

Undalup Association Inc

Undalup Community Ranger Program

2018



Wadandi Boodja



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WELCOME

The Undalup Association Inc. would like to acknowledge the Traditional Owners and Elders whose cultures and customs have nurtured, and continue to nurture, the land we all walk and live on, here on Boodjar.

We Respect the presence of the ancestors (Demmala Goomala) who's Spirits (Djanga) reside on country (Boodja) and walk their feet (djenna) on the land, their heart spirit (djanga korda) flow through all creation. We all come together for Country (Boodja).
(Undalup Association Chairperson: Iszaac Webb)

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We acknowledge the Undalup Association's members, Wendy Slee for her artwork and photography and Jessica Woodley Allan for the deadly photos of Wadandi Boodja, whilst on her visit to the area from the community of Ngurrawaana, Jess is a Yindjibarndi woman from the Pilbara, and is the only female Ranger for the Ngurrawaana Rangers team.

We would also like to acknowledge all the Undalup members and volunteers in particular those who are the Undalup Community Ranger team leaders, having current first aid certificates, working with children certificates and some with bus drivers licences; all these people help the program achievable.

The Undalup Association would also like to acknowledge the new partnerships that have developed whilst bringing the program together, as with community support in partnerships provides a great range of activities and knowledge that is important to the Undalup community rangers program.

"Undalup is also honouring a place for healing and connection to Noongar Boodjar (Country), embracing the elements given to us from Boodjar Ngarnk (Earth Mother), celebrating the "meeting place" and bringing harmony on the land we all walk together".
Chairman, Iszaac Webb

Undalup Members believe that:

"From little things, big things grow".



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About Undalup Association Inc:

The Undalup Association Inc. (Undalup) of Busselton was formed in 2012. Undalup is a not for profit organisation that supports and promotes community events, projects and workshops, whilst recognising the importance of collaboration and communication through everything we do. These environmentally friendly events and projects aim to achieve great outcomes providing social and economic benefits for our community.



The Undalup Association Inc. is in partnership with *Act-Belong-Commit* and the Mentally Healthy WA organisations and programs which are aimed at providing support for a positive state of health and wellbeing. The Mentally Healthy WA's mission is to *enhance people's mental health and wellbeing by strengthening individual resilience and building community cohesion*. The goal of the campaign is to encourage people to become more proactive about their mental health.

The Undalup Association has a minimum of 70 percent membership of Aboriginal People including, the re-elected Chairperson Iszaac Webb, a local cultural custodian of the Wadandi Boodja Area.

The Undalup Inc. Board consists of the following people:

- Iszaac Webb, Chairperson, Traditional Cultural Custodian
- Rachelle Cousins, Vice Chairperson
- Wayne Webb, Traditional Pibulmun, Wadandi Elder / Cultural Custodian
- Tony Webb,
- Sandra Hill, Traditional Pibulmun, Wadandi Elder / Cultural Custodian
- Nadine Webb,
- Fiona Thompson,

The Undalup Association Inc. embraces the Aboriginal culture and with the shared ownership of our events and projects we believe will lead towards a more reconciled and respectful future giving us all a sense of belonging drawing everyone into the Cultural, spiritual, and historical aspects of the area. Through the development of genuine partnerships, interpretation and support of the process of reconciliation, together with stakeholder and community education, and co-operation we believe the Undalup Association Inc. will grow and prosper.

We can all benefit from the powerful sense of belonging that is offered by the cultural sounds, rhythm, spirit, art, and ultimately the people. This empowers us all to continue the ancient tradition of reciprocity - reproducing a positive action with another positive action.

Teamwork: "Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress, working together is success." Henry Ford.

Team Work and Communication = Success

Introduction:

The Undalup Association is a board of passionate people, turning ideas into projects and events, aimed at planning for a future to benefit the local and regional community in many ways. With a membership of over 120 people throughout the South West, with many team leaders on each of the 10 sub committees working together with the board members, to provide great programs, workshops, events and festivals for the local communities in the South West.

The not-for-profit organisation supports growth and diversity of the Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal community by building awareness of the traditional culture and heritage of Busselton and the south west, through events, workshops, and projects aimed at strengthening community relationships by working together through collaborative partnerships, community support, effective communication and providing many opportunities to benefit the social and economic benefit for all.



Undalup is the Noongar word for Busselton and the logo depicts waves against the sand in the Geographe Bay - a meeting place between ocean and earth.

The circle of dots represents the campfire where all people, family, and friends gather around the fire to share stories, dance, and celebrate this sacred space - where the land meets the sea.

The four figures symbolise everyone, including family, friends, and neighbours walking and working together - side by side - as one.

To Aboriginal people, fire, family and people working in harmony are closely linked, so this symbolism is important and is what the Undalup Association Inc. is about

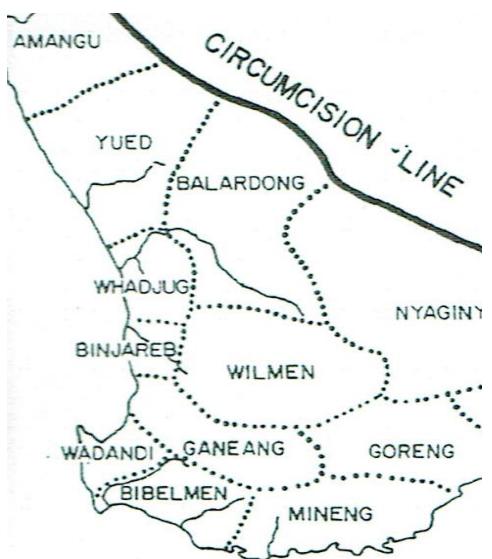
The Undalup Association Community Ranger program is a pilot Ranger program that offers all participants opportunities to experience working on country under the guidance of the Traditional Cultural Custodians, learning and gaining Cultural knowledge of the land, the arts, the language and the people, and importantly will also engage the local community in the rich & diverse local Noongar Culture of the Wadandi people. These Cultural projects that the Undalup Association provides to the community, build stronger relationships between the community and the local Aboriginal people, Promote broader understanding and acceptance of the unique place of Indigenous cultures in Australian society.

