



Ludlow Tuart Forest
Restoration Group

ANNUAL REPORT

2019-20



Tuart, Eucalyptus Gomphocephala flower buds Photo: <https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/User:Xemenendura>



Tuart flowers Photo: <https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/User:Xemenendura>

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It gives me great pleasure to report on the activities and achievements of the Ludlow Tuart Forest Restoration Group (LTFRG) over the last year. This has been a fulfilling and productive year and we continue to make great strides as our future plans are slowly crystallised. One of the big challenges to our activities in 2020 has been COVID 19. Thanks to all the volunteers for their understanding and to the committee for operating differently while still maintaining a positive outlook.

We pride ourselves as a community based not for profit organisation and recognise the unique opportunity we have to progress community dreams for the Tuart Forest and the historic Ludlow Forestry Settlement. We have accepted the challenge to restore the Tuart Forest, protect and restore the Ludlow Forestry Settlement and promote strong environmental values.

I will highlight some achievements of the past year, outline our plans for the immediate future and acknowledge those who continue to contribute to our success.

The major achievement for the year was the successful planting of 30,000 Tuart Seedlings. The planting committee did a tremendous job and with the help of volunteers and the school children the planting program for 2020 was completed without a hitch. I would like to thank the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) for working closely with the LTFRG to make suitable areas of the forest available for planting. Funding for the 2020 planting program was provided by a National Resource Management grant and a Busselton Bendigo Bank grant.

The second major achievement for the year was exceeding 500 paid up members to the LTFRG. To think that in early 2018 it started with a handful of people and look where we are now.

The third major achievement of the year was the recommissioning of the truck parking shed. This was made possible by a grant from the City of Busselton. Work included replacing the roof, installing a water tank and electrical work. At present the recommissioned shed is being used by the caretaker and as an assembly point for the Section 95 parolees working around the settlement.

The Fund-Raising subcommittee came up with the initiative to prepare a 2021 calendar using photographs of the Tuart Forest and the Ludlow Forestry Settlement. It was very well received with all the first run of 160 calendars sold in a short space of time.

When you travel through the Ludlow Forestry Settlement you can see the tremendous work done by the landscaping committee. For example, the plantings north of the Administration Building will not only beautify the area but also attract animal life. The Landscaping subcommittee have been ably supported by the Section 95 parolees.

Work has started on recommissioning the water treatment plant and installing water supply to all eight properties located immediately north of the Ludlow River. This work on the north side of the Ludlow Forestry Settlement was made possible with a grant from the Shire of Capel.

Significant progress was made in development of the LTFRG Strategic Plan. A one-page summary has been agreed on and is included in this report. The supporting documentation is in draft form and the development of a "Master Plan" is being planned.

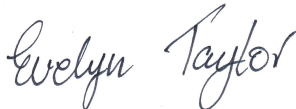
One of the key challenges for the year has been funding. Our attempts to attract significant sums of money have been unsuccessful. We do understand that in this COVID 19 dominated financial/political landscape that there are considerable pressures on funding availability and so this continues to be work in progress.

Now looking to next year where we will plant 25,000 Tuart Seedlings into the forest, refocus our efforts on obtaining grants/funding, complete the strategic plan, develop a master plan, finalise a lease for the Ludlow Forestry Settlement and continue to build on the work around the settlement.

The success over the last year was only achieved with the full support of DBCA, donations from members, grants from both Government and private sector, generous help from volunteers of all ages, huge amounts of work from the Section 95 parolees, great organisation from our three subcommittees (Planting, Landscaping, Fund Raising) and ongoing commitment of the committee.

I am standing down as President (remaining as a committee member) at this AGM and thank all those people who have supported my absolute passion for the forest and my dreams for the settlement. I am totally committed to the success of the LTFRG and wish all the best to the incoming President.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Evelyn Taylor". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name and last name clearly distinguishable.

Evelyn Taylor

President

Ludlow Tuart Forest Restoration Group

STRATEGIC PLAN 2020

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.

The Ludlow Forestry 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.

TUART FOREST PROGRESS

Volunteer members of The Ludlow Tuart Forest Restoration Group have successfully completed their second year of tuart forest restoration planting today, 30th July 2020.

This planting season has been a difficult one due to COVID-19 restrictions and uncertainty over available planting areas.

