



Golden Valley Tree Park's 2015 NEWSLETTER

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Celebrate GVTP's 35th Anniversary -
See over for details of the
special 2015 Spring Picnic

DEAR FRIENDS & VOLUNTEERS,

* **NATIONALLY RECOGNISED:** Balingup's arboretum is now listed in the Directory of Australian Botanic Gardens & Arboreta. Find us at <http://www.anbg.gov.au/chabg/bg-dir/index.html>

* **DEATH of PATRON:** Sadly Emeritus Professor Geoffrey Bolton AO, Golden Valley's first Patron, has died. Geoffrey has watched the development of the arboretum over many years and talked about the value of the project at last year's Spring Picnic which he attended with his wife Carol.

* **TREE HOUSE;** Thanks to your support we have raised \$4000 to kick start this project. The tree chosen for this special development will be announced at the 2015 Spring Picnic. Donations are tax deductible ~check out how on our website.

* **PLANTINGS** in 2015 added to our oak collection which now tops forty species, with some sacred Mexican Taxodium & other treasures established. Meanwhile the Australian rainforest pocket has had a boost of interesting new plantings. In total the Park now has over 400 tree types. Most species are labelled.

NEW CHAIR; At the mid-year AGM Dr Chrissy Sharp stood down after ten years as Chair but she is not going far ~ Chrissy will continue as project co-ordinator. GVTP's new Chair is Bob Hingston (pictured right) from Busselton. Well-known to the many South West tree planters after a lifetime of farm forestry work with CALM & FPC, Bob has been a member of GVTP's committee for nearly ten years. He will bring many skills to his new leadership role as the Tree Park's Chairman.

2014/15 Committee Members: Bob Hingston (Chairman), Margie Miskimmin (Secretary), Ron Bullard (Treasurer), Andrew Sandri (DPaW Rep), Chrissy Sharp, Andrew Thamo, Peter Hicks, Wendy Ayers, Brian Martin, Michelle Phillpot



* Projections from Departmental vehicle counting equipment suggest that the park is now attracting some 35,000 VISITORS each year. This comes as no surprise as an increase in activity has been noticeable

* A staggering 71 VOLUNTEERS helped out at GVTP last year. THANK YOU ALL., including Adam, Dave and Peter of Adam Jenkins Tree Services & Balingup's indomitable Merry Men!

* The launch of the World Collection tree map and data display that its curator Andrew Thamo has developed with the help of many others will mean that visitors will be able to trace any tree there.

* New projects in late 2015 include the development of a PICNIC SITE in the Australian Collection.

* BOOKINGS: Want to hold a special event at the Park? You can now reserve an exclusive space.

* You can now keep up to date with developments at the park through our new FACEBOOK page maintained by Michelle Philpott. Search for Balingup Golden Valley Tree Park. For news about the spring picnic there is a separate facebook page Golden Valley Tree Park Spring Picnic.