Wadandi: Salt Water people:

The Wadandi Noongar people are the traditional owners of this part of the South West, Western Australia.

The Wadandi people are forest and saltwater people and they live by the six seasonal changes in harmony with their environment. The significant coastal areas are important to the Wadandi people and their connection to land and sea through songs, stories, spirituality and Dreaming.

With the Wadandi people, their identity of connection to family, sand and sea is very strong and Undalup (Noongar word for Busselton) is the ideal location for our events, workshops and projects, as it is the meeting place between the land and sea, as the spiritual bond Noongar people have with the land and everything on it is one that is symbiotic.



The Kaartdijin (knowledge) and understanding of Noongar Boodja (Country) reflects the deep spiritual and physical connection to country and to places of significance.

Noongar Tribal / Socio-Linguistic Boundaries

Wadandi: From Bunbury to Cape Leeuwin, along the coast of Geographe Bay and the vicinity of Nannup and Busselton.

Pibulmun: lower Blackwood River on the hills, in the country between the Blackwood and Warren rivers, East to Gardner River and Brook Inlet, on Scott River and inland to Manjimup and Bridgetown, Hay River near Denmark.

The South West Boajarah region refers to the Wadandi and Bibulmun / Piblemen Noongar language / dialectical groups.



Land is fundamental to the wellbeing of all Aboriginal Australians, as the land is not just soil or rocks or minerals, but the whole environment that sustains and is sustained by people and culture. For Aboriginal Australians, the land is the core of all spirituality and this continued relationship with the spirit of 'country' is central to the issues that are important to Aboriginal people today.

(Map courtesy of the SWLSC)

Showing Respect and Acknowledgement to our Aboriginal people, working together, we can learn and educate ourselves about the connection that we all have with Mother Earth - knowing its value keeps us together.

The symbolic meaning of the flag colours: (as stated by Harold Thomas) is;

Black-represents the Aboriginal people of Australia,
Yellow- represents the sun, the giver of life and protector,
Red- represents the red earth, the red ochre used in ceremonies and Aboriginal Spiritual relation to the land.



Acknowledgment to Boodja:

In Maori and Polynesian mythology, Tangaroa is the god of the ocean. Tangaroa made laws to protect the ocean and its sea creatures "Tiaki mai i ahau, maku ano koe e tiaki"... If you look after me, then I will look after you.

Together we look after Mother Earth and all that's around her and in turn she will look after us.

Land means different things to non-Indigenous and Aboriginal people.

For Aboriginal people the relationship is much deeper. The land owns Aboriginal people and every aspect of their lives are connected to it.

They have a profound spiritual connection to land. Aboriginal law and spirituality are intertwined with the land, the people and creation, and this forms their culture and sovereignty.

The health of land and water is central to their culture.

Land is their mother, is steeped in their culture, but also gives them the responsibility to care for it.

With collective knowledge of the land, sky and sea, the Aboriginal people are excellent observers and interpreters of change in the environment. The ensuing community-based and collectively-held knowledge offers valuable insights, complementing scientific data with chronological and landscape-specific precision and detail that is critical for verifying climate models and evaluating climate change scenarios developed by scientists at much broader spatial and temporal scale. Moreover, Aboriginal knowledge provides a crucial foundation for community-based adaptation and mitigation actions that sustain resilience of social-ecological systems at the interconnected local, regional and global scales.

Indigenous knowledge, although new to climate science, has been long recognized as a key source of information and insight in domains such as agroforestry, traditional



medicine, biodiversity conservation, customary resource management, impact assessment, and natural disaster preparedness and response.

Working together with many community organisations, government departments and the local community, together we all can become keen observers of our natural environment, work to protect and maintain the areas of importance to us.



Iszaac (Zac) Webb: Pibulmun/Wadandi Cultural Custodian / Undalup Chairperson;

"The Wadandi/Pibulmen Boodjar (Motherland) that extends from Yallingup (Place of Holes) to Talinup (Augusta) Place of Reeds inland to Nannup (The Stopping Place) which is Wadandi Boodjar, and as you pass over the Goorbillyup (Blackwood River) Pibulmen country runs from Mileyanup to Gennalup the Hay River Crossing. The Wadan Boodjar – Sea Country, is of great spiritual significance to the coastal Noongar people, the Wadandi people.

My people called this Earth Nulla Boodjar (our land, our mother). when a Yorga (woman) is pregnant we call her Yorga Boodjari, just as Boodjar our mother is the life giver so are our women. "We were born from the Boodjar (Mother,Land) from the dust we came. when I pass my Janga (Spirit) will leave my body and travel Dorga (the winds) as the trees sing their songs and talk to each other, my Janga will follow their voices and they will take my spirit across country to Bilya (The River) to continue my journey to Koranup (The Resting Place). My people will lay my vessel to rest in the Boodjar and I shall become the dust once more. When my spirit has rested my people will call to Dorga (The Wind) and sing for my Janga to come home to be reborn as a living being again, and I shall become a Tree or Animal (Being).

So this is why we must care take and look after Boodja (land) and in return she will look after us.