The completion of this project was made possible by a small, dedicated committee backed up by Ludlow Tuart Forest Restoration Group members, community volunteers and importantly, over 200 school children who assisted without hesitation to get the planting done.

This restoration project is supported in kind by the Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions, together with Parks and Wildlife management. The planting ensures the future of the tall tuart forest, closed canopy ecosystem and dependant biodiversity.

This planting project was part funded through a Community Stewardship Grant backed up by extremely valuable public and corporate financial sponsorship.

30,000 tuart seedlings were planted over 40 hectares of degraded land, bringing the total number of trees established by our group to 46,450. It is particularly satisfying to have created a world record for the highest number of tuarts planted into the tuart forest in modern history.

The future of this rare forest rests with the people of the world, its management and protection must be driven by local communities and funded by governments as a public asset.

A heartfelt thank you to all of the dedicated people who understand and support the long term, essential restoration of this precious, world only, remnant 3% of the original tuart forest ecosystem.

Please join our group and sponsor seedlings to ensure this vital restoration work is continued.

Des Donnelly
Vice President

OUR STATISTICS since inception



564 Members



1,394 seedling sponsorships



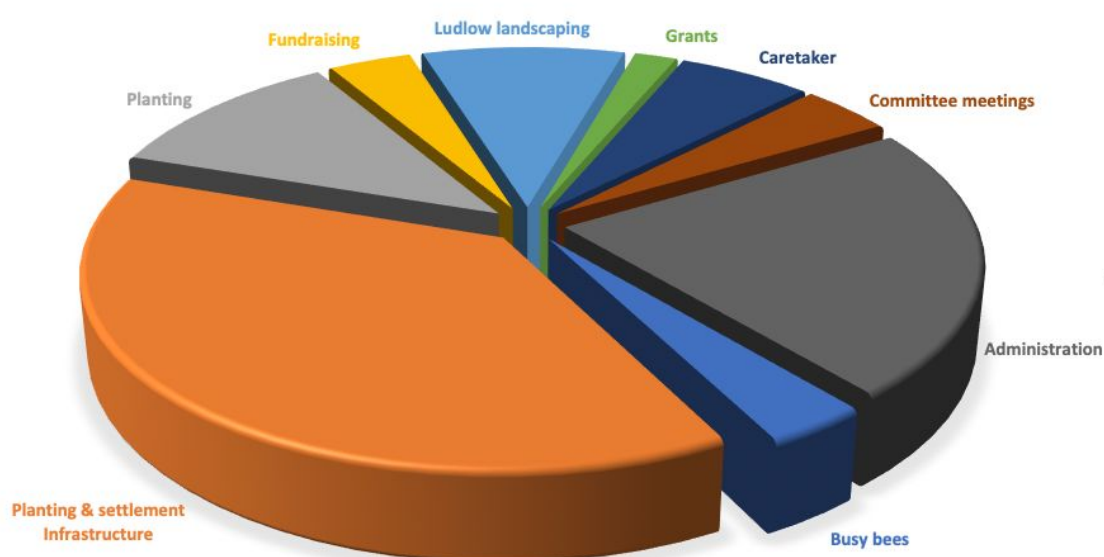
46,450 trees planted into 40 hectares of degraded land



\$159,164 invested in the tuart forest and settlement

14,000 volunteer hours valued at \$336,000¹

VOLUNTEER HOURS (2019-20)
14,000 HOURS



1. Volunteer labour hours for the year ending 30 June 2020 totaled 14,000 hours, equating to a value of \$336,000 at an average rate of \$24 per hour. This includes our members, committee, schools, caretakers and Section 95 parolees.

OUR PEOPLE

WHO WE ARE

We are a group of concerned community individuals who understand the recent history of the Ludlow Tuart Forest and what it will take to restore the tall tuart canopy and overcome present threats.

Group members (2019-20)

President

Evelyn Taylor

Vice president

Des Donnelly

Treasurer

Lyn McMahon

Peta Taylor (Assistant)

Secretary (Shared)

Kathy Rutgers

Tonina Pinneri

Carole Walpole

Ian Walpole

Holger Topp

Lesley Culleton

Nick Hornibrook

Pat Worrall

Bill Biggins

Planting, Landscaping & Infrastructure sub-committee members (not included above)

Peter Rutgers, Jenny Hake, John Monaghan, Simon Hotchin, Janine Lamond, Debbie Spalding, Bob Hingston & May Armstrong.

