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# SOWING THE SEED FOR YONGERGNOW'S FUTURE

## Yongergnow secures community development block to raise well needed funds

Yongergnow is proud to announce that our keen committee secured the lease of the community development block, with special thanks to the Ongerup Community Development for the opportunity.



- David Pritchard from CBH Fertiliser
- Matt Chambers and Afgri, who demonstrated their impressive new seeding rig for the day



The crop has been planted, so there is currently 134 ha of Spartacus Barley awaiting a good drink of rain to



fund current and future Yongergnow projects, as well as ensuring we can continue to educate visitors on our beloved, endangered Malleefowl.

- The Jaekel family, for the seed and Seed Shield for the grading and seed dressing
- Ongerup Farm Supplies, for providing the chemicals
- Board Member Harry Creagh, for putting on the BBQ tea
- And also Board Members, Beau & Rohan Vaux for their managerial and spraying capabilities.

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported the Yongergnow cropping program:

- Jeremy Smith and Landmarks Seed Shield for donating the seed cleaning of the barley
- Tom McInerney and Zac Walsh from Stirling Ag for donating the seed treatment

A fantastic team effort by all involved and a great insight in to what our new Board can bring to Yongergnow. Now we cross our fingers for a good result at Harvest time!



## The Yongergnow Centre

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

## 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,

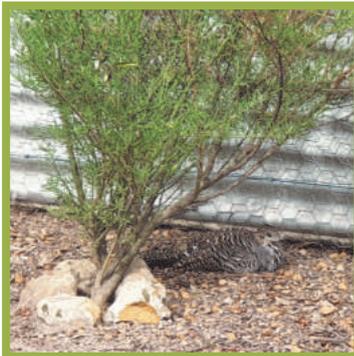
Christmas (24th-27th December) & New

Year's Day (1st January)

## YONGERGNOW'S NEW FACES CONTINUE

### Maggie & Drei are at it again!

Most of you will remember in the February 2018 newsletter, we were thrilled to announce that we were extending a very warm welcome to an abundance of hatchlings from Maggie & Drei.



Fast forward one and a half years later, just after welcoming new faces to the Yongergnow Board, the warm receptions keep rolling in as we

have 7 new inhabitants in our smaller aviary.

After an extensive release in late 2018, where we said goodbye to all of our chicks as well as 3 of our older Malleefowl, our aviaries were feeling all too bare. We need not fret though, as Maggie and Drei had it covered and shortly after our last newsletter went to press, those adorable bundle of feathers started to reappear!

This time around we had 8 successful hatchlings, however it is much regret that we have to report one of those Malleefowl passed away suddenly a few months later and an autopsy is to be undertaken to determine the cause of death.



The true plight of the Malleefowl was also highlighted this time around, as it was noted there was evidence of at least one chick not surviving the epic battle they are

faced with as soon as they hatch, needing to make the journey to surface the mound, which can be up to one and half metres. Unfortunately, there is only so much captive breeding can prevent and this is most certainly not one of them.

On a happier note though, the Yongergnow Board is now in talks to get our 7 surviving chicks out there in to the wild, hopefully contributing further to the conservation of this endangered species and helping those crucial numbers in the wild increase.



Captured by Sallyanne Cousans

## AND SADLY, SO DO SOME GOODBYES...

### A special thank you to a key Yongergnow figure

Tony Sands has regrettably handed in his resignation to the Yongergnow Board after many years of hard work and dedication to the organisation.

We would like to extend our sincerest gratitude for everything Tony and his wife, Ayleen, have done for Yongergnow in their many years of being affiliated with the business, whether it be as a Board member or through their former business, the Stirling Range Retreat.

Since selling the Stirling Range Retreat, Tony and Ayleen have moved to Perth to enjoy life in the fast lane. We would like to wish you all the best with your new life ,



## BLOOM FESTIVAL IS COMING TO YONGERGNOW

21st September to 20th October 2019

Yongergnow is excited to announce that it will once again be part of the Great Southern Bloom Festival for 2019.

Over the course of the month that the Bloom Festival is running, Yongergnow will be showcasing the birds and people photography exhibition from Green Skills.

We have participated in the festival many times and love to welcome the festival's followers to our centre. Even if you do not follow the festival and are just curious about what we will have, it is free to view the gallery so visit us any time over the course of that month to enjoy the beautiful photography capturing heart warming moments between people and birds.

## CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER

2018-19 GSDC Medal finalists were one of our own

Fantastic news from the Great Southern Development Commission, Bill & Jane Thompson made it as finalists for the 2018-19 GSDC Medal!



