



**Ludlow Tuart Forest
Restoration Group**

ANNUAL REPORT

2022-23



Ludlow Settlement – Aerial photo (August 2023)



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I'm delighted to present the President's report for 2023, summarizing our collective achievements and challenges.

First and foremost, I extend my heartfelt thanks to all our dedicated members for their unwavering support throughout the year. Your commitment is the backbone of our volunteer group, and it's your hard work that makes our accomplishments possible. Our membership has now reached 675.

This year we planted 5000 seedlings primarily within our lease area. For the first time we have tried planting older trees that have already spent one year being carefully tended to in the shade house. Once again it was a real pleasure to have school kids involved in the planting. To have the younger generation excited about planting trees bodes well for the future.

Last year the repairs to the glass house and the construction of the shade house were completed and this year many plants have been propagated nurtured and then sold at the Spring in the Forest event. Slowly but surely, we are learning how to propagate, nurture and grow native plants endemic to the Ludlow Tuart Forest area.

The Ludlow Walk Trail was built this year with funding provided by the City of Busselton. It takes in a range of features surrounding the settlement and out into the immediate surrounding forest. Guided tours are available for a small fee, or the community can use the trail at their leisure for passive recreation.

Buildings works this year included refurbishing house 1901 ("White House"), partial restoration of building 654 ("The Stables") and construction of a kitchen in the store. Restoration was carried out primarily by volunteers along with specialist trades as required. It is a tribute to the work crew that judicious use of second-hand materials has kept costs to a minimum.

This year we ran the inaugural The Ludlow Art Prize and it was an immense success, showcasing our commitment to the arts. Thanks to all our sponsors, with your generous help we were able provide a wonderful community art experience in the rustic Ludlow setting.

The Spring in the Forest event was a massive undertaking, and it's worth noting that it not only enriched our community but also generated profits to be invested back into the forest.

Since the official opening of the District Office in October 2022 the office has been opened on Wednesdays and Sundays. Volunteers have set up a roster so there is always a welcome face to greet visitors. The building has also now become the focal point when we have formal visitors to site. It is where we start the tours and showcase what we can do with limited funds.

As we approach 2024, our main challenge lies in effectively sourcing and utilizing funding to continue our growth and impact. It will require careful planning and collaboration among our members. Key to this is the continued excellent support from the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions.

In closing, I'd like to reiterate my gratitude to all our members. Your dedication, hard work, and unwavering support are the driving force behind our achievements. I'm fortunate to lead a diverse and passionate committee.

Thank you once again for your dedication to our volunteer group.

Sincerely,

Holger Topp
President



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 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 STATISTICS



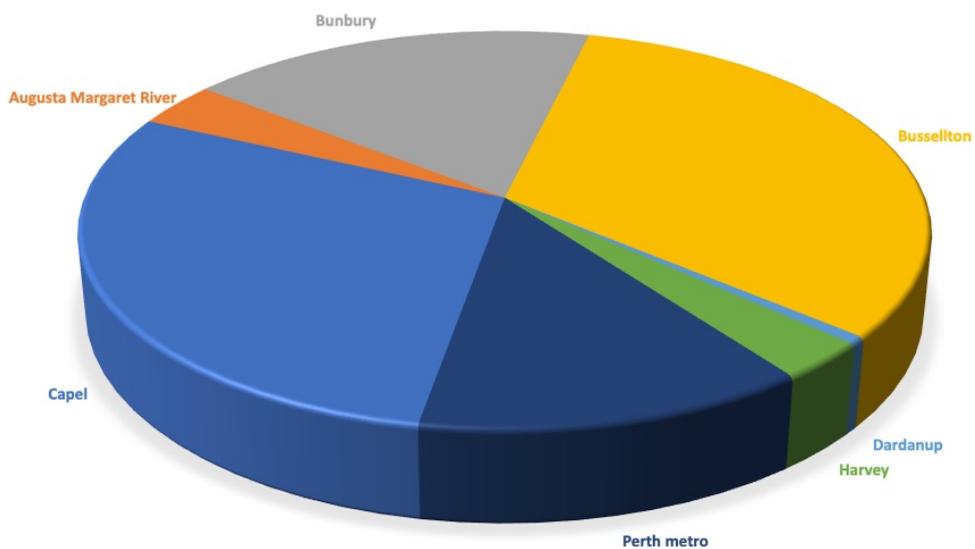
670 Members



120,000 tuart seedlings planted

Membership Distribution

670 MEMBERS



MAJOR EVENTS

LUDLOW ART PRIZE

In 2022, the committee resolved to run the inaugural **Ludlow Art Prize**. Our goal was to bring people together to shine a light on the critically endangered Tuart woodlands and forests of the Swan Coastal Plain ecological community including the last remaining tuart forest at Ludlow, Western Australia.

