

# AUGUST 2017

## The Yongergnow Centre

Ongerup's Yongergnow Centre includes Yongergnow Australian Malleefowl Centre, the Yongergnow Sanctuary and the Yongergnow-Ongerup Community Resource Centre (CRC).

## Our vision: community culture conservation

"For Yongergnow as a community owned and operated interpretive centre to be recognized as a centre of excellence for environmental awareness and education, with special focus on conservation of the mallee and its endangered flagship species, the magnificent Malleefowl."

## Opening Hours

Open:

Tue - Sat 9am to 4pm

Closed:

Sun, Mon, **Australia**

**Day, Good Friday,**

**Christmas** (24th-27th

December) & **New**

**Year's Day** (1st January)



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# Yongergnow's 10<sup>year</sup> Anniversary

On Saturday 8th April 2017, Yongergnow Australian Malleefowl Centre celebrated its 10 Year Anniversary with over 200 people in attendance.

After a welcome by Chairman Ken Pech, Uncle Billy Woods did a Welcome to Country, which was followed by official presentations and entertainment. Volunteers and stakeholders alike talked about Yongergnow's role in the (wider) community, reminisced about the past and voiced their hopes for the future.

Albany & Regional Volunteer Service's Tracy Sleeman and Jan Savage unveiled a special thank you plaque for Yongergnow's many tireless volunteers.

Entertainment with a difference was provided by Gnowangerup Shire Citizen of the Year and local Noongar man Robbie Minter and his dance group The Deadly Brothers.

Present and past Ongerup Primary School students and Ross Strahan sang Ross's song

'Who Cares', with the school's principal Mark Bruce, and last but not least, there was self-declared Mallee boy John Williamson!



John shared his memories about becoming interested in Malleefowl conservation, including during his visits to Ongerup. He offered to become Yongergnow's patron - an offer that was proudly taken up by the Yongergnow Board.

The Yongergnow Board would like to thank all staff, volunteers, speakers, sponsors, helpers, guests, and particularly the Anniversary Subcommittee for making this exciting and successful day happen.

*The event was proudly supported by*



Our  
**NEW WEBSITE**  
is up and running!

visit us at  
[www.yongergnow.com.au](http://www.yongergnow.com.au)

Development of the  
new website  
was supported by the  
Great Southern  
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and  
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Site design by Alan Thompson /  
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You can also find us on:



@YongergnowMalleefowl



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OR LEAVE A REVIEW  
OF YOUR EXPERIENCE ON



Simply search for  
'Yongergnow Australian Malleefowl  
Centre'  
on Tripadvisor

**We would like to take this  
opportunity to  
thank our members,  
supporters, staff  
and volunteers  
for the difference you're making to  
Yongergnow, Ongerup and  
conservation in our area.**

## Community and Culture at Yongergnow

We're only half way through the year but 2017 has already been a good one for Yongergnow!

At the beginning of the year we welcomed experts from the Museum of the Great Southern, Albany, for an **art hanging course**. The result of the day is our wonderful Malleefowl art exhibition - for you all to enjoy free of charge in our gallery.

Seven teams participated in our annual **Community Fox Shoot** and breakfast. Participants braced the bad weather to cull a total of 114 foxes and the "Corackerup Killers" taking the winners trophy home for an impressive 30 foxes, 1 cat and 1 rabbit. We thank North Stirling Pallinup NR, South Coast NRM, Ray's Sports Power, the Ongerup Roadhouse and Hamersley Shearing from their support.



Ongerup locals enjoying the sausage sizzle at our Market Day

March saw us host our **Market Day** at the Ongerup Town Hall, featuring stalls from local distributors. **St. Patrick's Day** was celebrated in style with full Irish breakfast available from our café and the **Ongerup Tasting Club** that evening. Willoughby Park/Boston Brewery brought their collection to Ongerup for us all to enjoy. In a Tasting Club first we also had a beer degustation. Their Ginger Beer was the star of the show!

We have had two '**Thank a Volunteer**' morning tea **celebrations** this year so far. The first of which featured beautifully decorated cupcakes from local baker Tracey Scheppis and awards presented to our hard working volunteers. The second event was part of **National Volunteer Week** in May and we had a finger food buffet and doughnuts for everyone - it appears there is a theme developing with our events here!



