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South Australians visit MPG projects



The intrepid group of Malleefowlers from South Australia who visited in January to check out all things Malleefowl. Photograph courtesy Rowena Danks.

In January this year a group of South Australians from the Murray Mallee region visited Western Australia to investigate ways of managing Malleefowl conservation. Following is an abridged version of an account of their trip by one of the seven, Julie Schofield.

The intrepid group from South Australia consisted of our fearless leader Rowena Danks (Murray Mallee Local Action Planning Association Project Officer), Chris Grant (Department for Natural Resources and Environment, Bush Management Advisor), landholders Lew and Trish Westbrook (Lew is Chair of the Browns Well Landcare Group),

Malcolm Johns (landholder and member of the Mantung Maggea Land Management Group), Emilis Prelgauskas (landholder and member of MPG sub-group, Malleefowl Monarto) and myself, Julie Schofield (Gluepot Management Committee).

We drove the five hours from Perth to Ongerup in the Great Southern region where we met our host and organiser Susanne Dennings (project coordinator for the MPG).

Over the next two days we were taken on a tour through Malleefowl country that demonstrated the range of activities the group is involved in. We observed a monitoring program in action, visited the Gondwana Link project

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(a broad-scale revegetation initiative), the Yongergnow Malleefowl Centre, a walk trail through mallee country that takes in active mounds, and a Malleefowl corridor project. Along the way we spoke with the people involved in each activity, as well as Leonie McMahon, the editor of the MPG's new sletter, and Len van der Waag, the chairperson of the tax-deductible Community Conservation Trust Fund set up by the group in 1997.

The first morning we visited two areas where Malleefowl nests were being monitored. These sites, Peniup and Corackerup, gave us an insight into the different types of vegetation in which the birds can be found. Here we discussed the use of fire breaks as a tool to help manage fire and baiting methods for fox control.

Gondwana Link is a collaborative of several non-government environmental organisations working

towards the same goal: to conserve, restore and reconnect a 1000 km long pathway of native vegetation stretching from the south-west of Western Australia to the edge of the Nullarbor. Essentially the project buys farming properties and revegetates them on a large scale to create the vegetation corridor.

Simon Smale, Gondwana Link's landscape manager, showed us one site that demonstrates the range of revegetation tools implemented, including planting commercially viable crops like sandalwood plantations that also provide habitat diversity and using carbon credit schemes to fund some of the work. This project was managed by Justin Jonson, an MPG committee member.

The Yongergnow Malleefowl Centre is owned by the Ongerup Community. Its vision is to educate people about Malleefowl and conservation using community involvement and participation.



Ongerup farmer, Kingsley Vaux, talking to the South Australian group about his sandalwood plantation.



Sandalwood nuts from the Gondwana Link project



A Malleefowl chick at the Yongergnow Malleefowl Centre in Ongerup.



The Malleefowl mounds are BIG in Ongerup! From left to right Malcolm Johns, Rowena Danks, Emilis Prelgauskas, Trish Westbrook, Lew Westbrook, Julie Schofield and Chris Grant. All photographs courtesy Rowena Danks.



Captive birds are kept in a large outdoor enclosure. Achieving financial viability is an issue for the centre.

We also visited the property of Judy and Kelly O'Neill in Ongerup. They have set up a visitors trail through some mallee bush that goes past four Malleefowl mounds. We saw one active mound, 'Movie Star' about 1.5m high and another mound that had been moved several times by the male. After visiting the mounds we saw four Malleefowl foraging in adjacent paddocks.

Around Ongerup, 63 km of bush corridors have been established in the hope of providing avenues of dispersal for Malleefowl. This idea evolved when birds were observed using degraded tree lines. Jessica van der Waag's research demonstrated juveniles will use such corridors.

We were surprised by the extent of the salinity

issues in the region and impressed by the revegetation being undertaken to combat it.

The support of the local community and the level of the MPG's interaction and involvement were also very impressive and pleasing, as was the volume of information and the number of brochures produced by the group.

