it that it is so little studied; many secrets remain unrevealed, not least the functional relationships between flora, fauna, and geology, that sustain the landscape.



Much more recently, only a few tens of millions of years

Who knew?! Apparently, charnockites are named after the tombstone of a Mr Charnock in Calcutta, India!
Source: Park A.F. (1989) Charnockite. In: Petrology. Encyclopedia of Earth Science. Springer, Boston, MA.
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FRIENDS OF THE FITZGERALD RIVER NATIONAL PARK (INC.)
NOMINATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEE

[Associations Incorporation Act]

I, _____

of (address) _____

(email Address) _____

hereby nominate (name of nominee) _____

for membership of the Committee of FRIENDS OF THE FITZGERALD RIVER NATIONAL PARK (INC.)

Seconded by _____

Nominee eligibility statement:

I declare I am eligible for membership of the Committee *[see footnote below]*

Signed: _____

Date: _____ / _____ / 20__

Note: Under the Associations Incorporation Act a person is excluded from being on the committee (without special approval by the Commissioner for Consumer Protection) if they:

- are bankrupt or their affairs are under insolvency laws;
- have been convicted of an indictable offence in relation to the formation or management of a body corporate in the last 5 years;
- have been convicted of an offence involving fraud or dishonesty punishable by at least 3 months imprisonment in the last 5 years;
- have been convicted of an offence under the Act, where a person has allowed an association to operate while insolvent in the last 5 years.

**STOP PRESS!! Our thoughts are with everyone who has been affected by the recent fires
in and around Fitzgerald River National Park.**

Friends of the Fitzgerald River National Park Inc.

Annual General Meeting Proxy Form

I, _____

being a full member of Friends of the Fitzgerald River National Park, hereby

appoint _____

of _____

to vote for me and on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting to be held on

Signature _____

Date _____

Our beautiful banksia **tea towels** designed by artist Julie Outram are available by contacting admin@fitzgeraldfriends.org.au

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- wholesale discount applies for orders of 20 and over



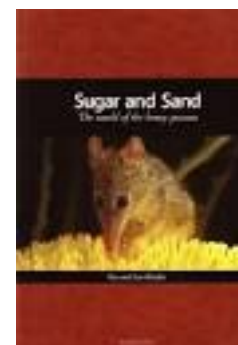
The lovely book

Sugar and Sand: The World of the Honey Possum

by Ron and Sue Wooller

is also available through admin@fitzgeraldfriends.org.au

- for \$15 each
- wholesale discount applies



FRIENDS OF THE FITZGERALD RIVER NATIONAL PARK (INC.)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To be held Saturday 12th March 2022 at Point Ann

AGENDA

1. Welcome to Members and Guests
2. Attendance and Apologies
3. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous AGM
4. Business Arising from Minutes
5. Receipt and Adoption of Financial Statement and Treasurer's Report
6. Receipt and Adoption of the President's Annual Report
7. Twertup Field Studies Centre Report
8. FRNP Ranger's Report
9. Election of Office Bearers and Committee Members for 2022
10. Appointment of Auditor if required
11. Appointment of Public Officer to deal with ATO & lodge BAS
12. Setting Membership Rates. Payment of re-current annual subs, CCWA, EDO, Insurance
13. Appointment of a Delegate and Proxy for Conservation Council of WA
14. General Business



VALE KEN BROADBENT

Friends of Fitzgerald River National Park life member Ken Broadbent passed away recently after a long illness.

Ken and his wife Priscilla have been heavily involved with the Friends for decades, and both of them have served on the committee, including as president, vice president and secretary, for years.

Ken had made the only piece of furniture that survived the Twertup fire: the bathroom table. Your legacy lives on, Ken, and you will be missed by all.

We extend our sympathy to Priscilla and Ken's family.



“A WIN FOR PLANTS, ANIMALS AND SPECIAL PLACES”

ROSEMARY JASPER WINS AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD FOR CONSERVATION

OF WILDLIFE AND VEGETATION *deserving of this award. Congratulations Rosemary.*”

Rosemary Jasper has been president and secretary of the Friends for many years, and a member for many more.

We are very pleased to be able to congratulate her for receiving this year’s Ravensthorpe Shire Australia Day Community Citizen of the Year Award for her conservation efforts.

Rosemary’s outstanding achievement was acknowledged by the Shire President Keith Dunlop as follows:

"For over 40 years Rosemary has dedicated her valuable time and extensive knowledge towards the conservation of wildlife and native vegetation. Rosemary has also significantly contributed to the international recognition of the Fitzgerald Biosphere and Shire of Ravensthorpe as a place of environmental significance. Through her very active support of community groups in the Ravensthorpe area and the wider community and through her role as Head of the Ravensthorpe Regional Herbarium, Rosemary is a highly valued community member and highly

In accepting the award, Rosemary thanked the Shire for the award and the Ravensthorpe Wildflower Show for the nomination, adding that the Wildflower Show is an amazing organisation which she is proud to be part of. She also said that the nature conservation values of the Shire are world-class by any measure and it is her delight to live in the area, and to be able to work with people who also want to learn more about the bush, to promote it and to conserve it.

Rosemary is thrilled that the Shire considered someone



Citizen of the Year award ceremony, with Keith Dunlop, Shire President; Gary Clark, Acting CEO; and Rosemary Jasper (left to right).

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