

FRIENDS OF WAITE CONSERVATION RESERVE Inc.

President's message

It is a pleasure to see you in a friendly manner
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COMING EVENTS

Walking Bees

letter. At our last meeting, the

1st Saturday &
3rd Sunday each
month

August—October
Springwood Park
Entry off Old Mt Barke
Road

November & December

Get 22

newsletters per year rather than our
standard two - in autumn and
spring. This will necessarily mean a
little more work for our Editor -
thanks Clint - although each news-
letter will be a slimmer version. Most
newsletters are already sent
electronically so there will be little
extra cost, but the benefit will be
that we have in better touch with

Springfield

The wonderful world of fungi

Pam Gardner's presentation on fungi came through very clearly in her presentation to the Friends AGM.

Associations are important for the health of the plant as the mycelia are much finer than a root hair, which enables them to extract nutrients and make them available to the plant. The plant in turn provides sugars and shelter for the fungus. In some forestry operations, seedlings or the soil are inoculated with

associations.

Fungi provide us with beneficial drugs for

example the penicillins and cephalosporins. They also are the source of diseases such as ringworm and thrush. But because fungi are more like animals than plants, finding the right chemical to kill them without doing

From the Committee

Weed Matters

Clinton reported that he had re-inspected

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Fungal Frolic

The rain, hail and forecast snow turned away all but eight hardy souls, but in

Along the way we saw a lovely mix of 18 native species including gilled fungi, earth stars, puff balls, truffles and brackets.

Working bees this year are concentrating on the systematic removal of olive seedlings from the 96 hectares of reserve previously cleared of ~~grasses~~ ~~olives~~. This was the first ~~last~~ year of

SPRING 2015 WALKING BEES

Walking Bees are held on the first