As quoted from the GSDC, "the GSDC established the GSDC Medal to celebrate innovation and leadership in the management of the Great Southern's natural resources."

"The Thompsons' have a lifelong interest and involvement in conservation issues... The Thompsons' nomination says that their unconventional 'retirement' has conservation at its core"

The presentation dinner was held on Friday 7th June and unfortunately, Bill and Jane were pipped to the post by Cranbrook farmer Ian Walsh.

Mr Walsh takes home the prize grant and medal for his "innovative approaches to addressing salinity on his property near Cranbrook, using salt-tolerant plants to reclaim land degraded by rising salt". A massive congratulations to Mr Walsh.

Bill and Jane are not only exemplary in the world of conservation but also as residents and community members of Ongerup itself. From Yongergnow and the whole of Ongerup, we would like to congratulate you on the wonderful honour of being nominated and for also receiving the 'runners up' grant money prize.



## CALLING ALL TOUR GROUPS

2019 Wildflower Season is fast approaching

With this year's Wildflower Season forthcoming, we encourage all forms of tour groups and buses to visit the Ongerup Museum for their amazing display and to book in to Yongergnow for lunch and a tour while you're here!

Located within our beautiful native bush, with group discounts available and a delicious range of lunches made in-house, the Yongergnow Australian Malleefowl centre is a great addition to any trip or tour of the Great Southern! Call the centre on 9828 2325 or email [visitor@yongergnow.com.au](mailto:visitor@yongergnow.com.au) for more information on tariffs and availability.

## The Yongergnow Board:

**Chairman**  
Jan Savage

**Vice Chairman**  
Rohan Vaux

**Treasurer**  
Sarah Bungey

**Secretary**  
Emily Jaekel

### Board Members

Barry Savage  
June Meredith  
Andrea La Page  
Beau Vaux  
Rivers Hyde  
Harry Creagh

## MORE THAN JUST A MALLEEFOWL CENTRE

**Come for the Malleefowl, stay for a while**



Earlier this year, the Yongergnow centre was pleased to be named the new home for the Ongerup Library.



After many years of being located in the Town Hall and run by Gail Vaux, the decision was made to move the service to Yongergnow Centre and be managed by the Community Resource Centre after Gail sadly handed in her resignation.

Now that we have the library here, it also means an increased availability for the service. We are happy to say that the library has the same opening hours as the centre, Tuesday to Saturday 9am to 4pm.

Whether you're a library member or not, pay us a visit and have a look at our fantastic range of books & DVDs.



Ongerup Library's Kids corner

As many of you are aware, Yongergnow is co-located with the



Ongerup Community Resource Centre meaning that the centre is already housing a Government Access Point and Centrelink Access Point.



Administrative services such as printing, photocopying, laminating and faxing are available to the public, as well as electronic equipment and secretarial services which are available for hire. In addition to all of this, we stock free tourism brochures and advertise events from around the Great Southern for anybody to utilise.

The Community Resource Centre recently took over the management of the Ongerup Gym, which is located in the Ongerup



Town Hall on Eldridge Street. One of the great benefits of the gym being located in the Town Hall is that it is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, suitable for anybody's schedule. In the past, fitness classes have also been held at the gym. Unfortunately, at present, there aren't any fitness classes being run but this is being worked on for the near future. For more information about how to become a member of the gym and how to gain access, contact us today!



Ongerup Town Hall

Aside from the projects and services undertaken by the CRC, the Yongergnow Centre boasts not only the interpretive display and aviaries for the Malleefowl but also the Gallery, gift shop and the Fowl Play Café.



Yongergnow's Interpretive Display area

Art work and photography is frequently displayed in the gallery and the room is available for event hire. It's a great space for any workshop, conference or event needs. For meetings and events on a smaller scale, we also have our Hot Office available for hire.



Yongergnow Gallery

The gift shop boasts an array of locally made goods, Yongergnow souvenirs, St. John's Ambulance first aid kits, postcards and educational books for anyone to purchase, all at very reasonable prices!



The retail area full of locally produced goodies

The Fowl Play Café has recently introduced a breakfast menu. A small selection of breakfast items can be ordered and is available throughout the day.

Our specials menu is updated regularly and has recently featured delicious dishes such as Bombay Beef and Irish Stew, which have been hugely popular.

With the colder months drawing in, a variety of soups will be available to warm you up on those wintery days and for the coffee lovers, we now have beautiful, glass reusable cups for sale.



With so much to discover at our centre, you'll be sure to find something for everyone! Come and visit, Tuesday to Saturday 9am—4pm.

