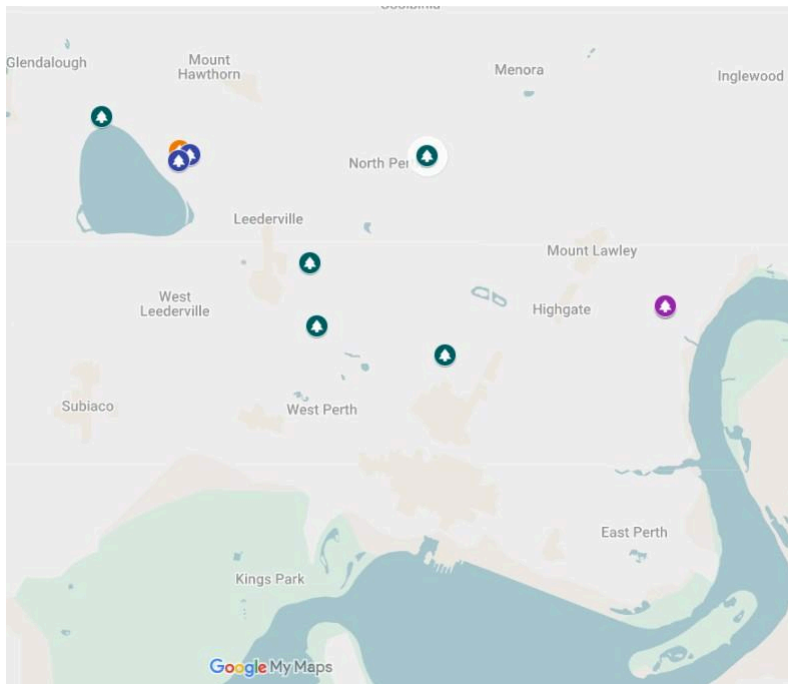


My Healthy Soil Project

NEWSLETTER

30th September 2025

Scaling up the Black Cockatoo Forest



Our vision is to re-create the Black Cockatoo forest one pocket forest at a time. While we have a focus on delivering the second Black Cockatoo pocket forest in 2026 as well as the interpretative trail we will also be working with other groups to help identify, plan and make Black Cockatoo pocket forests across the inner city of Perth. The lead time for these projects takes a while as the projects are as much about bringing the community together to work towards a common goal as it is about putting plants in the ground. We have also been undertaking discussions with

various people and organisations about scaling up the project. Accordingly we have a number of exciting events planned to help us achieve our goal.

The map above shows some of the projects (tree symbols) we are having discussions about. If you are with a group that has an idea for a project they would like to discuss then please get in contact or just come to one or more of our events and discuss it with us there.

Enhanced Environment Strategy released

In other exciting news, the City of Vincent has recently released its [Enhanced Environment Strategy \(EES\)](#). A number of Transition Town Vincent (TTV) volunteers are members of the City of Vincent Sustainability and Transport advisory group which was actively involved in the formulation of the EES. The EES aligns strongly with what the TTV are trying to achieve with its projects such as the My Healthy Soils, the Britannia Community Food Forest, the Circularity Precinct (including the Tools n Things Library) and of course the Black Cockatoo Forest. We believe the EES is on the cutting edge of local

government greening strategies in many respects, especially with regard to its recognition for depaving and the need to better manage the health of our soils. There are many more highlights related to biodiversity, tree canopy, water sensitive urban design, food, and circular economy. We would like to congratulate the Council for the work and thought that has gone into the EES and look forward to partnering with it in supporting its implementation.

On a related note, the City of Vincent is calling for Changemakers to join its advisory groups and committees [here](#). If you want to make a difference, this is one way of doing it.



Coming events

Scaling up the Black Cockatoo Forest - A discussion with Keith Bradby - 5-6pm Monday 13th October



We are extremely fortunate to have Keith Bradby coming to our movie night and panel discussion on Breathing Life into Boodja. The movie is about Gondwana Link, which is establishing an arc of continuous wildlife habitat from the tall, wet forests of the Margaret River area through to the semi-arid Great Western Woodlands around Kalgoorlie.

In recognition of Gondwana Link's global significance, it has been named as one of the 'Founding 50' projects for the United Nations Decade of Ecosystem Restoration (2021- 2030).

Keith was instrumental in establishing Gondwana Link in 2002 and has led the program since. So who best to talk to as we embark on our own landscape restoration project, the Black Cockatoo Forest. Immediately before the movie night and panel discussion we will be meeting on the site of the existing Black Cockatoo pocket forest (right next to the Britannia community food forest) ([see Google map](#)) to discuss our project with Keith. [Register here](#) if you would like to be part of the discussion or just turn up.

Movie night and Panel Discussion - Breathing Life into Boodja - 6.15-8.30pm Monday 13th October

Our October community movie is "Breathing Life into Boodja" ('Boodja' means 'Country' in Noongar language.) which will be followed with a presentation by guest speaker [Keith Bradby](#), OAM and CEO of Goondwana Link who will convey some lessons for us as we embark on our own local landscape



restoration program, the Black Cockatoo Forest. This will be followed by a panel discussion featuring Keith, [Dr Grey Coupland](#) (Murdoch University/Pocket Forests WA), [Steve McCabe](#) (Perth NRM Rewild Perth Coordinator) and Catriona Ferrie (Rotary).

Movie synopsis:

As we face the colossal challenge of protecting and restoring the environment,

this documentary provides hope and inspiration.