Our Aboriginal community, traditions and culture continue to rely on to keep Nala Boodja – our country strong and healthy. It is important to keep our culture (the oldest continuous culture in the world), alive and strong in order to keep our Aboriginal people and our non-Aboriginal people mentally strong, physically healthy as we continue to teach our children how to take care of country so that they can enjoy the benefits Nala Boodja has given many previous generations of our people before us. While the Undalup Association provides great events and projects to our community's time after time; these cultural outings will provide more important underlying positives and outcomes that will continue to benefit our community long after the project is over. Boodjara, Boodjera, Boodja – with no written language, no matter how you spell it, "Land, country, Mother Earth "is our most important resource no matter what culture or religion, all of us rely on Nala Boodja – Our Country. Without the knowledge of different types of country with their unique eco-systems, which create the habitat and foods for our flora and fauna to thrive, which in turn allows us to survive, This is where "Boodja" (Country) becomes a teaching aid, to show the changes of

the seasons on country, how to respect Boodja, understand and learn how the rivers, land and sea are all connected. Modern care and management of land that our upcoming Rangers will have as community projects, being an ideal opportunity for the Rangers to be able to continue traditions, (Deep knowledge about Country passed on from generation to generation), and as well as apply modern technologies and innovative land management practises, to our country here on Noongar Boodja.



Undalup Community Ranger Program:

The Undalup Association Inc in partnership with Act-Belong-Commit and Mentally Healthy WA, together we provide support for a positive state of mental health and well-being for all. We respect and promote the local Culture, create collaboration and communication amongst all, educate and share Cultural knowledge to encourage ways to build better working relationships with each other with a greater understanding of Caring for Country and our Coastlines, aiming to achieve great outcomes that provide social and economic benefits for our community.

The positive outcome of the Undalup Community Ranger program is for all participants to gain as much knowledge and qualifications during the program, with the education requirements to become a future ranger and to be employed into a ranger position. Members, who are of Aboriginal heritage, will have the opportunity to be employed by the Undalup Wadandi Ranger program, if they are non-Aboriginal, they will have the opportunity to be employed by DBCA, Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions, and with the advantage they will already have done their cultural awareness training.

During the recent Sept / October 2017 School Holidays, new registrations were taken at the Busselton Community and Youth Centre, where many people came to enrol themselves and their children, learning about the benefits that will bring positive outcomes to the community from being a participant in the program.

The Community Ranger program is Open to all Aboriginal and Non Aboriginal people

Junior Rangers: 8 to 12 yrs

Bush Rangers: 12 – 17yrs,

Senior Rangers: 17yrs and Over

Parents are welcome with children under the age of 8 years.



Undalup Community Ranger Projects areas:

- **Marine and Coastal conservation**, to walk the shores of Geographe Bay, 2km sections, collect and record rubbish. Record and photograph the changes to the coastline during each season, record water temperature, photograph marine animal sightings and the dead animals that have washed up on the shores. (Partners: Tangaroa Blue, DPaW, City of Busselton and Coast Care)
- **Rivers and Waterways**: Working with water conservation groups, looking after our waterways, recording materials and pollution entering our waterways, storm drains and finally reaching the ocean. Cleaning of small waterways of debris, overgrown weeds and grasses, pollution, recording the life of these areas. (partners: Geo Catch, SWCC and City of Busselton)
- **Reptile and Animal Conservation**: Landcare, working with conservation groups and the South West reptile welfare group on caring for the land and all those animals living and depending on the land for the existence. (Partners: Caring for Reptile South West Association and Jamarri Cockatoo Rehabilitation Sanctuary)
- **Reserves, Parks and Gardens**: Working on Community gardens created by the Undalup Association and looking after Aboriginal gardens and parks in the community area (Partners with Geographe Landcare Nursery, City of Busselton and Friends of Parks and Reserves)
- **Working on Country**: Cultural Outings on Country, to learn the Cultural History of Wadandi Boodja with Cultural Custodians and Elders with Cultural awareness workshops, gaining accreditation and skills

School Holiday Workshops:

The Undalup Association will conduct community ranger workshops during each school holidays, giving the members opportunities to get certificates and completion in the different areas of the program that is valuable to the outcome of their participation in the program.



Coastal & Marine Conservation: In partnership with Tangaroa Blue, the project commenced on Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th Oct where the shores of Geographe Bay will be divided into sections, each section had a drop off and pickup point. Sections were @ 2kms, each team leader of the section wore a Undalup backpack with first aid kit, plastic bags, gloves, Information File, Wet weather gear, drink bottles and other important items. Each participant was supplied with collection bags and heavy duty gloves.

Uniforms: Act-Belong-Commit shirts, Hats and Dark Blue shorts or pants with several pockets, enclosed shoes.

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Future Ranger training – similar training sessions – but going into more detail on data collection methodology.

Litter and marine debris prevention workshops where we look at the data that's been collected in specific areas, and help community track the debris back to the source and then create a source reduction plan to try and stop that item from ending up in the environment in the future.

Local Beach clean-up days during the school holidays, reporting back to the Y centre to sort and record.

Extra Days as per: after Xmas and New Year, Australia day, Easter, school Holidays etc.

Extra sections for Dunsborough and cape areas.

WHY: The Largest Landfill On Earth: Is Plastic Garbage In The Oceans,



The “Great Pacific Garbage Patch” is estimated to be anywhere from 3,100 square miles to twice the size of Texas.

You may be wondering how garbage dumped on land can make it to the ocean. Well, first of all, some garbage is directly dumped into the ocean. Secondly, as Scripps Institution marine biologist Miriam Goldstein puts it, “the ocean is downhill from everywhere;” if someone throws a bottle into a river, it will eventually end up in the ocean. Finally, about 20 percent of the debris in the garbage patch comes from sea-going vessels and oil platforms. The garbage patch forms in the North Pacific gyre, (above) **one of five main ocean gyres** worldwide: North Pacific, South Pacific, North Atlantic, South Atlantic and Indian Ocean.