We also acknowledge the significant contribution of many members who have joined us for busy bees and other projects.

Ludlow Caretaker

Mark Kemp

Past committee members

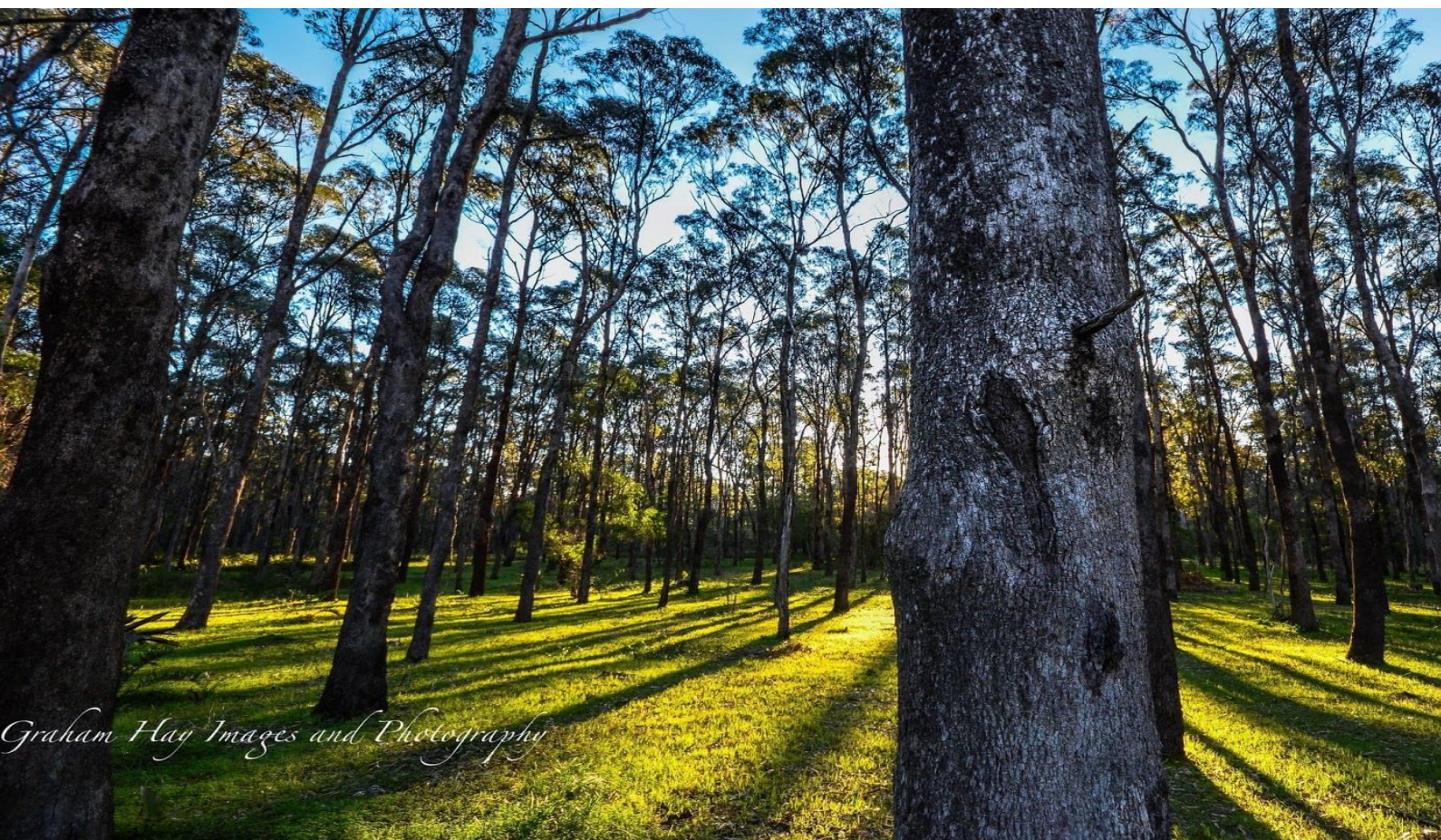
Kerri Rankin

Janet Wells

Jenny Hake

Members

564 financial members



60 year old regrowth, hand planted tuart Photo: Graham Hay Images & Photography

OUR 2019-20 SUPPORTERS

The following list recognises those organisations and individuals who have contributed to our group with grants, in-kind services monetary donations and discounts etc.