The art prize entries included 55 Australian Landscape Paintings and 15 sculptures.

SPRING IN THE FOREST

Our Spring in the Forest event attracted thousands of visitors to the Ludlow Settlement contributing to the awareness of our cause.



Australian Landscape Painting – Laura Griffith (First prize) for **Parkwater Forest**



Sculpture - Kim Perrier (First prize) for **Enigm**

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

Holger Topp

Vice President

Kathy Rutgers

Treasurer

Tonina Pinneri

Secretary

Bill Biggins

Committee members

Evelyn Taylor

Des Donnelly

Jules Hogan

Holger Topp

Nick Hornibrook

Pat Worrell

Jenny Hake

Yolanda Cool

Past committee members

Lyn McMahon

Kerri Rankin

Peta Taylor

Carole Walpole

Ian Walpole

Janet Wells

Lesley Culleton

Simon Hotchin

Ludlow caretakers

Mark Kemp

Ursula Cassidy

Kevin Cassidy

Phillip Sloan

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

Based on the all ages average hourly rate of \$48.01, our volunteer contribution of 21,522 hours to the tuart forest and Ludlow settlement is **\$1,033, 271**. For further information <https://www.volunteeringwa.org.au/resources/volunteer-benefits-calculator>



OUR 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
Boyanup Botanical Nursery
Brian Fisher Fabrications
Bunbury Community Radio 103.7
Bunbury Regional Prison
Busselton Agricultural Supplies
Busselton Dunsborough Times
Bunbury Engraving
Busselton Jetty
Busselton Lions
Busselton Museum
Busselton Woodturners
Capel Bins
Capel Butchers
Capelberry Cafe
Capel Hardware
Capel IGA
Capel Witchcraft Quilting Supplies
City of Busselton
Coastal Earth Moving
Colroys Country Kitchen
Contract Fencing
Crown Resorts
Daryll Roberts
Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions
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
Ludlow Tuart Forest Restoration Group members
Main Roads
Malatesta Nursery
Nichols Machinery
Mainspray
Orana Cinemas
Paul Young (Bricklaying)
Peppermint Grove Art Group
Retravisio
Rotary Club of Busselton Geographe Bay
Sabrina Hahn
Shelter Brewing Company
Sunflowers Animal Farm
South West Personnel
Southwest Times
Shire of Capel
State Emergency Service (Busselton)
State Government of Western Australia
Timber Insight Pty Ltd
The Goose
Totally Sound
Trade Hire (Busselton)
True Blue Turf
West Coast Timbers
Veteran and Classic Car Club
Wattyl Paint Centre (Busselton)



OUR FINANCIAL REPORT

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND CASH PAYMENTS

For year ended 30 June 2023

See the Financial Report for Year ended 30 June 2023 is available on our website [Financial Report 30 June 2023 - Rev C.pdf](#)

Forest Restoration

The Ludlow Tuart Forest restoration continued and again, we planted thousands of trees with the assistance of local school students.

We also had help from a group of staff members from St Mary MacKillop College to prune lower branches of previously planted tuart trees in the Central block.



St Mary MacKillop College staff with some of our committee members

Chevy Blitz Truck



Photo: Bill Biggins

On Saturday 29 July, our Chevy Blitz truck arrived at Ludlow. The truck was donated by Bruce McLagen of Miling, WA. It had been sitting in one of his paddocks for as long as anyone can remember. So long, it was called the Blitz paddock.

Thanks to Rohan and Tania-Marie from Westside Tilt Tray, Busselton, who donated their services to transport the Blitz from Miling to Ludlow, a 900-kilometre round trip.

Also thanks to John Monaghan who visited Bruce McLagen to accept the truck. The Blitz is now on display in the Ludlow mill compound.

These Blitz trucks were commonly used across the forest operations for a number of duties including road making to firefighting to adaption as crane trucks, a forerunner to the mechanisation of timber harvesting.



Ludlow Tuart Forest Restoration Group

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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