These gyres are created when the jet stream goes one way and the trade winds go the opposite way – creating a huge, gently swirling circle.

On the outside of the circle, the currents move around, but the inside remains calm, making it the perfect place for debris to accumulate. While the North Pacific garbage patch is the largest, each of the five gyres has its own accumulation. In fact, the trash from all five gyres put together covers 40 percent of the world's oceans.

Plastic is the biggest problem, when walking the shores and sighting plastics, even tho it might seem as though they're too small to do much damage, but that's far from correct. Some of the plastic remains in large chunks and many animals and birds become entangled in them and die every year.

The small pieces of plastic pellets are small enough that birds and fish mistake them for food. This is especially disastrous for birds – the plastic stays in their stomachs, keeping them from eating anything with nutritional value and causing them to slowly starve to death. For fish, whose digestive systems are much different, the effect of eating the plastic may not be so catastrophic, but scientists are still trying to understand the extent to which ingesting these plastic pellets is effecting marine life, but for some, like the albatross below, the deadly effects are clear.



So what can be done? The most important thing is for people to be aware. It really is an issue that effects everybody, but that's great because that means that everybody can help. Using fewer plastic products would help, as this would create more recycling of what we already use. Strengthening our seas by removing the pollution along our shores, managing our coastlines through our ranger program, targeting the hot spots, educating the community and making everyone aware of the effects happening to our coastlines, recording the data of rubbish collected, finding the source, together we can make changes.

In conclusion: By empowering our local Aboriginal people to harness their traditional knowledge, connection to country and access to modern scientific conservation methods is a win-win for the environment and the wellbeing of communities and individuals.

5:02 Reptile and Animal Conservation:

Working in partnership with Jessica Berry from Caring for Reptiles Southwest, in caring for injured animals and be a part of the rehabilitation and release work of the injured reptiles and animals, the Undalup Community Rangers will have opportunities to have rostered hours at the Reptile care Centre, helping with the work involved with caring and cleaning of the reptiles and animals at the centre whilst in rehabilitation, learning new skills and knowledge. There will be many workshops and training opportunities for our community rangers when working in this area, as each workshop gives all participants a work booklet to complete and with the volunteer hours collected, the Community rangers will be working towards a certificate in Reptile Care.

The Undalup Community Rangers will have the correct knowledge on how to handle injured wildlife and reptiles, who to call to the rescue and be a part of the animal's recovery.



A new partnership has been recently formed with the Jamarri Cockatoo Rehabilitation Sanctuary, situated at Jalbarragup next to Helms Block, in Nannup, with Dee Paterson, where the Undalup Community Rangers will have the opportunity to volunteer at the centre on a roster system as well, learning how to care for these wonderful birds, feeding, cleaning and helping with the running of the sanctuary, will be a great benefit for the existence of the Cockatoos. Workshops will be attended by the Undalup Community Rangers on regular outings to the sanctuary, where lots of interesting facts and knowledge of these birds will be presented by Dee, and the Rangers will have the opportunity to understand the correct way of handling and feeding the birds at the centre.



5:03 Rivers and Waterways:

Working with partners Geo Catch, City of Busselton, SWCC and Coastcare, there are many areas in the community that need to be addressed. There are 2 waterways that meet the ocean in the sections of coastal area that the Undalup Community Rangers patrol. These sections need to be cleared of overgrown grass, weeds and rubbish that have entered the waterways and the seaweed from coastal storms, removed. These areas will have to be maintained for the future of the frogs, tadpoles and dragon fly's of the area, as this is their breeding grounds and it has to remain healthy, creating a natural environmental ecosystem for present and future generations of these creatures.

Our waterways also support a diverse range of plants and animals – many of them found only in Australia – and offer refuge for some threatened species.

The water in our suburban creeks, wetlands and ponds is mostly stormwater and run-off from residential blocks, streets, retail and industrial areas. That water eventually makes its way into our lakes, rivers and oceans, some largely untreated and in some places where all the tadpoles and frogs end up in the ocean due to contractors removing the dams and or debris that has blocked the drains.



It's important to do what we can to improve the quality of water before it enters our waterways. It's good for us, for the plants and animals that need clean water to survive, and for the Ocean where our water eventually ends up.

Restoring and keeping our rivers and waterways healthy is of high importance to the local Aboriginal people. Water quality is fundamental to river health: ecological processes which sustain native fish populations, vegetation, wetlands and birdlife depend on it.



Good water quality and healthy aquatic ecosystems depend on each other. By recognising the factors that affect water quality and river health, we can target management of land, vegetation and rivers to achieve such community goals as supporting economic, cultural and recreational uses, and maintaining healthy aquatic ecosystems in the areas of concern.

Working together in partnership we can work on these project areas with advice from Cultural Custodians on the correct way to manage and maintain these waterways.

5:04 Parks and Gardens:

Working in partnership with the City of Busselton, Geographe Landcare Nursery and friends of Parks and Gardens, the Undalup Community Rangers will provide the care of several gardens and parks in the community of Busselton, South West Wadandi region. The



Undalup Association has recently put an application in for a Community Aboriginal garden area in the Heritage, Cultural and art prescient of Busselton's CBD. This project will be the planting of some Cultural natives and Bushfood to the Aboriginal Garden area under the direction of the Aboriginal Elders and Traditional Custodians of the Wadandi People, in the Noongar six seasons.

This project will be an ongoing project for the Undalup Community rangers, we will be able to participate in the management and care of the garden area, learn and understand the natural environment a well-designed garden can make to the environment of the original area. The plan is to have some engaging signage to the area, some extra bench seats and artworks added to the area, with the idea of a bird bath in the centre, attracting the birds to the area will be a great outcome. The area being in the Cultural prescient of the City of Busselton, will become a great place to visit, sit and enjoy the garden area, whilst learning and understanding the importance of the local Culture, the six seasons and bush medicines available each season in the local area on Boodja (country).