The whole trip was a very valuable opportunity for networking and information exchange for all parties involved. It was made even more enjoyable by our kind hosts Susanne and Alan Dennings, Kingsley and Sandy Vaux and Don and Eva Smith.

The trip was funded by the Australian Government's Caring for Our Country Program ***More information about our Murray-Mallee visitors and their endeavours in South Australia will be included in future editions of Malleefowl Matter: Ed.***

Cuppa leads to many years of volunteering with MPG

May Sclater's first contact with the MPG came shortly after she and her husband, Don, moved to Ongerup about 11 years ago. Their home was right next door to the Chookhouse – the (then) headquarters of the MPG.

May says a very pleasant lady saw her in the garden one afternoon and invited her in for a cup of tea. This very pleasant lady is Susanne Dennings, project coordinator for the MPG. Before long, May began volunteering at the MPG office.

Her first job was filing the group's correspondence. Now one of May's main responsibilities in the office is to enter the correspondence details into a computer database: the job that precedes filing. She also took care of the lawns and gardens at the office before the group moved to the Yongergnow Centre.

Several years ago when Jessica van der Waag was doing her research on Malleefowl chick dispersal in Ongerup, May and Don, who is also a very involved member of the MPG, were two of a number of key volunteers who helped Jessica radio track chicks to find their night time roosts.

This work afforded them the rare opportunity of observing the dispersal and habits of young chicks and juveniles. The mortality rate is high - about 75% in the first few weeks of life - so many of the chicks observed would not have survived past this time.

May also came up with the idea for the 'Night



May Sclater at work in the MPG office.
Photograph courtesy Claudine Deering.

under the Stars' dinner and star gazing event held by the MPG in 2007 and was on the organising committee. This event raised \$800 for the Community Conservation Trust Fund.

About eight years ago, May and Don began participating in surveys. The experience motivated May so much that she wrote a poem that was published in *Malleefowl Matter* many years ago.

The couple have been on every one of the MPG's trips to Mount Jackson and are planning to go to the upcoming one in May.

May says the surveys provide the highlights of her time with the MPG: camping, walking through the bush, taking in the magnificent country they see and meeting so many wonderful people.



Fencing protects rare flora at Ongerup

The MPG's philosophy is that Malleefowl preservation is not just about saving Malleefowl, it is also about contributing to overall biodiversity conservation. The following story illustrates how the group fosters this approach.

Neil Banks farms about 25 km south of Ongerup in Western Australia's Great Southern region.

His 1090 ha property was virtually new land when Neil bought it in 1968 as a conditional purchase block. A bit of a Greenie who likes living in the natural bush, Neil cleared the land as per the requirements of the conditional purchase but left the vegetation around the creek lines, on the hilltops and on some of the poorer soils.

As a result of this selective approach, about 30% of his property (350 ha) remains uncleared.

Over the years Neil has progressively fenced off most of the remnant bush but a decade of difficult farming seasons leading up to 2008 had slowed his fencing program down.

In 2007 the MPG applied for

funding through WWF's Threatened Species Network Community Grants scheme to fence and revegetate bush on two properties in the Ongerup district, one of them being Neil's.

The application was successful and Neil received funding for 4.6 km of fencing. Neil said he was thrilled to get the grant, which he described as a great help after so many poor seasons.

It enabled him to completely fence off a main corridor of bush that runs through the farm and connects to remnants outside of it. This work contributes to efforts in the district to create a network of bush corridors.

In Neil's remnant bush several species of gazetted rare flora occur, including Sandplain Sun-orchid (*Thelymitra psammophila*), Jerramungup Myoporum (*Myoporum cordifolium*), *Banksia pseudoplumosa* and *Hibbertia priceana*.