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

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OF YOUR EXPERIENCE ON



Simply search for  
'Yongergnow Australian Malleefowl  
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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.

## What would you like to see as a Yongergnow member??

We're calling for everyone, current member or not, to give us feedback on what you think a Yongergnow membership should entail!

Our customers/ members are always at the forefront of our mind and we want to ensure everybody gets the experience they would like out of, not only visiting the centre, but also signing up to become a member.

Contact us today via telephone;  
**08 9828 2325**

Or email;  
[visitor@yongergnow.com.au](mailto:visitor@yongergnow.com.au)

With any suggestions you can think of. We value all feedback so please do not be afraid to submit your advice to us !

## SAD NEWS FOR THE MALLEEFOWL CONSERVATION WORLD

### Sincere condolences from the Yongergnow team

On Sunday 27th May 2019, the National Malleefowl Recovery Team notified followers on Facebook of the sad news that avid conservationist, Peter John Stokie OAM, passed away recently (see post below). Extremely sad news for the Malleefowl community across Australia.

Yongergnow would like to pass on our sincerest condolences to Mr. Stokie's family in this difficult time.



**National Malleefowl Recovery Team**

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Peter John Stokie OAM

It is with heavy hearts that we acknowledge the passing of Peter Stokie OAM.

Peter spend 20+ years championing the cause of Malleefowl conservation and was an active participant right up to the time of his passing. Peter, together with his late wife Ann were instrumental in establishing the VMRG (Victorian Malleefowl Recovery Group).

Peter was always keen to share his Malleefowl knowledge & expertise with anyone who wanted to learn.

In 2018 Peter was awarded the Order of Australia (OAM) for his service to the conservation of the Victorian malleefowl.

Peter will be very sadly missed, not only by the VMRG but by the Malleefowl community across Australia.



## LOOKING FOR AN INTERESTING READ?

### "Around the Mounds" latest edition is out now

The National Malleefowl Recovery Team's publication, "Around the Mounds", is released in the spring and autumn, with their latest edition out now.

The newsletter is a fantastic read full of all things Malleefowl from across the country. From monitoring news, videos, photographs and an array extensive and interesting information, it is impossible not to enjoy it.

Yongergnow also has a small article featured in this edition, which is great to know we are getting National coverage.

Head over to the National Malleefowl Recovery Team's website and under the 'News' heading you will not only find the latest edition of "Around the Mounds" but every edition, ever!

[www.nationalmalleefowl.com.au](http://www.nationalmalleefowl.com.au)





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# 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

ph 08 9828 2325  
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.)
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	_____
	_____
	_____

**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.)

\_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

# Memberships help fund our mission to conserve the wonderful Malleefowl

## MEMBERSHIP FORM & RENEWALS

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE IN DECEMBER EACH YEAR

Yongergnow Australian Malleefowl Centre in Ongerup is a community-owned and operated centre for community, culture and conservation focussing on the conservation of the mallee and its unique flagship species, the Malleefowl. Fees are subject to change without notice. ALL REGULAR ENTRY FEES ARE WAIVED FOR MEMBERS. Please post your completed membership form to Yongergnow Inc. PO Box 9, Ongerup WA 6336, fax it to 08 9828 2326, or email it to [visitor@yongergnow.com.au](mailto:visitor@yongergnow.com.au).

MEMBERSHIP TYPE <i>(Please tick)</i>	FEE (AUD)
Single Adult [ <input type="checkbox"/> ]	\$35.00
Family [ <input type="checkbox"/> ]	\$60.00
Corporate [ <input type="checkbox"/> ]	\$120.00
Concession* [ <input type="checkbox"/> ]	\$20.00
Newsletter by email [ <input type="checkbox"/> ]	no charge
Newsletter by mail [ <input type="checkbox"/> ]	plus \$15 per year
Donation [ <input type="checkbox"/> ]	plus \$_____
<b>Amount payable</b>	<b>\$_____</b>
Please tick if you require a receipt [ <input type="checkbox"/> ]	

\* Senior's card holders and children from 6 to 15

### PAYMENT METHOD

**CREDIT CARD:** please ring us with your details on 08 9828 2325 during opening hours. **CHEQUE:** please make out to Yongergnow Inc. **CASH:** please pay at the Yongergnow Centre or to a Yongergnow representative. **ELECTRONIC TRANSFER:** to BSB 306-056 A/C 006174-8, stating **MEMBER** and **YOUR NAME** on the transfer description. Please let us know once you have transferred funds. Thank you!

Last name: \_\_\_\_\_

First name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal address: \_\_\_\_\_

Post code: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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