"We DONUT know what we would do without you"

A week prior to Yongergnow's anniversary celebrations, our kitchen had a new member of staff for the day. As part of the **IGA Taste Great Southern**, Perth **celebrity chef Kiren Mainwaring** treated us to a three course long table lunch with a 'Farm Flavours' theme. A great experience for all attending foodies, celebrating the food and drink from our wonderful and diverse region.



Kiren Mainwaring trading kitchen secrets

The **Ongerup Youth Club** has been initiated by the Ongerup CRC, and uses Yongergnow as it's base to provide entertainment to our community's younger members with Lego building competitions, face painting etc.

Thanks to Amity Health funding, Vicky is now working with the **Ongerup Primary School in a Visiting Scientist project**. A biology afternoon covering experiments in adaptation and pollination was enjoyed by all.

## Conservation - News from our Birds

Our ten Malleefowl are doing well - our “chicks” are growing up, Rhea and Crackles feel at home in the Ongerup bush and there is an active mound!

The **six “chicks” in our large aviary** are in fact not really chicks anymore. Having reached full adult size, they are trying out their mound building skills. Some of the birds have been observed randomly digging holes into the dirt of the mound they hatched from. As expected, we have not seen any interest in mating yet. As all the Malleefowl in this aviary are siblings, we are glad to have some more time to determine each individual bird’s future.

The **pair of Malleefowl in the small aviary**, however, are behaving differently... Although the male is not quite two years old, he and his three year old partner have built a mound and are maintaining it!

Before the birds had built their proper mound, we had discovered three unviable eggs in the male’s test diggings. This means we know that the female is ready to reproduce. It remains to be seen if the male is mature yet and if the pair will produce viable eggs this season. Exciting times ahead!

Crackles and Rhea, the **Malleefowl in the Yongergnow Sanctuary** have become used to their new home range, and seem to be comparatively relaxed. They have been observed on the walkway leading up to the café, walking around outside the aviaries, or even outside the Sanctuary wandering around in front of the Centre’s front door!

We are very pleased that these two birds have established their home range in and around the Yongergnow Sanctuary, and are hoping that they will establish a ‘wild’ mound in the Sanctuary or in Ongerup’s town bush.

**It is a concern, though, that Crackles and Rhea’s home range is so close to the highway, and we urge all motorists to look out for these precious birds!**



## CAUGHT A FERAL CAT?

Sarah Comer of the Department of Parks and Wildlife, Albany, is doing research on feral cats.

She looks into their behavior, their DNA and eating habits to find a way of keeping feral cats under control efficiently.

Sarah appreciates support with her project, so if you happen to have a freshly dead feral cat on hand,

- please note the date and location,
- pop the cat’s body into a plastic bag,
- put the bagged cat in the freezer and
- contact Sarah to arrange delivery to or pick-up from Albany.

Sarah Comer’s contact:

0418 912 280

or

9842 4500

## NEW DISPLAY AT YONGERGNOW

We are currently updating part of our interpretive display.

A draft has been on display since April, and we thank everyone who provided their valuable feedback. The new panels will be finalised and installed in the coming few weeks. We look forward to hearing your comments!

## The Yongergnow Board:

**Chairman**  
Ken Pech

**Vice Chairperson**  
Emma Reid

**Treasurer**  
Jan Savage

**Secretary**  
Tony Sands

**Board Members**  
Bronwyn Gaze  
Barry Savage  
Shane Woods  
Emily Jaekel  
Susanne Dennings

**Co-opted Member**  
Stephen Davies

The Yongergnow Board is  
looking for new members!

If you think you have the  
right skillset to make a  
difference for Yongergnow,  
the Malleefowl, and their  
habitat, please contact  
Chairman Ken Pech  
on 0427 171 904

## John Williamson announces patronage Our anniversary celebrations gave us more to celebrate!

During our 10 year anniversary celebrations we got an exciting announcement from **John Williamson, declaring his patronage to Yongergnow Australian Malleefowl Centre.** John Williamson has played an integral part in Yongergnow's history, attending the official opening ceremony and was patron of the now disbanded Malleefowl Preservation Group. We are honoured to accept this offer! For more information please see <http://johnwilliamson.com.au/true-blue-news/wa-malleefowl-conservation/>



## COMING UP

### REVEALED EXHIBITION 15th September to 16th October



A collection of oil and water colour paintings by Susan Angwin who now lives permanently in the region. Combining the elements of design with the elements of nature, Susan continues to pursue the relationship between the human spirit and all other living matter.