For many of thousands of years, the Aboriginal people have used flora in everyday life. Plants form the major part of a varied diet and were also raw materials for a broad range of objects. Cordage made from fibrous plants was used for fishing lines, nets, bags and many kinds of traps. Wood from suitable trees is shaped carefully into digging sticks, bowls, clubs, spears and boomerangs. Other plants provide medicines, poisons, watercraft, shelters, and fire. For each use Aboriginal people chose the most suitable plant based on their wide knowledge of the flora.

As a well-planned garden, it will offer food for the birds, insects and animals. It will provide a relaxing atmosphere to all visitors to the area with a great range of signage that is educational.

5:05 Caring For Country:

The State Government has made significant changes to legislation relating to the involvement of Aboriginal people on land and water managed by the Department of Parks and Wildlife. These changes recognise the Aboriginal connection to lands, and will enable Aboriginal people to become more involved in managing land and using parks and reserves for customary activities. They will help build strong relationships with Government departments, Local shires and the community.

The Undalup Community Rangers working under the guidance of the Cultural Custodians, together with the upcoming Undalup Wadandi Rangers, will have the ability to carry out customary activities on Country. This is an important part of Aboriginal culture as it defines Aboriginal people's fundamental connection to the land, as it is the vital connection of Aboriginal people to their country, reinforces their spiritual beliefs governing their existence and responsibility for their land, and provides a means for passing on social and cultural knowledge to the younger generation.

The Government recognises the social, cultural and environmental benefits of Aboriginal ranger programs and is aware of the excellent work that has already been undertaken by established Aboriginal ranger groups throughout the State. Such programs have provided an integral step towards improved community wellbeing and reducing poverty through economic opportunities and building leadership in remote and regional communities.

The Undalup Rangers in caring for Country will learn new skills and knowledge and gain accreditation in the following;

- Cultural knowledge of the Wadandi Area
- Fire management
- Cultural site management
- Feral animal and weed management
- Cultural awareness, protocols and guidelines
- Cultural education programs and mentoring
- First Aid and Safety



The beneficial relationships held between the Aboriginal people and their country are encapsulated in sayings by Aboriginal People people such as 'healthy country, healthy people' and 'if you look after the country, the country will look after you'.

'Caring for country' can be understood generally as the Aboriginal peoples' approaches to land and water management, as they were born with the responsibility to care for Boodja.

'Country' is a term Aboriginal people use that can be described as the lands with which the Aboriginal people have a traditional attachment or relationship. Care for this country is based in the lore, customs and ways of life that the Aboriginal people have inherited from their ancestors and ancestral beings.

The Caring for Country program will enhance and promote a better understanding of Environmental Land and Water management of the region, provide positive environmental actions that will develop and maintain an ecological balance of sustainability on Noongar Boodja. Our lands natural resources have spiritual meaning; they provide healing and are valued for the educational and employment opportunities they create. The Aboriginal people Environmental knowledge associated with our natural resources is of high value to us all and their culture. The management of the environment, both now and into the future, has to be appropriately acknowledged.



Continued Caring for Country practises needs to be maintained and documented by our future Rangers whilst on Country, as we have to acknowledge that the Aboriginal people have lived in harmony with the Australia landscape for many years. Our Aboriginal people can only care for the land when they also care for their culture. Culture is the key to care for the land, as caring for the land strengthens their culture and wellbeing. When the Rangers participate in both customary and contemporary land and sea management practises, people are much healthier. The health and wellbeing of our community's people is the positive impact by the strong relationship with the traditional lands and Culture. The connection to the land gives Aboriginal people their identity and a sense of belonging. Current Landcare practises are increasingly incorporating Noongar land management principles into contemporary environmental fields. It is recognised that the concept of sustainability is the same as the Noongar cultural ethos of 'Caring for Country'. Our project outcomes will involve documenting and educating the community about Aboriginal culture, history and Traditional land management practices in the areas we will cover, as this important information will teach others to have respect for the land and in turn help change their perspectives on their place in Mother Nature and the environment.

Caring for country has benefits for the social-political, cultural, economic, and physical and emotional wellbeing of all people. For Aboriginal people, it is increasingly documented that caring for country is intricately linked to maintaining cultural life, identity, autonomy and health. These benefits are shared with members of the wider community, who live together with Aboriginal people, and facilitate a better community and environment for all Australians.



Partnerships: The Undalup Association has formed many partnerships within the Association, working in partnership with the many events, projects and workshops we deliver within the South West. The partnerships with the following are for the Undalup Community Ranger Program:

- Tangaroa Blue, for their sponsorship and in kind support for the delivery of the Coastal workshops and the partnership with Tangaroa Blue for the Coastal clean-up held recently during the Oct School holidays on the coast line of Geographe Bay. This partnership will be on going as future coastal clean ups will be apart of the Coastal and Marine Conservation program.
- City of Busselton, for their in kind of labour, delivery and supply of the soil and mulch for the community garden project, consultation and site meetings, advise and expertise's. The partnership involves the Shire Senior NRM / Environmental officer Will Oldfield as to the projects and planning of the areas the Undalup Community Rangers wish to manage and maintain.
- Geographe Landcare Community Nursery, for the consultation and design work for the community garden area, providing the plants for the project and the follow up of the management to the area, to ensure the plants survives. Consultation and site meetings, advice and expertise's. With future Garden projects to be planned, this partnership will be an ongoing one for the future.
- Caring for Reptiles South West, with Jessica Berry and the reptile Carers of the Association. The partnership involves workshop presentations, event displays and presentations and rostered / volunteered hours for the Community rangers at the rehabilitation centre. This partnership will be ongoing.
- Jammarri Cockatoo Rehabilitation Centre, at Jalbarragup next to Helms forest, with Dee Paterson. This partnership is ongoing and involves workshop presentations on the care and maintence the birds require and rostered / volunteered hours for the Community rangers at the rehabilitation centre.
- Landcare Australia and Create Ranger Parks WA for ongoing support and partnership.
- There is still many more partnerships to commence with community organisations, some in the process atm. By engaging many community organisations this will strengthen the Undalup Community Ranger program.