In alphabetical order

Adel Farina	Janet Wells (Downton tea event)
Bendigo Bank	John Forrest
Boyanup Botanical Nursery	John & Gabby Cross
Bunbury Community Radio 103.7	Koppers Australia
Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School	Leschenault Biosecurity Group Inc.
Bunbury Machinery	Leschenault Community Nursery
Bunbury Regional Prison	Lotterywest
Busselton Agricultural Services	Main Roads
Busselton Cycle Club	Mike Doyal
Busselton Dunsborough Times	Mike Lindsay
Busselton Jetty volunteers	Millennium Kids
Busselton Mens Shed	Natural Resource Management
Busselton Museum	Nichols Machinery
Busselton Senior High School	Nick Edwards
Busselton Senior High School Waalitj Kaaditjin students	Officeworks
Capelberry Cafe	Pat & Ian Sharpe (Downton tea event)
Capel Garden Club	Peter Thompson (Mainspray)
Capel Hardware	Peter Rutgers
Capel RSL	Picton Civil
Charles Downes	Plantrite Nursery
Cherise Woodhams (De La Terre)	Ray Roberts
City of Busselton	Rolf Muller & Team (Veris Consulting Surveyors)
Clive Hutton	Rob Williams (MM Electrical)
Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions	Rotary Club of Busselton Geographe Bay
Darren Brearley (Onshore Environmental)	Sabrina Hahn
David Richards (LEA Systems)	Sonja Trio
Darryl Robers Transport	Southwest Times
Don Briggs	Shire of Capel
Douge Lindberge	State Government of Western Australia
Eden Gardiner	The morning tea crew, including (Carolyn Donnelly, Cherise Woodhams, Deanne Chatt, Dolores Lamb, Julie Pollock, Margaret Porter, Melissa Hotchins, Michael Gent, Pat Sharpe, Sue Freeman)
Federal Government	T.J. Depiazzi & Sons
Forest Industries Federation, WA	Tronox
Forest Products Commission	Tuart seedling sponsors
Georgiana Malloy high school	Uscape, Busselton
Glen Holland (Sunwise Energy)	Wespine
Greg Ireland- Licensed Land Surveyor	
Greg Meachem	
Greg Overton	

OUR FINANCIAL REPORT

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND CASH PAYMENTS

For year ended 30 June 2020

CASH RECEIPTS	2020 \$	2019 \$
City of Busselton Grant	19,000	7,000
Communities Environment Program Grant	20,000	-
Donations	1,962	872
FIFWA event registration fees	-	150
FPC Grant	1,500	576
Fundraising	50	121
Lotterywest COVID-19 Grant	5,907	-
Memberships	890	2,140
Seedling sponsorships	3,220	5,560
National Landcare Grant	-	50,000
Natural Resources Management Grant	58,600	50,000
Shire of Capel Grant	3,649	3,247
Total receipts	114,778	119,666
CASH PAYMENTS		
Advertising	165	-
Bank fees	104	138
Consulting & accounting	1,703	-
Equipment fuel	-	47
Forest direct expenses	37,471	82,965
FPC Grant (transfer to project account)	-	2,000
Gifts	-	31
Insurance	2,208	1,973
Meetings	-	77

CASH PAYMENTS Cont..	2020 \$	2019 \$
National Police Certificates	-	109
Office supplies	327	202
Paypal fees	62	-
Postage and postbox	134	130
Printing and stationary	179	-
Ludlow settlement direct expenses	27,897	324
Truck bay roofing materials	-	1,805
Utilities	525	-
Website fees	-	588
Total payments	70,775	88,389
SURPLUS FOR YEAR	44,003	31,277

STATEMENT OF CASH BALANCES

As at 30 June 2020

OPENING FUNDS AT 1 JULY	36,747	5,470
Add: Surplus for the year	44,003	31,277
Closing funds at 30 June	80,750	36,747
Represented by:		
General fund	6,660	1,443
Project fund	71,379	29,264
Public fund	2,711	6,040
	80,750	36,474

Volunteer labour hours are not included within the above statement for the year ending 30 June 2020. Volunteer labour hours for the year ending 30 June 2020 totalled 14,000 hours, equating to a value of \$336,000 at an average rate of \$24 per hour.

The full audit report by AMD Chartered Accountants is available on our website.

Graham Hay Images and Photography



Photo: Graham Hay Images & Photography



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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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