



The best connections
are found in nature





Making connections in your local community is not only good for you, it's great for the environment too.

Like you, the City is passionate about protecting its natural environment.

Our **Living Green** program helps residents connect to nature and learn how to live a more sustainable lifestyle.

The City also supports and celebrates **community gardens and conservation volunteer groups**. These groups work to enhance and protect our natural areas and provide space for residents to connect.

At every stage of life, connection is important. We are committed to offering opportunities for residents to:

- ✓ Grow and learn new things
- ✓ Develop friendships
- ✓ Connect to nature
- ✓ Make a difference
- ✓ Live more sustainably
- ✓ Belong.

If you are interested in sharing your knowledge, curious about local sustainability, or finding a place to connect, visit: www.stirling.wa.gov.au/livinggreen to get involved.



Volunteering opportunities

Our conservation volunteer groups and community gardens are run entirely by volunteers who connect through their shared love of nature and willingness to support their local community.

Volunteering can be as simple as helping out at a busy bee or planting day, either as a one-off or regular commitment. Opportunities for involvement include:

- ✓ Weed removal and clean-ups
- ✓ Walking guide
- ✓ Trades assistance (plumber, carpenter, painter, signwriter etc)
- ✓ Event management
- ✓ Content writing for social media and newsletters

- ✓ Grant writing, accounting and bookkeeping
- ✓ Catering and food preparation
- ✓ Plant and animal identification and wildlife monitoring.

Start your volunteering journey by visiting your local community group or garden. Meet the volunteers and give an hour of your time. Try different groups until you find your natural connection.





Conservation volunteer groups

The City is home to diverse natural areas, including 71 bushland reserves and approximately 40 wetland sites. These conservation reserves cover over 700 hectares, in addition to almost seven kilometres of coastal foreshore.

To help care for and maintain these areas, the City supports dedicated conservation volunteer groups. These 'friends of' groups meet regularly to enjoy guided walks, conduct clean-ups and planting days and participate in learning sessions.

Visit the City's website to discover your local conservation volunteer group and get involved.



Group	Work sessions
Friends of Star Swamp Bushland North Beach	Guided walks – fourth Saturday of each month excluding December (8.00am) Nocturnal walks – May and October Weeding and Clean-Up Days – throughout the year
Stirling Natural Environment Coastcare Scarborough to Watermans Bay	Work sessions – every Tuesday and Thursday plus the last Sunday of the month (8.00am – 10.00am)
Friends of Lake Gwelup Gwelup and Karrinyup	Bushcare mornings – third Sunday of the month (8.45am – 11.00am) Guided nature walks – third Saturday of the month (8.00am)
Friends of Trigg Bushland Trigg	Guided walks – fifth Saturday of the month (8.00am) Bushcare activities – first Sunday of the month (9.00am – 11.00am winter and spring; 8.00am – 10.00am summer and autumn)
Friends of Coolbinia Bushland Coolbinia	Weekly weeding – every Saturday (9.00am winter, 8.00am summer) Themed information workshops – year round
Friends of Herdsman Lake Wembley/Glendalough	Bushcare activity mornings – first Saturday of the month – April to November
Friends of Inglewood Triangle Inglewood and Mt Lawley	Bushland clean-ups – second Sunday of the month Themed information workshops and events – year round Weekly weeding or watering – Sundays (8.00am) Schools' engagement program and citizen science activities – year round
Friends of Williton Kestrel Karrinyup	Occasional activities
Friends of Cottonwood Bushland Reserve Dianella	Occasional activities



Community gardens

Community gardens are places where people gather to share knowledge and experiences.

The City has a range of food gardens producing fruits and vegetables for the community, as well as bush gardens to enhance local ecology.

With a focus on sustainability, our gardens repurpose used materials, follow organic gardening methods, monitor water usage, and make compost from donated kitchen scraps and green waste.

Members can access private or community growing beds, join weekly group gardening days, learn new skills, and trade seeds and cuttings. The gardens also provide an outlet for new friendships to be formed by helping residents connect.

To join your local community garden or for more information about special events, opening times and contact details, visit **Community Gardens Australia** and search for your local garden.



Group	Address
Joondanna Community Garden	Corner of Wade Street and Stoneham Street, Joondanna
Westminster Community Garden	Margaret Coyle Reserve Corner Balcombe Street and Lindfield Street, Westminster
Hamersley Habitat Community Garden	Manton Dalwood Reserve (south of Beach Rd and Warwick Shopping Centre) 1A Dalwood Court, Hamersley
Inglewood and Mt Lawley Community Garden	1 Stancliffe Street, Mount Lawley (adjacent to the Inglewood Bowls and Sports Club)
Brighton Road Scarborough Community Bush Garden	112 Brighton Road, Scarborough
Campion Community Garden	59 Campion Avenue, Balcatta
Coastal Community Garden	7B Kitchener Street, North Beach (rear of the North Beach Tennis Club)





Living Green

Our Living Green program provides opportunities for the community to build knowledge, connect to the environment, live sustainably, and get involved through participation.

Key programs and initiatives include:

- ✓ Free tree and plant giveaways
- ✓ Living Green Education Series
- ✓ Support for environmental and sustainability projects through the Community Grant Program
- ✓ School holiday educational activities
- ✓ Community planting days
- ✓ Sustainable verge support.

To be the first to know when these events and programs are released, **subscribe to Living Green News** – our monthly electronic newsletter focused on local area sustainability.



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