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The ACT-BELONG-COMMIT Partnership:



The Undalup Association has formed partnerships with **Act-Belong-Commit**. The goal of the Act-Belong-Commit campaign is to encourage people to become more proactive about their mental health. A further partnership agreement was also signed with **Mentally Healthy WA** whose mission is to enhance people's mental health and wellbeing by strengthening individual resilience and building community cohesion.

The Undalup Association will proactively support positive mental health promotion in individuals and the community through strategies that:

- Provide opportunities for individuals to be mentally, physically and socially active (ACT)
- Encourage individuals to join and actively participate in the organisation's activities and those of partner organisations (BELONG)
- Encourage individuals to become a volunteer for the organisation, to set personal goals for achievement in the activities of the organisation and to be more broadly involved in other community events and environments (COMMIT)
- Reduce or remove economic or social barriers to participation in the organisation's activities
- Encourage staff, volunteers, and participants to treat all groups in the organisation and the community with respect, equality and openness
- Encourage role modelling of positive values, behaviour and interests, encourage support for building capacity in mental health promotion through proactively supporting training and developmental workshops and programs.

Undalup Association Acknowledgements:

The Undalup Association would like to personally acknowledge member Wendy Slee, Isaac Webb and Jess Woodley Allen for the permission to use their photography in this document.

The Wadandi Traditional owners, Cultural Custodians and Elders for their kaartdijin (knowledge) of the Boodja (country), the traditions and Cultural practises we are to follow in all areas of the project works. The consultation and acknowledgement of the Wadandi people, Cultural protocols and guidelines to follow on the planning and workings of the project.



Undalup Association Inc:

The Undalup Association board of directors are proud to be able to present the Undalup Community Ranger project for the community of Busselton, being a great community program for the young generation and the adults all enrolled in the program as a great connection to country and the area of the Wadandi people. The program is for Aboriginal and Non Aboriginal people of all ages in the community.

The Undalup Association is at the forefront of reconciliation. It does not exclude anyone but like our committee we use everyone's, individuality and expertise to contribute by using their abilities and strengths in their selected fields. All our activity's not only give our old people, our Elders the strength and determination to show respect and encourage leadership, but generates pride in all ages, all sections of our community, gives them feelings of self-worth, a sense of wellbeing, to be able to share their cultural knowledge with family, school friends, business people, departmental agencies and visitors leads to confidence and gives a head start to self-determination.

Our vision is to share this knowledge with the general community. It teaches us all the importance of the Aboriginal Culture in society,



Wayne Webb: Pibulum/Wadandi Elder & Traditional Custodian / Undalup Board of Directors: As an Elder for the Pibulum/Wadandi People in the South West of Western Australia, I would like to continue our great working relationship on Boodja, working with the Undalup Association members, volunteers and especially the Koolunga's, (children) sharing the knowledge that has been passed down to us from our traditional elders of this region.

The Wadandi peoples cultural traditions and culture continues to be relied on, to keep Nala Boodja – our country strong and healthy. It is important to keep our culture (the oldest continuous culture in the world), alive and strong in order to keep our Aboriginal people and our non-Aboriginal people mentally strong, physically healthy and continue to teach our Koolunga's how to take care of country so that they can enjoy the benefits Nala Boodja has given many previous generations of our people before us. Boodjara, Boodjera, Boodja – with no written language, no matter how you spell it, "Land, country, Mother Earth "is our most important resource no matter what culture or religion, all of us rely on Nala Boodja – Our Country.

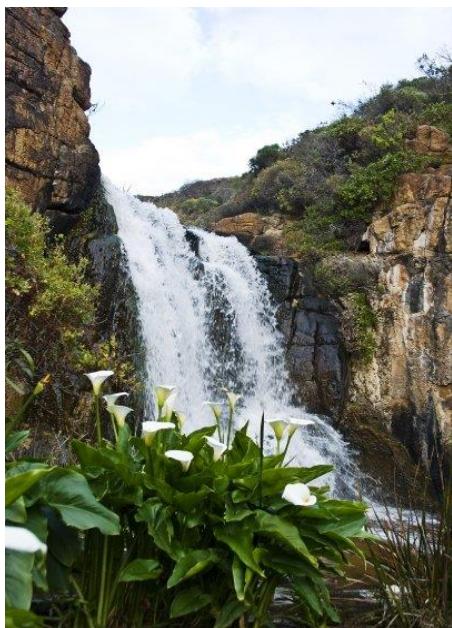
Aboriginal peoples caring for country traditions are receiving greater recognition in collaboration with government, community and private initiatives. By working together in partnerships we will work towards achieving all the positive benefits, as this will be a commitment to ensuring that this caring for country encompasses the holistic meanings and values that Aboriginal people bring to this Community Ranger program.

In Conclusion:

Through these partnerships, caring for country is no longer just an Aboriginal tradition, but is being shared and transformed to become a uniquely Australian land and sea management.

The Undalup Association will create several more new partnerships along the way and look at ongoing funding for these many projects, so we can keep the Community Rangers busy with weekend and school holiday projects. Supporting and in partnership with Act-Belong-Commit, the Undalup Association community rangers have the opportunity to get certifications in many areas of training, putting in the work to eventually becoming a qualified ranger.

