

Native plants an easy option

Friends of King's Park plant sales are a rare chance to buy unusual native plants not often available at commercial nurseries.

The next one is on Sunday, March 18, and with more than 450 different species and cultivars and over 8000 plants, there will be plenty of choice.

Scaevola Midnight and Scaevola Moonlight offer splashes of colour, and a small number of quandongs (*Santalum acuminatum*) and christmas trees (*Nuytsia floribunda*) will also be available.

Other favourites include the showy banksia (*Banksia speciosa*) and the woolly orange banksia (*Banksia victoriana*).

Eucalyptus brandiana is excellent in a pot and *Grevillea obtusifolia* is a colourful ground cover.

Go to the Friends website to check out the list of plants available and then head along to the sale and see for yourself.

The sale will run from 8.30am to noon at the exhibition ground off Fraser Avenue, and funds raised will support projects and research in King's Park.



Scaevola Midnight



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Pedal and push power ... Kate Main and Richard Ledger with Scotch College students Ryan Shine, Chase Fenton and Finn Harold. Photo: Billie Fairclough

Peddling pedal-power for our schools

Claremont councillor Kate Main liked the sight of pushbikes at Scotch College.

The Swanbourne school was having its fourth ride-to-school day and dozens of boys took up the challenge.

Ms Main is pushing for all western suburb schools to be in a national ride-to-school day on March 23.

Scotch middle-school head Richard Ledger said students were invited to get to school under their own steam on two consecutive days.

"They get raffle tickets for prizes and the class with the most bikes is acknowledged," Mr Ledger said.

"It promotes getting to school independently, but also helps to relieve congestion.

"The highlight is the end of the day, when boys tend to ride home together."

Up to 70 students at a time have joined in the initiative in past years.

Ryan Shine and Finn Harold are both in Year 7 and live in Cottesloe.

"We usually leave by 7.30am and

get to school by 8.15," Ryan said.

Ms Main said she was a member of Perth2Port Bike & Walk, a group of councillors from Nedlands to Fremantle.

"One of our initiatives is to encourage students to ride, walk or catch public transport to school and university," she said.

"An option for smaller kids is mum dropping them near a school and they can walk or ride the rest of the way.

"If kids are dropped at a train station they can get to all our private schools without having to cross a road."

"Can we make an impact on peak hour on March 23?"

Ms Main said MLC, PLC, Christ Church Grammar School, Scotch College, Freshwater Bay PS, Swanbourne PS, North Cottesloe PS, Cottesloe PS, Hollywood PS, Beehive Montessori School and Nedlands PS had all signed up to be part of ride-to-school day.

Other schools can contact Ms Main at kmain@claremont.wa.gov.au.



Hannah Tarrant

Turn over a new leaf for well-being

Nedlands Community Care is planning a community gardening club and is kicking things off with a talk on March 13 to gauge interest.

University of Notre Dame honours graduate Hannah Tarrant will present her findings in Digging Deeper: The Impact of Gardening on Wellbeing.

She will highlight how planting, pruning and weeding are beneficial to well-being, even beyond the physical and social aspects.

Nedlands landscape park supervisor Vicki Liddington will be on hand to provide tips and advice as well as to answer any gardening questions.

The aim of the community gardening club will be to share expertise, exchange plants and learn more about different species, coached by experts.

The session on Tuesday will be from 1.30 to 3.30pm, afternoon tea will be provided – \$5 for Nedlands Affinity Club members and \$7 for non-members.

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