Sarah Barrett, the Department of Environment and Conservation's Albany-based Threatened Flora Officer said *Hibbertia priceana* is only known to occur in a small area near Ongerup, about five kilometres wide by

ten kilometres long, around Pinnacle and Toompup South Roads. It is a dwarf shrub with greyish hairy leaves that is covered in bright yellow flowers in August, typically on gravelly slopes. She would welcome any new sightings of the hibbertia and the sun-orchid, which flowers in September and has yellow flowers similar to the lemon-scented Sun-orchid. Sarah's phone number is 98424500 and her email is sarah.barrett@dec.wa.gov.au Endangered Carnaby's Black Cockatoos are visitors to the farm, as are Western Brush Wallabies and Echidnas. When Neil bought the farm he found some old Malleefowl mounds but has never seen any sign of activity on them and has never seen Malleefowl on the property.



Banksia pseudoplumosa



Myoporum cordifolium



Thelymitra psammophila



Hibbertia priceana



Recent changes to MPG Committee

After two and a half years at the helm, Alan Dennings stepped down as chairperson of the MPG in January this year. Don Smith, previously vice-chair, has accepted the position of chairperson for the group and Rodger Hall is now vice-chair. Another committee member, Rod Smith, has taken responsibility for overseeing surveys and monitoring.

A very sincere thanks to Alan for his dedication to the MPG in his role as chairperson and a warm welcome to Don.

Don worked in the aviation industry for 30 years, lectured in aviation studies and was the environmental officer with the West Australian Airport Corporation at Perth Airport. He is a past committee member of the WA Native Orchid Society and Conservation Group and past president and current committee member of the Toodyay Naturalist Club Inc.



The recently elected chairperson of the MPG, Don Smith (left), and outgoing chairperson, Alan Dennings.



A(nother) friendly Reminder...



As you are aware, membership renewals were delayed last year. Following our reminder for fees in the November edition, we still have many 'overdues'.

Your membership is highly valued. Call Claudine, our part-time office manager, any Monday, on (08) 89282007 or email

malleefowl.wa@wn.com.au to verify your current membership status.

With thanks from the MPG



Birding goes hi-tech

Bird watching will never be quite the same again with the recent release of an electronic bird identification book.

Michael Morecombe's 'eGuide to Australian Birds' is now available for download on iPhone, iPad and iPod touch. The e-version of Michael's well-known field guide covers everything in the book with some very enticing extras.

You can create your own sightings lists, compare two species side by side on the one screen and, thanks to sound recordist, David Stewart, listen to more than 1800 bird calls. Another interactive feature is 'Smart Search' whereby you can identify a bird by a process of elimination using parameters such as range, habitat type and physical features such as size, colour of plumage, or type of bill.

Michael is currently working on version 1.1.

4th NATIONAL MALLEEFOWL FORUM

Renmark, South Australia

29th July - 1st Aug 2011

You are invited to register your interest for the 4th National Malleefowl Forum, to be held at the Renmark Hotel.

Registration and pre-forum refreshments on Friday 29th July.

Themes of the Forum include:

- The role of community groups in Malleefowl conservation
- Adaptive Management
- The role of genetics in Malleefowl conservation
- The role of fire in Malleefowl conservation
- Malleefowl and remnants
- Landscape-scale restoration projects

For Registration forms, visit: www.malleefowlvictoria.org.au/

Registrations close 24th June 2011

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Monitoring program gets a shake-down at Merredin

Searching thousands of hectares of bush every year for Malleefowl mounds takes lots of time, effort, planning and, most of all... people – usually between 20 to 30 per survey.

We often read about surveys in *Malleefowl Matter*: the camaraderie, the surprise finds, the magnificent country, the unexpected presence of creature comforts in the remotest of bush settings. We don't hear much about what happens after the camp has been dismantled and the volunteers have gone home but the work continues with annual monitoring – a key long-term aim when establishing survey sites. Compared to the surveys,

monitoring is usually a far more modest affair. Generally only three people go out per site, relocate the mounds on GPS units, record the current status on small in-field computers, take a photo and complete a back up data sheet. Throughout Australia designated volunteers have taken 'ownership' of specific sites but until recently WA lacked a coordinated approach with the exception of a few North Central Malleefowl Preservation Group (NCMPG) and MPG sites.