The Community rangers will have rewards in the way of outings when completing the workshops and training in the areas they wish to participate. As a qualified ranger they will have the opportunity to be employed, working full time on country under the direction of our Traditional Owners and Cultural Custodians in the upcoming Undalup Wadandi Ranger Program. The Undalup Association is currently planning to commence an Aboriginal Ranger program for the future. Our Undalup Community Rangers will have to be qualified and over the age of 18 years to apply for the Undalup Wadandi Ranger program or with the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions as a Ranger for Country. As a non-Aboriginal person in this position, by being an Undalup community Ranger, they will have the advantage as they would have completed all their certificates and Cultural Awareness training under the guidance of the Wadandi Cultural custodians.



Together with the many members of the Undalup Association, we feel this community Ranger program will be a great outcome for the community.

The Undalup Members have 6 current first aid holders working on the project and on the days of participation, with many of the association members holding current working with children checks.

The project will have a certificate of currency to cover each of the projects with insurance.

On behalf of the Undalup Association, we hope you consider our proposal for sponsorship towards this project; our community is very excited about this program, which promises to be many days of connection to Boodja (country) working together as a community.

Your sponsorship will be a great contribution towards our Community Ranger Program and will be greatly appreciated by the community, as these projects will bring many benefits to the community and the areas we will be working with.

Should you generously agree to sponsor our project, or a donation towards the costs associated with our project, the association will ensure you will receive:

- Your logo included in all media, posters, pamphlets, flyers and social media pages,
- The opportunity to distribute advertising and promotional material (e.g. balloons, stickers, pamphlets, vouchers) at any of our community events and workshops of the Undalup Community Rangers.
- The opportunity to display your banner at the ranger events and workshops
- .The sponsors to be announced thru out the days of any events, workshops and project participation days.

By supporting the Undalup Association Inc community projects, you help to strengthen community relationships by working together, supporting and providing many opportunities for all.

Should you have any queries, please contact me on 0437782840.

Thank you for your support of the Undalup Association Inc.

Yours sincerely,

Rachelle Cousins,

Vice Chairperson,

Undalup Association Inc

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Partnership Form

Donation / Sponsorship / In Kind Support

UNDALUP Association Inc

ABN: 91 308448476
PO Box 5373, West Busselton, 6280, WA.

NAME: _____

BUSINESS: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

Details of Contribution to the Undalup Association;

Many Thanks, The Undalup Association Inc.

Payment options: Cash / Cheque / Direct Deposit

BSB: 126576 Acct No/: 21894699 Reference: No/: 5

Post to: Undalup Association Inc; Postal Address: PO Box 5373,
West Busselton, 6280

Date of Payment:

Receipt required? Yes / No

Email: rachelle17@westnet.com.au Signed:

9 August 2017

Libby Mettam MLA
Member for Vasse

To Whom It May Concern

Dear Sir/Madam

RE: UNDALUP ASSOCIATION INC

It is with great pleasure that I offer my support for the funding application to be submitted by the Undalup Association Inc for their Ranger Program which has been developed to promote a better understanding of the local Culture, traditions and customs and the relationship with Noongar Boodja and the connection between the land and the sea.

The Undalup Association of Busselton was formed in 2012 and since that time they have been very proactive in the organisation of community events, with great emphasis on the importance of collaboration and communication. These environmentally friendly events aim to provide social and economic benefits for our community.

The Undalup Ranger Program promotes the importance of a sustainable future by improving our environment, with particular emphasis on our coastal areas. The Undalup Association Custodians have extensive knowledge to share in these areas and feel that they have an important role within the community to help shape the future of our community in the interest of protecting our natural environment.

The Undalup Association also has a focus of strengthening individual resilience with particular reference to mental health. The events offered as part of the Ranger Program will provide opportunity for community involvement with the aim of delivering support for a positive state of health and well-being by encouraging people to become more proactive about their own mental health.

I congratulate the Undalup Association for this credible initiative and ask that you support this very important funding application.

Kind regards



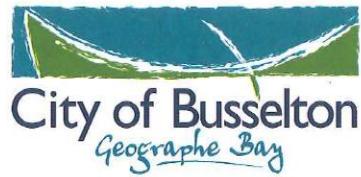
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Board of Directors
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WEST BUSSELTON WA 6280

Dear Rachelle,

CITY OF BUSSELTON SUPPORT FOR UNDALUP ASSOCIATION RANGER PROGRAM AND COMMUNITY GARDEN

The City of Busselton is delighted to support the Undalup Association and its Community Ranger Program which aims to foster an interest in Aboriginal traditional culture among youth of our district. The Community Garden project, to be located adjacent to the Old Court House on Marine Terrace, is expected to provide a place of solace where people can relax and gain an understanding of native plants and their traditional Aboriginal cultural uses according to the seasons. The City is happy to contribute; use of the land on which to place the garden and additional soils and mulch, to be brought onto the site to provide the base on which to plant the garden.

The City acknowledges the Undalup Association and the important partnership between us that is finding projects on which we can work together and in return, helping to strengthen our relationship. The City looks forward to working with Undalup Association and the Community Ranger program as the relationship achieves the City's key goals;

- 1.3 - *A community with access to a range of cultural and art, social and recreational facilities and experiences.*
- 2.2 - *Attractive parks and open spaces that create opportunities for people to come together, socialise and enjoy a range of activities.*
- 3.2 – *Natural areas and habitats are cared for and enhanced for the enjoyment of current and future generations.*

We wish you every success with the Community Garden funding application.

