

FRESHWATER STORIES

from the Avon Valley

WA LANDCARE NETWORK 2026 ANNUAL GATHERING



EVENT PROGRAM | 30TH AUG – 1ST SEPT, TOODYAY TOWN HALL

Freshwater Stories from the Avon Valley...riparian restoration, small landholdings, biodiversity and biosecurity

DAY 1 Sunday 30 August

12.45 pm	Bushwalk - Arrive at Ray Paynter Reserve
Meeting point	13.8 km from Connor bridge on Toodyay/ Goomalling Road, left onto Forrest Road (gravel). Travel 1.2 km along to the DBCA sign for Wongamine Reserve. Parking is another 50 m further along from the sign.
1.00 pm	Walk – led by Hall of Famer - Robert Boase, WA Wildflower Society, Toodyay branch
2.45 pm	End walk
	Travel back to Toodyay Hall (16 mins)
3.00 pm	Music and social at Toodyay Town Hall
5.00 pm	End event

Monday 31 August

9.00 am	Registration tea and coffee available
9.30 am	Welcome - Jacqueline Lahne, WA Landcare Network, CEO
9.35 am	Welcome to Country - Robert Miles, Noongar Elder
9.45 am	Welcome by Shire representative – CEO or Shire President
9.55 am	Keynote –Catchment Planning - Francesca Flynn, Bibbul Ngarma
11.00am	Networking Morning Tea
11.30 pm	River Restoration - Cenyce Vincent, Wheatbelt NRM

12.00 pm	Managing biodiversity on a local beef farm- Sarah Mason, Landholder
12.30 pm	Native Bees – Dr Kit Prendergast
12.50 pm	Networking Lunch
	Landcare Champions Presentations
1.50pm	Summary of morning – Anne-Marie Offer, WALN
2.00 pm	How to start a group – Tim Law, Beverley River Care Group
2.15 pm	Rakali- Riparian and River Health Project – John Crook, River Conservation Society Inc- York
2.30 pm	Wholistic property management, ecological outcome verification and creating a Miyawaki Forest – Justin Von Perger - Landholder
2.45 pm	Natural Capital Accounting, soil health, carbon project and multi-species crop grazing – Chris Wyhoon, Landholder
3.00pm	Friends of Dale River community projects – Lisa Blanch and Claire, Friends of Dale River
3.15 pm	Sustaining your group into the future – Sue Trinidad, Talbot Brook Land Management Association
3.30 pm	Coffee and conversations with speakers
3.50 pm	A wrap up of the day – Anne-Marie Offer - WALN
4.00 pm	Event close

Tuesday 1 September

9.40 am	Landcare in Action Field Trip
	The first two sites will be walking distance from the Toodyay Town Hall, with the third site visit being 3 km out of Toodyay. Meet at 9.40 am at 90 Stirling Street – Newcastle Park to start the field trip. Parking available on site or along Charcoal Lane Please bring appropriate clothing for field visits, sun and rain protection, person water bottle and any snacks you may want during the morning. Lunch is not provided today.
10.00 am	Noongar Kaartdijin Aboriginal Corporation – Noongar Trail Walk – Avon River
	Meeting at 90 Stirling Terrace, Toodyay – Newcastle Park Walking over the Toodyay Footbridge, turning left onto Drummond Street East to the Yarning Circle. Robert Miles - from Noongar Kaartdijin Aboriginal Corporation will lead the walk and provide storytelling about the Avon River and sites along the river. Walk or drive to second site downstream
11.00 am	Pelham Brook Outlet Restoration – Erosion control into the Avon River
11.50 am	Meeting at the back of St Stephens Anglican Church – 132 Stirling Terrace Some parking in the Church car park or up Piesse St or Charcoal Lane Walk back to cars - 8 mins drive to site 3 on Toodyay/ Goomalling Road
12.00 pm	Miyawaki Forest – Justin Von Perger property, Toodyay
	Justin will show everyone his Miyawaki forest. See map for address.
1.00 pm	Event Closed