

## Members' Update – Autumn

Greetings from the Rottnest Foundation.

I hope some of you have had an opportunity to enjoy the Island recently, and see some of the many new projects that have taken place.

### 2013 Foundation Tree Planting Day – Saturday 8 June

Members are invited to register for this great day and the opportunity to get your hands dirty and give something back to our favourite island. Foundation members will travel to Rottnest to plant some 590 indigenous species, many of which have been cultivated on the Island at the newly upgraded Rottnest Island Nursery. The location for this year's planting is on the southern side of the Island at Bickley. See attached flyer for full details.



### Little Parakeet Upgrade

As many of you may be aware the upgrade and re-alignment of beach access at Little Parakeet has now been completed. With support of a DEC grant and assistance from Rottnest Foundation members with the planting of dune species, the new stairs, pathway and dune stabilisation works will assist in the sustainable management of this beautiful and popular little bay.

### 2012 Rottnest Foundation Raffle

Again thanks to the generosity of the Rottnest Island Authority and the Rottnest Island Business Community, the 2012 Raffle was hotly sought after. 1st prize, the Ultimate Week on Rottnest was won by Anelique Bavich of Manjimup. This great prize included a week's accommodation in the beautifully restored Commander's Cottage overlooking Thomson Bay, along with ferry transport, tours, food and beverage vouchers and an indulgent spa package from the Butterfly Dreaming Retreat.

2nd prize of a weekend at Hotel Rottnest was won by Loree Harrison of Beldon and 3rd prize of a weekend at the Rottnest Lodge was won by Melissa Lake of Kingsley.



Watch out for the 2013 Rottnest Foundation Raffle, which will open in August.



## Rottnest Foundation Festival of Sail

The weekend of 13-14 April saw the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Rottnest Foundation Festival of Sail take place. 46 yachts and over 300 participants took part in WA's biggest offshore sailing regatta. The Festival kicked off with the Anglo Pacific Ventures Transit Race, with Yo!2 skippered by Peter Ahern taking out the Rottnest Ring Trophy.

The Captain Back Optimist challenge was held in front of the Hotel Rottnest and provided some light hearted entertainment with 6 sailors from the first six placed transit yachts sailing an optimist dinghy around Thomson Bay.

Following presentations and yachting party at the Hotel Rottnest, the next day sailors embarked on the premier Mulberry Estate Round the Island Race. This year the race started in Thomson Bay and created a fantastic backdrop of colour for those onshore watching the pre-start. Whilst the yachts were circumnavigating the island, the 'Beat the Boats' bike tour was being held on land, with families following the yachts around the island and participating in an Island quiz at various check points.

The Mulberry Estate Round the Island Race was won by Gary McNally on Black Betty. Special thanks to the Rottnest Island Authority for hosting the event and support partners RFBYC for their role in running the sailing program. A fantastic sailing weekend for the whole family.

## Volunteers Breakfast

A small group of Foundation Members travelled to Rottnest for the Annual Volunteers' Breakfast, held at Aristos on Saturday, 17 November 2012. A fabulous breakfast served by RIA Board Members & Staff was enjoyed by all.



This fabulous photo includes a small number of representatives from the many volunteer groups who contribute to the Island each year.

## Grant Update

- The Rottnest Foundation was recently successful with a small grant from the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities for administrative purposes.
- A Lotterywest grant to prepare design and planning specifications for a viewing platform at Cathedral Rocks is soon to be acquitted.
- The Foundation currently has an application with the Department of Sport & Recreation & Lotterywest to contribute towards a section of the Rottnest Walk Trail around Pink Lake.
- Another grant application is with the Department of Culture and the Arts, which if successful, will see the establishment of an artist in resident program to develop a number of interpretive art installations around the Island.

Until our next communication, thank you once again for joining us in '**Conserving the Essence of Rottnest**'.

Jeff King  
Chairman