

Green-thumbed guru to deliver Serventy lecture

Gardeners lay an important role in creating corridors for wildlife in urban areas.

More than ever, backyards and small council parks will be vital boltholes for many species to breed, feed and play.

Even the smallest space can offer something back to nature and help bring biodiversity into city spaces.

Join master gardener, horticultural expert, radio presenter and writer Sabrina Hahn as she delivers the WA Naturalists' Club's 2021 Serventy Memorial Lecture on Tuesday April 20.

Don't miss this fun and fascinating evening with Sabrina as she shares her passion for the creation of sustainable environments in our cities and discussing how green spaces in urban areas play a vital role in returning biodiversity into cities and improving people's physical and mental well-being.

Sabrina has a scientific background in horticulture, soil science, entomology and botany.

She also leads Mediterranean garden tours, works with indigenous communities in the Kimberley to create kitchen and bush food gardens, has been awarded life membership of the Nursery and Garden Industry of WA and has been nominated for Australian of the Year.

The Serventy Memorial Lecture commemorates the contribution by the Serventy family to the WA Naturalists' Club.

This event is the main source



Sabrina Hahn will share her passion for sustainable environments when she delivers the Serventy Memorial Lecture next month.

of funding for the Serventy Memorial Prizes awarded annually at the four WA universities to assist and encourage young people in the study of natural history.

The lecture will be held on April 20 at 7.30pm at the Social Sciences Lecture Theatre on the UWA Crawley campus.

Tickets are \$20 and, with limited seating available, it is recommended that tickets are bought time from Eventbrite.

Remaining tickets, if available, can be bought at the door on the night.

For links to ticket purchase and further information go to wanaturalists.org.au.



Professor Kevin Kenneally presents his acceptance speech at the Australian Wildlife Society lunch at the NSW Parliament.

Accolade for WA wildlife warrior

His research has focused on the Kimberley

Kimberley Society.

He has also been the president of the WA Gould League at the Herdsman Lake Wildlife Centre for more than 35 years.

He was the inaugural scientific director of the multidisciplinary Landscape Expeditions program that provided volunteers with the opportunity to be involved in hands-on wildlife research led by Australian and overseas scientists.

Over 17 years, the citizen science program involved more than 1000 volunteers and raised \$2million for wildlife research.

Kevin's interests are in collaborative projects that build long-term relationships that benefit communities.

The president of the Australian Wildlife Society, Associate Professor Julie Old, said: "The prestigious Serventy Conservation Award was inaugurated in 1999 to commemorate the outstanding

conservation work by the Serventy family members.

"Each member of the Serventy family has given a lifetime of commitment to Australia's wildlife conservation.

"The award is intended to recognise those who labour in the field for a love of nature and a determination that it should be conserved.

"For such an outstanding lifelong contribution to wildlife conservation, science, and education, Kevin is a worthy recipient of the Serventy Award."

The Australian Wildlife Society, formed in 1909, is a national not-for-profit wildlife conservation organisation.

Its mission is to conserve Australia's unique wildlife through national environmental education, public awareness, advocacy, and community involvement.



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Extra energy incentive for Mermaids' P2P challenge

Swim team the MCC Mermaids will be tackling their first Port To Pub (P2P) with more than 1200 other swimmers on Saturday.

Kerrie Youngs, Helen Astill, Janine Barrow, Kiersten Gregg and Gillian Starling, all working mums with young families, will swim the 19.6km from Leighton to Rottnest Island to compete in the annual event.

What makes the mermaids' swim special is that it will be carbon neutral.

They will be calculating the emissions they generate for the event and offsetting them by buying carbon credits (CO₂ equivalent) by planting/protecting WA forests.

They will calculate their emissions from travel to the event, vessel fuel while swimming, return ferry and food and water during the event.

The Mermaids want everyone to share and inspire others with their swim.

"It is great to know that doing the swim is good for me, the community, environment and our future" Kerrie, sustainability lead at MCC, environment and sustainability specialists, said.

Although detailed calculations will be finalised after the race is completed, it is likely to be less than 0.5 tonnes of CO₂ per swimmer.

Carbon Neutral's Biodiverse Reforestation Carbon Offsets project is restoring 13,000ha of rural landscape in WA.

MCC Environmental, which is sponsoring the Mermaids, help organisations to become more sustainable. This includes looking at opportunities to reduce emissions and identifying ways to reduce them.

MCC will work with P2P in the future to ensure it continues to be a sustainable event that looks at ways to protect the marine environment all the swimmers love so much.

More at www.mccenvironmental.com.au