"Breathing Life into Boodja" is a galvanising portrayal of large-scale environmental achievements being made by community groups, Aboriginal communities and rangers, conservation landholders, farmers and scientists. Together, they are restoring and healing land around our very own Porongurup and Stirling Ranges in south-western Australia.

[Grab your ticket](#) and see you there!

Making a Miyawaki Forest Demystified - 3.45-6pm Thursday 13th November



As coordinator for the first Black Cockatoo pocket forest it is an electrifying feeling when the components of a plan come together and people turn up week after week to make compost, then plant the native seedlings and then weed the planted forest. Best of all is the feeling it gives other people and the difference it makes to their lives and that of the local community. One of TTV's objectives is to build the capacity of other groups to make Miyawaki pocket forests so that the love of Country can be extended. In partnership with Dr Grey Coupland we are running a short course so that other groups and would be coordinators (also called trainee forest makers) can get an understanding of what is required to plan and make a Miyawaki pocket forest.

The course will feature presentations by Dr Coupland who has made around 20 pocket forests in south west Western Australia and Ian Kininmonth, project coordinator of

Transition Town Vincent's (TTV) Black Cockatoo forest project. We will also tour the location of the existing stage 1 and proposed stage 2 Black Cockatoo pocket forest's. [Register here](#). To discuss contact Ian Kininmonth (contact details below).

Diary

When	What
Tuesday 7th October 6.30 - 8.30pm Floreat Athena Clubrooms	Transition Town Vincent Committee Meeting (All welcome)
Thursday 9th October 6.30 - 8.30pm Floreat Athena Clubrooms	Black Cockatoo Forest Coordination Meeting (TBC)
Monday 13th October 5-6pm Floreat Athena Clubrooms	Scaling up the Black Cockatoo Forest - A Discussion with Keith Bradby Link here for details and registration
Monday 13th October 6.15-8.30pm Floreat Athena Clubrooms	TTV Movie Night and Panel Discussion - Breathing Life into Boodjar Link here for details and registration
Monday 10th November 6.15-8.30pm Floreat Athena Clubrooms	TTV Movie Night - Electrify Everything Link here for details and registration
Thursday 13th November 3.45-6pm Floreat Athena Clubrooms	Making a Miyawaki Pocket Forest Demystified Link here for details and registration
Tuesday 18th November 6.15-8.00pm Floreat Athena Clubrooms	TTV Annual General Meeting Link here for details and registration

Out n About

North Perth Community Garden Spring Festival



Report by Jen Stewart, TTV volunteer:

North Perth Community garden couldn't have picked a more perfect day for their Spring Fest Event! [Ed: We'll have to get them to pick the day for our next Black Cockatoo pocket forest planting 😊] I spent the beautiful morning talking to members of our community about the challenges of gardening in Perth's sandy soils, the importance of sustainability and of course, the wonders of biochar!

I also wanted to share a highlight from the day (aside from being there to begin with!): We heard from a lovely lady who'd picked up a biochar sample from our table at a previous event. She reported that she'd applied a mix of the biochar and soil wetters to her front verge, which has limited soil depth due to an underlying layer of concrete:

*"I have native shrubs now!" she said "It's made a huge difference, I'm actually growing plants on my verge!" **

It was amazing feedback, and a reminder that sometimes it really doesn't take that much to make a big difference. A very big thank-you to North Perth Community Garden for hosting us, and congratulations on the opening of their new Seed Library!

*We have free biochar for use by residents and researchers. Contact us to find out when you can collect it. Email: info@ttv.org.au

FASERA



In our last newsletter we talked about a visit a couple of TTV members made to Ian and Di Haggerty's property at Mollerin (far north eastern Wheatbelt) to see their regenerative farming operation. While we were there we also dropped into the FASERA operation just down the road. FASERA is the WA company which has been donating us biochar which we have been co-composting for use in the Black Cockatoo pocket forests, in the food forest and in our gardens. We have

also supplied some to researchers and have handed out sample bags at events such as the City of Vincent Native Plant Sales and the North Perth Community Garden Spring Festival. We also use some of their wood vinegar, mainly as a biostimulant.

FASERA have an impressive, diversified and integrated operation ([see this diagram](#)). Initially they started out many years ago harvesting oil mallees from farms throughout the NE wheatbelt and extracting oil from them. They then found out that they had all this waste biomass and so diversified into making biochar from it and [selling the associated carbon credits](#) in the international marketplace. Now they also grow their own trees and sell Australian Carbon Credit Units (ACCUs) in the Australian marketplace. They also undertake [terrestrial storage of biomass \(TSB\)](#) with some of the waste biomass and like the biochar sell the associated credits in the international marketplace via a company called [Puro.Earth](#).



The International Panel of Climate Change (IPCC) identify a number of Carbon Dioxide Removal (CDR) methods and some of these are employed in the local area by FASERA and by the Haggerty's. These are [summarised in this IPCC factsheet](#) and include:

- Afforestation, Reforestation, Improved Forest Management (FASERA)
- Soil carbon management (Haggerty's)
- Biochar (FASERA)
- Bioenergy with Carbon Capture and Storage

(BECCS)

- Peatland and wetland restoration
- Blue carbon management

While TSB is not specifically recognised as a CDR by the IPCC in their factsheet it applies similar principles as say blue carbon or peatland and wetland restoration which involves (in part) preventing oxygen reacting with the carbon in the biomass, thereby preventing decomposition and generation of carbon dioxide (CO₂). Interestingly this area has all the components of a regenerative agriculture precinct and provides a model which can be replicated in other areas. Also interestingly, many of these methods can be applied to urban areas, which has been noted in the City of Vincent Enhanced Environment Strategy (EES).

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