

PRACTITIONER PRESENTATION

How to Build a Possum Bridge!

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Abstract

This presentation follows the building of the Gumnut Reserve possum bridge in Dawesville, south Mandurah in 2017/18. It will give lots of advice (what worked and what didn't), management information (who does what, when) and progress forms used, monitoring the build process, fauna monitoring and eco marketing.

- Start with where and why?
- Get your partners engaged
- Engage your community & start monitoring
- Get an idea of costs & grants available
- Finalise design and costs
- Getting the grant
- Building your bridge
- Opening & monitoring usage
- Eco tourism & marketing your bridge

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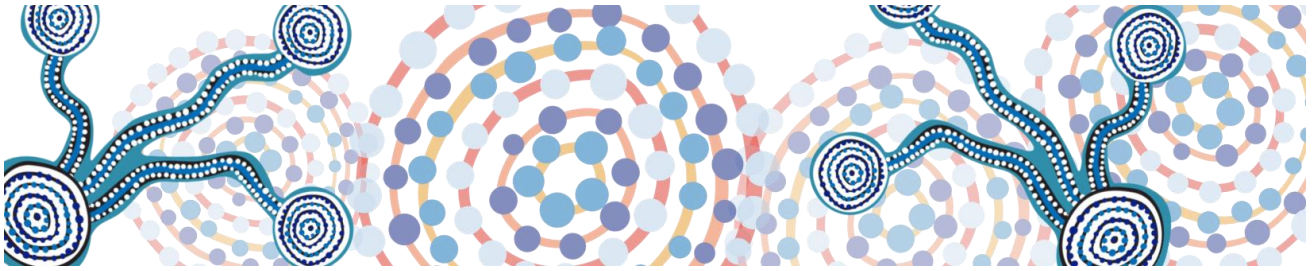
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Speaker Profile

Mel Horton is from the UK and took over the Chairperson role of Bouvard Coastcare Group (BCCG) in 2017 - even though she knew absolutely nothing about coastal dunal systems and had a very limited knowledge of Aussie flora and fauna. However, as a retired company director and IT project manager she knows a thing or two about projects, management & marketing and has steered the group to become a recognized, respected, environmental, registered, not for profit organisation with significant community interest.

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