For example, Susanne Dennings and Len Dudley have been monitoring Corackerup and Peniup Reserves near Ongerup every year since 1994.



Top: Carl Danzi (left) and Tobias Vudzijena, NRM Officer for Merredin Shire Council, using the new mobile mappers. Photograph courtesy Alan Thompson. Bottom: Landowner, Buddy Kent (far right) explaining mound activity to volunteers at the workshop on his Bodallin property. Photograph courtesy Susanne Dennings.



Some sites haven't been monitored every year and others have been monitored by different people at different times. In addition, the technology used to record the data has changed along the way. A reassessment of the monitoring program in WA was called for and a reassessment it recently got.

In September 2010, 34 volunteers from three different WA Malleefowl interest groups: the MPG, the NCMPG and the Merredin Malleefowlers, met in Merredin to discuss techniques and priorities.

The result was one very successful weekend.

The workshop focused on two main areas: correct operation

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of the equipment used to record data; and the establishment of a more coordinated approach to monitoring.

For several years Carl Danzi has provided technical support to the MPG. Carl is the guy you go to for the electronic equipment used to record monitoring data. He's the guy who certifies, then uploads all of the data from the MPG's surveying and monitoring programs into the national database.

He's also the guy who trains volunteers in the use of the monitoring equipment. One of the main objectives of the September workshop was to bring everyone up to speed on the use of mobile mappers: in-field computers specifically set

up for Malleefowl mound monitoring as part of a national program. Mobile mappers replaced palm computers about 18 months ago, and Carl says that although they have their glitches they are proving themselves in the field. He said it is important to take back-up photos with digital cameras in case photos taken with the mobile mappers don't turn out.

Carl also stressed the importance of recording information exactly as requested to get the best quality data and to ensure the process of transferring data onto the national database is as smooth as possible. The other main objective of the weekend was to prioritise WA sites that required monitoring and to call for volunteers to manage the monitoring at specific sites.

As Lynda Strahan, an MPG member who has been monitoring different sites for a long time with her husband, Ross, said, prior to the workshop the system of who monitored where wasn't that cut and dried.

By the end of the workshop however, 19 sites across the state had been selected as having the highest priority and more than 20 volunteers, hailing from across the lower part of the state: Mukinbudin, Kalgoorlie, Gnowangerup, Boyup Brook, Albany and Perth to name a few, had nominated to take on-going responsibility for them.

This approach was so successful that the MPG's 2010 monitoring program was completed by the end of December for the first time ever: a very gratifying outcome from the workshop.



Volunteers practising with mobile mappers at the Merredin monitoring workshop. Photograph courtesy Alan Thompson.

Congratulations to all those involved.

The Merredin Malleefowlers, supported by Tobias Vudzijena, NRM Officer for Merredin Shire Council, hosted the monitoring workshop, which was coordinated by Susanne Dennings. A big thanks is also extended to Bob Gray (chairman) and members of the Merredin Pistol Club, who provided their premises for the two and a half day event, and to the Merredin Wildflower Society who catered for the excellent three course meal on the Saturday evening. Another monitoring workshop in Merredin is scheduled for the 9-10th July 2011.

Anyone interested in attending may contact Susanne Dennings. Ph: 98282083. Email: sdennings@bigpond.com.



Recognition given to Merredin Malleefowlers

The efforts of a small but dedicated group of Malleefowlers were recognised recently by the Merredin Shire Council.

