



**Ludlow Tuart Forest
Restoration Group**

ANNUAL REPORT

2021-22



Photo: Alicia Lind





MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We are now entering our 6th year as a community supported, volunteer, not for profit forest and heritage restoration organisation. We have signed a long-term lease with the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) over the Ludlow settlement and released our master plan to guide future development. We will continue the agreement with DBCA to plant up to 10,000 tuart seedlings each year with the help of school children.

Membership numbers are growing steadily, and many more people now understand the plight of the tuart forest and its remnant dependant biodiversity and the heritage values in the Ludlow forestry settlement and wish to help the recovery of these vital ecological and historic sites. We have made a difference on behalf of future generations and the world's only, threatened tuart forest eco system.

The historic Ludlow forest settlement has been rescued and saved from certain demolition. The water supply system has been restored and power reconnected to renovated buildings. The site has been secured and cleared of accumulated rubbish. Volunteers have replanted over 1,000 native understory plants around the settlement site.

Some buildings have been recovered and restored including the former District office building recently restored to heritage standards and now repurposed to become a tuart forest resource centre providing a space for people to visit and to learn about the threats facing the tuart forest.

The volunteer restoration of the glass house nursery is now complete allowing for the propagation of plants to help restock the forest and allow plant sales to support vital revenue raising.

We have received welcome and vital support in funding through personal and corporate grants and donations in kind. I thank everyone who has contributed and can assure you that every dollar is stretched to 2 or 3 times its value by our volunteers in restoration achievements.

To our valuable volunteers, your efforts and achievements through consistent dedicated work is outstanding. To the dedicated committee members who form the backbone of this organisation and the many supporters, your faith, donations in time, cash and kind have kept us alive and functioning, your conservation efforts are priceless.

Your efforts have been rewarded through the successful "Spring in The Forest" event that attracted thousands of people who supported the opening of restored buildings and protection of the Ludlow site. Your dedication and achievements are world class and thank you.

To DBCA Parks and Wildlife, Shire of Capel, City of Busselton and Department of Corrections, your ongoing interest and support is highly valued. Some of the benefits to flow from this project include tourism, education, recreation, employment, conservation, aboriginal reconciliation, heritage values, and forest restoration, a formidable list. Thank you everyone for your help and dedication and please continue this vital work.

Yours Sincerely,

Des Donnelly
President
Ludlow Tuart Forest Restoration Group



OUR STRATEGIC PLAN

OUR OBJECTIVE

Our objective is to provide community support for the essential restoration, protection and ongoing maintenance of the iconic Ludlow tuart forest and the historic Ludlow forest settlement for the benefit of future generations, biodiversity, tourism, education and research.

OUR VALUES

- To encourage community involvement and ownership.
- To respect past indigenous care for country and encourage future participation.
- To develop assets to provide for tourism, recreation, education, and employment.

OUR GOALS

The Tall Tuart Forest

RESTORATION

To restore, within 45 years, the tall tuart forest canopy to provide for eco system dependent biodiversity to be returned. Conservation.

MANAGEMENT

Manage current threats, Human, animal, plant, insect and pathogen. Forest protection.

GROWTH

Provide facilities to support, protect, breed and reintroduce dependent biodiversity, jobs and growth.

TOURISM

Develop multifaceted tourism with links to estuary and RAMSAR listed wetlands bird sanctuary.

Ludlow Settlement

INFRASTRUCTURE

Secure lease, restore power, water, security, communications and access.

EDUCATION

Provide a welcoming, safe, tuart forest-based education resource centre.

RESTORATION

Restore all buildings and infrastructure to reflect heritage and history. Repurpose internal spaces to allow commercial opportunity and employment.

TOURISM

Provide for informative, physical, recreational tourism entry into the tuart forest.

ACCOMMODATION

Renovate cottages to provide managed onsite amenity, camping and security.

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY

Establish opportunities to support commercial activity and employment.

HERITAGE

Provide resources, space and opportunity for aboriginal heritage, public education in traditions, arts, crafts, displays, commercial sales and employment.





The State heritage listed former forestry District office has been restored by the Infrastructure Group. The garden, created by the Landscaping Group is amazing and includes many native understory plants that once thrived on this land.

Photo: Julie Robinson

Both groups meet every Wednesday morning at the Ludlow settlement. New volunteers are welcome.