Yours sincerely,

Will Oldfield
SENIOR ENVIRONMENT OFFICER

16 October 2017

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To Whom It May Concern

Undalup Community Ranger Program

The Shire of Augusta Margaret River is very pleased to support the Undalup Community Ranger Program and any funding applications aimed at facilitating the program. It is our understanding that the Undalup Community Ranger program will commence work with local community groups towards a more sustainable future aimed at improving the natural environment. A particular focus will be on coastal areas, rivers and waterways, wildlife and parks and gardens by teaching the traditional ways of Caring for Country.

As traditional custodians the Undalup Association has a great deal of relevant knowledge to share in these areas particularly as Noongar people are natural conservationists. The priority will be on looking after mother earth and understanding of the relationship with the natural environment. This is essential knowledge that we can all benefit from as a community in shaping our communities for the future. This program will foster great leadership in collaboration and communication, which will in turn educate our communities. The program will encourage positive mental health and well-being through connection to Country and promotion of local Cultural knowledge.

We look forward to encouraging a similar program extending south into our Shire in partnership with government and non-government organisations.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature of Gary Evershed in black ink.

Gary Evershed
Chief Executive Officer

A handwritten signature of Cr Pam Townshend in black ink.

Cr Pam Townshend
Shire President

Future park rangers invited to join group

REGIONAL NEWS

MEMBERS of the public interested in becoming a park ranger are invited to sign up with the Undalup Association at their enrollment day this Saturday from 1pm at the Busselton Youth and Community Centre at 47 Russell Highway.

Anyone can join the program and attend workshops during the school holidays to learn about data entry, caring for wildlife, first aid and local culture and traditions.

Special guest Ngurrawaana ranger Jessica Woolley Allen will be at the enrollment day, visiting the region from the Pilbara's Yindjibardi country, from a community called Ngurrawaana.

Ms Woolley Allen is the only female ranger in WA whose passions are being on country and capturing mother nature's beauty through the lens of her camera.

She will display some photos from her country and

Jess will share her story about the importance of being a ranger on country.

Undalup Association chairperson Iszaac Webb

talk about the importance of staying connected to country through everything we do.

Undalup Association chairperson Iszaac Webb said it was a great opportunity for Ms Woolley Allen to visit Wadandi Boodja and show her around the South West region.

"It is such a different land-

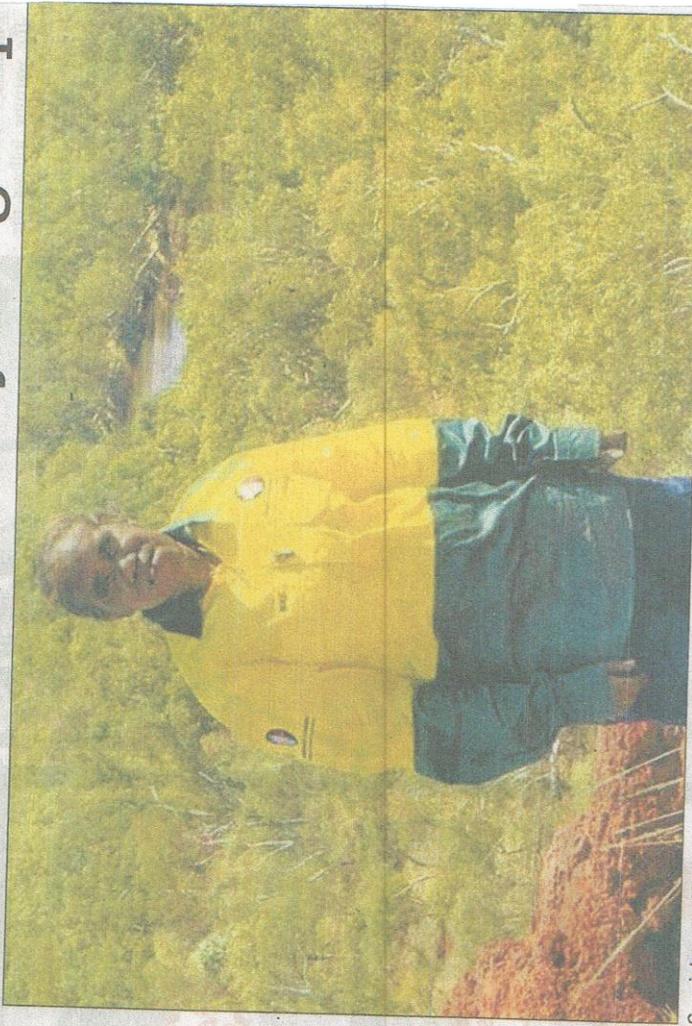
scape compared to where

Jess lives - we have tall trees

down here - and it is extra

special to have Jess as our

special guest on enrollment day," Mr Webb said.



Special guest, Ngurrawaana ranger Jessica Woolley Allen will be at the enrollment day, visiting the region from the Pilbara's Yindjibardi country.



Photo of Bunkers Bay taken by Jessica Woodley Allan whilst on Boodja.

Community ranger program a success

UNDALUP Association held an enrolment day for its community ranger program with guest speakers Jess Woodley Allan and Iszaac Webb who talked about caring for country.

Ms Allan is from the Pilbara, Yindjibarndi Ngurra (country) and a Ngurrwaana Ranger and Mr Webb is a ranger from Wadandi Boodja (country) Blackwood Region.

Ms Allan spoke of the importance of respecting country, native animals and sacred sites in the Pilbara region.

The Undalup community

ranger program will teach children about marine and coastal conservation, rivers and waterways, land and animal conservation, parks, gardens and working on country.

Workshops will be held throughout the school holidays on Thursday, October 5 and Friday, October 6 which will cover cultural training with Undalup chairperson Iszaac Webb and Caring For Reptiles South West.

For more information contact Brooke Harris 0451 306 419 or Anne Mattiuzzo 0478 600 185