The Merredin Malleefowlers received a *Service to Natural Resource Management* award at the 2010 Merredin Community Awards for outstanding contribution to the enhancement and protection of natural resources in the Merredin Shire. Tobias Vudzijena, NRM Officer for Merredin Shire Council, provides support to the Merredin Malleefowlers. He said the group formed in 2006 and consists of about ten people. Though small, the group has representation from local farmers, the Department of Environment and Conservation, the Merredin Dryland Research Station (Department of Food and Agriculture), the Merredin Shire and the Merredin Wildflower Society. The focus of the group's work has been the Merredin Peak Reserve, a 1900 ha block of bush about two kilometres from the Merredin townsite. The first Malleefowl survey was coordinated by the MPG with support from local members in 2006, when 32 mounds were found. These mounds are monitored annually and usually between one and three of them show signs of activity. The group has begun addressing some of the threats to



Above. From left: Taylor Perrin; Mal Harper, Land for Wildlife Officer Merredin Office; Alistair Craib, CEO of Collgar Windfarm and presenter of the award; Tobias Vudzijena, NRM Officer for Merredin Shire Council. Photograph courtesy Merredin Mercury.

Below: Part of the Merredin Malleefowlers team at a 2009 monitoring exercise at Merredin Peak Reserve. From left: Mal Harper, Buddy Kent, Carl Danzi and Roy Butler. Photograph courtesy Tobias Vudzijena.



Malleefowl, in particular feral animals such as foxes and pigs. At least one pig has been sighted in the reserve but has so far eluded capture. An opportunity to increase awareness about Malleefowl has also arisen with a walk trail that is being developed at the western edge of Merredin Peak Reserve, with funding support from Lotterywest. There will be interpretive panels along the

way, one of which will be about Malleefowl.

In September 2010 the Merredin Malleefowlers hosted the MPG's highly successful monitoring workshop and will do so again in July this year. Tobias said it is a testament to the group's consistent efforts in Malleefowl conservation over the last decade that the opportunity to host the workshop has been made possible.



A Malleefowl mound in the centre of town



The small country town of Tintinara is situated on the edge of the Little Desert, about 100 km from the Victorian/South Australian border and almost 200 km south-east of Adelaide.

Malleefowl are found in two national parks nearby, Ngarkat and Messent, and, as it happens, in the park in the centre of town. Tintinara Park boasts a Malleefowl mound complete with two metal silhouettes of Malleefowl who work their mound day and night. Nearby, a farmer and his dog oversee a small mob of sheep

The rural scene was a project by the students of the Tintinara Area School. In 2004 the students designed the scene and two of them, Tom Bonsor and Leonard Mann, made the silhouettes. Local artist Jaime Prosser, and staff member, Hilda Neville, guided the project. The Tintinara Development Board, the 'Heart of the Parks' tourist information centre and craft shop and Country Arts WA all supported the project.



Metal silhouettes that make up the rural scene in a park in Tintinara. Photographs courtesy Rachel Westcott.

Does the Malleefowl feature as an emblem in your area? If so, email or send a photo of your malleefowl emblem, along with the story behind it to *Malleefowl Matter* (contact details on page one).



Hot shots, candid moments

Space limitations in the new sletter rarely permit the use of photos that capture candid moments, unusual sights, magnificent scenery or simply great shots from MPG members out in the field. The opportunity presented itself here and the space was filled with this image of a Malleefowl having to leave the protection of bushland to feed in a wheat crop. Photograph courtesy Susanne Dennings.



Doctorate awarded to 'Gnow or Never' documentary maker

Most people involved with the MPG will know Frank Rijavec through his work on the documentary 'Gnow or Never' and the book *Malleefowl Believers: Stories of the Malleefowl and its champions*.

Between 2004 and 2009

Frank was also working on his PhD, entitled 'Sovereign Voices'. During this period he worked closely with the Roebourne-based Juluwarlu Group Aboriginal Corporation – an organisation dedicated to the preservation and practice of the law and culture of the Yindjibarndi people. His research assisted in the development of Juluwarlu, which grew from a small scale,



Frank Rijavec with Yindjibarndi elders Rose Cheedy, Ned Cheedy, Dora Solomon and Bridget Warrie around the worktable at Juluwarlu. Photograph courtesy Frank Rijavec.

subsistence-funded, cultural recording organisation, into an archiving, publishing, media production and cultural advocacy enterprise. Frank was awarded his doctorate in mid-2010 and he is now developing a media practice based on the participatory and advocacy principles investigated in his thesis.