OUR STATISTICS since inception



645 Members

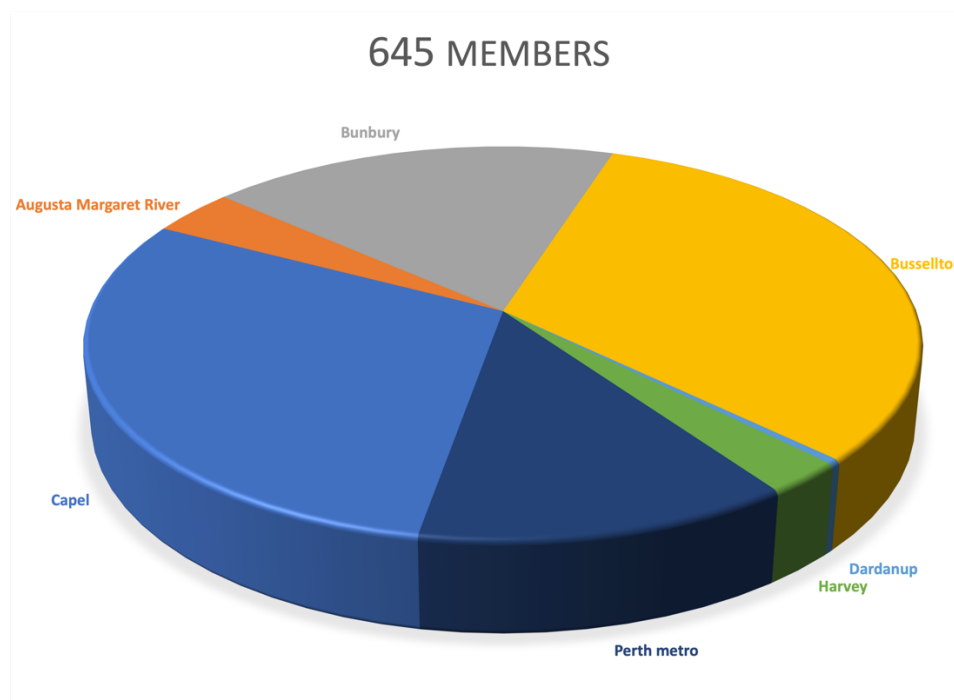


**115,000 tuart
seedlings**



\$319,855 invested

Membership Distribution



OUR PEOPLE

WHO WE ARE

We are a group of concerned individuals who understand the recent history of the Ludlow tuart forest and what it will take to bring it back.

President

Des Donnelly

Treasurer

Tonina Pinneri

Secretary

Bill Biggins

Committee members

Evelyn Taylor
Jules Hogan
Holger Topp
Kathy Rutgers
Nick Hornibrook
Pat Worrell
Simon Hotchin

Past committee members

Jenny Hake
Lyn McMahon
Kerri Rankin
Peta Taylor
Carole Walpole
Ian Walpole
Janet Wells
Lesley Culleton

Ludlow caretakers

Mark Kemp
Ursula Cassidy
Kevin Cassidy

Members

645 financial members



volunteeringWA

Volunteering WA has calculated the replacement cost of a volunteer using the average hourly part-time wage of a person of their age in their State of residence, plus 15% employer on-costs (inclusive of superannuation, payroll tax and administration expenses).

Age cohort	Rate
15 to 25 years	\$20.33
25 to 34 years	\$46.01
35 to 44 years	\$56.02
45 to 54 years	\$57.53
55 to 64 years	\$53.82
65 years and over	\$40.37
All ages	\$48.01

Based on all ages hourly rate and our volunteer contribution of 11,456 hours to the tuart forest and forestry settlement, value of our services is **\$550,002**

For further information <https://www.volunteeringwa.org.au/resources/volunteer-benefits-calculator>



OUR 2021-22 BUSINESS SUPPORTERS

The following organisations and individuals have made significant contributions to our group. These contributions include grants, in-kind and monetary donations, discounts etc. We also acknowledge the significant contribution of many members who have joined us for busy bees and other projects.

In alphabetical order

Bendigo Bank	Ludlow Tuart Forest Restoration Group
Boyanup Botanical Nursery	members
Bunbury Community Radio 103.7	Main Roads
Bunbury Regional Prison	Malatesta Nursery
Busselton Agricultural Supplies	Nichols Machinery
Busselton Dunsborough Times	Mainspray
Bunbury Engraving	Paul Young (Bricklaying)
Busselton Jetty	Peppermint Grove Art Group
Busselton Lions	Rotary Club of Busselton Geographe Bay
Busselton Museum	Sabrina Hahn
Busselton Woodturners	Sunflowers Animal Farm
Capel Bins	South West Personnel
Capel Butchers	Southwest Times
Capelberry Cafe	Shire of Capel
Capel Hardware	State Emergency Service (Busselton)
Capel IGA	State Government of Western Australia
Capel Witchcraft Quilting Supplies	Timber Insight Pty Ltd
City of Busselton	Totally Sound
Coastal Earth Moving	Trade Hire (Busselton)
Colroys Country Kitchen	True Blue Turf
Contract Fencing	West Coast Timbers
Daryll Roberts	Veteran and Classic Car Club
Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions	Wattyl Paint Centre (Busselton)
Down to Earth Restumping	
Dunsborough Rewinds	
Eden Gardiner	
Federal Government	
Forest Adventures	
Forest Products Commission	
Geographe Community Landcare Nursery	
GP Forestry	
GWJ Installations	
Howletts Tree Service	
Jigsaw Printing	
John Cross	
John Forrest	
Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc.	
Leschenault Community Nursery	
Lotterywest	



Esi Garcia, Managing Director and South West Personnel team along with Ludlow Tuart Forest Restoration Group members.

South West Personnel provided a very significant donation to our group to celebrate their 30th anniversary.



OUR FINANCIAL REPORT

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND CASH PAYMENTS For year ended 30 June 2022

See the separate Financial Report for Year ended 30 June 2022



Our President, Des Donnelly

Photo: Alicia Lind



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About the logo

When designing the new logo for Ludlow Tuart Forest Restoration Group, I aimed to symbolise the foundation, values, and purpose of the group while referencing the forest itself. The lower half of the logo is in the shape of a hand that highlights the groups grounding in community and care without which nothing can grow. The upper half of the logo continues the form of a circle to echo the wholeness and cyclic process of forest restoration and the everlasting benefit it can have on generations to come. The middle of the logo forms the shape of a Tuart tree leaf, centering on the group's focus to restore and protect the iconic Ludlow Tuart Forest.

Overall the style of the logo was to be simple, natural, and versatile while also being modern and timeless to become an iconic emblem in the region and appropriately represent the heritage, beauty and future of the settlement and forest as well as the amazing work being done by such a passionate and dedicated group of volunteers.

Cherise Woodhams
De La Terre, Busselton

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