For more information please call Susan Angwin on 0400 037 818 or [susan.angwin@bigpond.com](mailto:susan.angwin@bigpond.com)

This exhibition is part of the Hidden Treasures Bloom Festival.

### ONGERUP WILDFLOWER SHOW

At the Ongerup-Needilup District Museum



## Looking for somewhere to eat?

Join us in our FowlPlay Café!

Whether it's coffee and cake or a spot of lunch, our café is open Tuesday to Saturday 9am - 4pm. Serving barista coffees and delicious home-made meals, Yongergnow's FowlPlay Café is the perfect place to catch up with friends or grab something for the road.





Department of  
Parks and Wildlife



# Malleefowl Report Form

Version 1.0 January 2016



Please return this form to Yongergnow Australian Malleefowl Centre or to DPaW

PO Box 9 Ongerup WA 6336  
e visitor@yongergnow.com.au

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www.yongergnow.com.au

fax 08 9828 2326

Are you a member of Yongergnow Malleefowl Centre? Yes / No  
Would you like to become a member? Yes / No

<b>ANIMAL NAME:</b> Malleefowl ( <i>Leipoa ocellata</i> )	<b>NUMBER SEEN:</b> _____
<b>OBSERVATION DATE:</b> _____	<b>TIME:</b> _____
<b>OBSERVER NAME/S:</b> _____	
<b>EMAIL:</b> _____	<b>PHONE:</b> _____
<b>ADDRESS:</b> _____	

**OBSERVATION LOCATION** (Coordinates - latitude and longitude, property address, distance to nearest intersection, etc.)

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<b>CERTAINTY OF ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION:</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION OF MALLEEFOWL</b> (Include comparisons e.g. similar size to chicken, number of adults and juveniles etc.)
	Not sure <input type="checkbox"/>
	Moderately certain <input type="checkbox"/>
	Certain <input type="checkbox"/>
	Photo <input type="checkbox"/>

**OBSERVATION TYPE:** (Select as many as applicable)

<b>Live</b>	<b>Dead</b>	<b>Secondary signs</b>
Day sighting <input type="checkbox"/>	Roadkill <input type="checkbox"/>	Mound <input type="checkbox"/>
Night sighting <input type="checkbox"/>	Found shot <input type="checkbox"/>	Egg or shell <input type="checkbox"/>
Remote camera <input type="checkbox"/>	Found poisoned <input type="checkbox"/>	Feathers <input type="checkbox"/>
Trapped <input type="checkbox"/>	Killed by another animal <input type="checkbox"/>	Tracks <input type="checkbox"/>
Spotlighting <input type="checkbox"/>	Unknown cause of death <input type="checkbox"/>	Scats <input type="checkbox"/>
		Diggings <input type="checkbox"/>
		Heard <input type="checkbox"/>
		Bones <input type="checkbox"/>

**OBSERVATION DETAILS** (What was the malleefowl doing? Mound description, habitat type, associated flora species etc.)

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**OTHER COMMENTS** (Include details of additional data available and how to locate it, land tenure and use, fire history etc.)

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**ATTACHED:** Map  Mudmap  GIS data  Photo  Field notes  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**COPY SENT TO:** Regional Office  District Office  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Submitter of record:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Role:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date submitted:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please return form to:  
**fauna@dpaw.wa.gov.au**

or Species and Communities Branch, Department of Parks and Wildlife, Locked Bag 104, Bentley Delivery Centre WA 6983

Record entered by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date entered: \_\_\_\_\_ Database no: \_\_\_\_\_

## VOLUNTEERING AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

**Fauna monitoring in the  
Yongergnow Sanctuary**  
Three mornings in September

**Bird Surveys in the North  
Ongerup Malleefowl Corridor**  
Two days in early October

**Malleefowl Mound  
Monitoring Training**  
Friday 13th October  
Facilitated by the National  
Malleefowl Recovery Team in  
cooperation with South Coast  
NRM and Yongergnow

Register your interest with us  
**NOW!**  
[visitor@yongergnow.com.au](mailto:visitor@yongergnow.com.au)  
Attn. Vicky

We'll let you know when dates  
and events are finalised and  
will provide more information  
on the events as it becomes  
available.

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by



# Yongergnow's <sup>10</sup> year Anniversary



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Our deepest sympathy and condolences to the  
Woods family and the rest of the  
Great Southern Noongar community.