Congratulations Frank, from all at the MPG.

Funding opportunity for doctoral research through MPG

In 1997 the MPG set up the Community Conservation Trust Fund to encourage tax-deductible donations.

In its 14 year history the trust fund has provided financial support to a range of MPG-sponsored projects thanks to the generosity of many people.

One of the better known programs funded through the trust was the 'Give a Chick a Chance' campaign which ran from 2005 to 2007. During this campaign people or organisations could each sponsor their own chicks, which were being radio-tracked as part of

Jessica van der Waag's research into chick dispersal and survivorship. Just over \$8,500 was received from 34 donations. This money was used to fund radio tracking equipment and the associated costs of the research.

If you look closely at the chick in the photograph, right, you will see it is sporting a transmitter.



Photograph courtesy Jessica van der Waag

Scholarship details

In 2009 the committee administering the fund developed its first formal grant to support a doctoral candidate doing field-based research into an aspect of the mallee ecosystem. A scholarship for \$15,000 (\$5,000 each year for three years) to cover travel and other costs incurred through field based research is available to eligible students.

For further details please refer to the Community Conservation Trust Fund Scholarship 2011 information on the MPG's website: www.malleefowl.com.au or contact Len van der Waag on 0428 928484

Contributions

If you would like to contribute to the trust fund please go to www.malleefowl.com.au/aboutus/donation.aspx to download a tax deductible donation form and return to the Malleefowl Preservation Group Inc. PO Box 29, Ongerup WA 6336 You can also fax it to 08 9828 2018

To claim tax benefits, please ensure your donation of \$2 and over is made payable to the **Community Conservation Trust Fund**. A tax receipt will be issued when your donation is received.



Coming Events

Date	Activity	Where	Contact
24th March 2011	Presentation by Susanne Dennings at Kaarakin Black Cockatoo Rehabilitation Centre	322 Mills Rd East Martin WA	Chris Phillips chris@kaarakin.com Ph: 9390 2288
30th March 2011	MPG Committee meeting	Yongergnow Malleefow I Centre Ongerup WA	Claudine Deering Ph: 98282007 malleefow.l.wa@wn.com.au
15th April 2011	Registrations close for Badja Station survey	n/a	Susanne Dennings Ph: 98282083 sdennings@bigpond.com
27th April 2011	MPG Committee meeting	Yongergnow Malleefow I Centre Ongerup WA	Claudine Deering Ph: 98282007 malleefow.l.wa@wn.com.au
22nd—27th May 2011	Mount Jackson Malleefow I survey	Mount Jackson Yilgarn Shire WA	Susanne Dennings Ph: 98282083 sdennings@bigpond.com
25th May 2011	MPG Committee meeting	Yongergnow Malleefow I Centre Ongerup WA	Claudine Deering Ph: 98282007 malleefow.l.wa@wn.com.au
29th—31st May 2011	Mount Jackson—mobile mapping of mounds	Mount Jackson Station Yilgarn Shire WA	Susanne Dennings Ph: 98282083 sdennings@bigpond.com
3rd June 2011	Registrations close for Remlap Station Survey	n/a	Susanne Dennings Ph: 98282083 sdennings@bigpond.com
5th—10th June 2011	Badja Station Malleefow I survey	Badja Station Yalgoo Shire WA	Susanne Dennings Ph: 98282083 sdennings@bigpond.com
22nd June 2011	MPG Committee meeting	Yongergnow Malleefow I Centre Ongerup WA	Claudine Deering Ph: 98282007 malleefow.l.wa@wn.com.au
26th June—1st July 2011	Remlap Station Malleefow I survey	Remlap Station Mount Marshall Shire WA	Susanne Dennings Ph: 98282083 sdennings@bigpond.com
9th—10th July 2011	Malleefow I Monitoring Workshop	Pistol Club Merredin WA	Susanne Dennings Ph: 98282083 sdennings@bigpond.com
27th July 2011	MPG Committee meeting	Yongergnow Malleefow I Centre Ongerup WA	Claudine Deering Ph: 98282007 malleefow.l.wa@wn.com.au
29th July—1st August 2011	Fourth National Malleefow I Forum	Renmark Hotel Renmark SA	Sharon Gillam Ph: 08 8222 9459 Sharon.gillam@sa.gov.au



Chick Chat



Late last year the MPG received a lovely surprise when a donation of \$119.50 arrived from the Good Shepherd Lutheran School in Angaston in South Australia's famous Barossa Valley. The teacher of the students who raised the money, Melissa Ryan (nee Gray), described how the donation came about.

In late 2010 the 17 students in the 2/3 class began learning about endangered species. At one point the Malleefowl was mentioned and the ensuing discussion sparked the children's curiosity. They looked at a distribution map and realised Malleefowl lived within an hour's drive of their homes yet none of them had ever seen one in their travels. After viewing the MPG's documentary 'Gnow or Never' the children were transfixed by the elusive megapode, especially the time and effort it devotes to its mound.

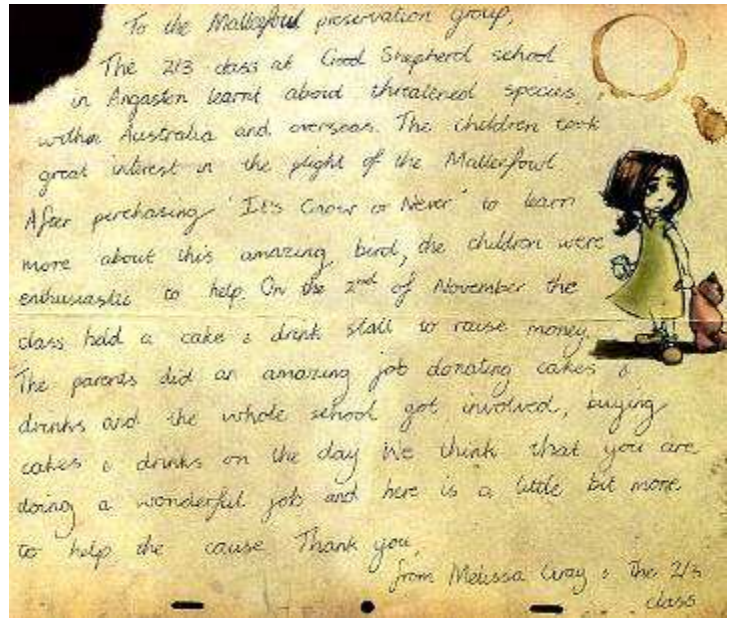
We then decided to take action as a class and assist a worthy cause. The children had studied a number of endangered species and each child was asked to write an action plan for the cause they wished to assist then present it to the rest of the class.

We then voted for the cause we would support. Assisting the Malleefowl Preservation Group by holding a cake stall to raise money held the clear majority.

The children spoke at school assembly, made posters and wrote letters to their parents to rally community support.

The parents were clearly moved by the letters and donated a bounty of cakes, slices, biscuits and drinks.

The 2/3 class ran the cake stall with assistance from the 6/7 class, to the delight of the entire school! Much sugar was consumed for an important cause that we all



The students from Grade 2/3 at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Primary School manning the cake stall they set up to raise funds for the MPG's Community Conservation Trust. Photographs courtesy Melissa Ryan.

had clearly become passionate about.

A heartfelt thank you to the students and parents who went to so much effort to support Malleefowl through the MPG.



The Malleefowl Preservation Group thanks the **Albany branch of the SSAA WA** for its on-going support. Each year the Albany branch donates proceeds made from fox shoots to the MPG.