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NEWSLETTER OF THE MUNDARING AND
KALAMUNDA FRIENDS GROUPS AND EASTERN
HILLS CATCHMENT GROUPS

April 2010

THIS MONTH

- Sustainable Communities Competition
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SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES COMPETITION

The Sustainable Communities Competition, sponsored by Solahart and SunPower, is an exciting community program running as part of the Perth Solar City program which aims to encourage environmentally sustainable practices in Perth's Eastern Region. The competition brings groups of people together to nominate their community group as the "Most Sustainable Community" in Perth's Eastern Region.

You can nominate any group of people such as a street, part of a street, group of friends, club or association for the Most Sustainable Community Award. By participating in this competition, each member of your community group will go into the draw to win a fully installed SunPower 1.2kW solar photovoltaic (PV) system for their home valued at \$9,500*.

Your community group will also be in the running to win a fully installed SunPower 2.1kW solar PV system valued at \$16,000* to be installed on your nominated community facility. The winning community group will also receive prizes such as energy efficiency packs, premium quality mulch and sustainability bragging rights!

*Prices include GST, before government rebates. Prize includes installation and inverter.

For more information about the Sustainable Communities Competition and to learn about the exciting discounts being offered to people in Perth's Eastern Region by Solahart and SunPower, talk to the friendly staff occupying the Sustainable Communities marquee at the following events as part of the Perth Autumn Festival:

- Discover the Treasures of the Hills - Mundaring - Sunday 11 April
- Cycle the Trails of the Hills - Mundaring - Sunday 18 April
- Altone Comes Alive - Altone Park Leisure Centre - Saturday 24 April

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Sustainable Communities
Competition Marquee at Belmont
Autumn River Festival, Garvey Park



Revegetation works at Swan View
Primary School

SWAN VIEW PRIMARY SCHOOL NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The Swan View Primary School Weed Eradication and Enhancement Project aimed to rehabilitate the native vegetation; carry out weed control and improve the water quality of Woodbridge Creek for the benefit of the students and the wider community. The project goals were to undertake weed control to create vegetation links with remaining bushland; to reduce the weed burden from the creek upstream and to revegetate riparian areas with the participation of Westpac Volunteers, the school's Environmental Co-ordinator, students from Swan View Primary School and the Eastern Hills Landcare staff. This was carried out successfully from 2007-2010.

The school is seeking corporate sponsorship to continue this highly successful landcare project into the future. If you are a corporate body who is interested in sponsoring the Swan View Primary School Weed Eradication and Enhancement Project please call EMRC NRM Officer Craig Chaudhry on 9424 2245.

Wildflower Society of WA Inc.

Eastern Hills Branch

Presents

BRIAN MOYLE

On

**MT MANNING NATURE RESERVE
- AN UNFOLDING TRAGEDY**

When: Friday, 23rd April 2010 at 7.30 pm

Where: Octagonal Hall
McGlew Road, Glen Forrest

Cost: \$2 (members and non members)

Cost covers tea, coffee and the chance to
win a door prize

VISITORS WELCOME

For more information telephone:
9295 4249 or 9294 1044

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ANNUAL PLANT SALE

When: Saturday, 8th May 2010

9.00 am - 2.00 pm

Where: Octagonal Hall

McGlew Road, Glen Forrest

***Hundreds of native plants suitable for
Hills / Metro gardens***

Most plants \$1.50 - \$5.00

Seeds & Books also for sale.

Refreshments will be available.

ALL WELCOME

For more information telephone:
9295 4249 or 9294 1044

The Darling Range Naturalists Club

Presents

Mark Skeels

on

**“Wildlife - the Australian Customs
Perspective”**

When: Friday, 9th April 2010

7.30 pm

Where: CWA Hall
Central Road, Kalamunda

VISITORS WELCOME

For more information, please telephone:
9293 1676 or 9294 1044

**The Western Australian
Herbarium is updating its
sequence and arrangement of
collections**

As part of the move to a new Biodiversity Science Centre, the [Western Australian Herbarium](http://www.westernaustralianherbarium.org.au/) is rearranging its vascular plant collections. The [new systematic sequence](#) is largely based on the phylogeny of the [Angiosperm Phylogeny Group \(APGIII\)](#), a global collaborative effort to better understand the relationships of plant groups.

The changes reflect the vastly improved modern knowledge of flowering plant relationships resulting from the APGIII project and other taxonomic work around the world. The previous arrangement of families at the Herbarium, based on the Engler and Prantl sequence of 1905, had been in use since the time of Charles Gardner, and was becoming increasingly out of step with this modern understanding.

More information can be found at:

[http://florabase.calm.wa.gov.au/articles/
sequence/](http://florabase.calm.wa.gov.au/articles/sequence/)



BUSH SKILLS FOR THE HILLS WORKSHOPS

Free Movie Series 'Thin Green Line'

Date: Wednesday 28th April 2010

Time: 7.00 - 9.00 pm

Venue: Kalamunda Performing Arts Centre
48 Canning Road, Kalamunda

In some of the world's most breathtaking protected areas, share this behind the scenes, unique and very personal view of men and women of the Thin Green Line as they talk to one of their own. You'll experience their world as a ranger talking to rangers. Go side-by-side on patrol; experience their sacrifice, dedication, passion, fears, joys, exhilaration, love, despair, anguish... and hope. The daily fight to preserve our tomorrow - much more than a job.

Noongar Booja Cultural Walk

Date: Saturday 15th May 2010

Time: 9.30 am - 1.00 pm

Venue: Meet at John Forrest National Park

Come and experience a day out with Noongar guides with knowledge of country. Be immersed in the natural bushland as well as hear stories of the plants and animals and how Noongars interacted with the natural environment. You will learn about traditional Noongar cultural ways and see some of the most important plant species that are a source of food as well as medicine.

To register please call Joanne Woodbridge on (08) 9424 2216 or email :

joanne.woodbridge@emrc.org.au

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- Glen Forrest Sustainable Movie Showing - Opposite the Soul Tree Cafe, Glen Forrest - Friday 23 April
- Movie Showing - Kalamunda Performing Arts Centre - Wednesday 28 April
- Movie Showing - Kalamunda Performing Arts Centre - Tuesday 25 May

To enter the Sustainable Communities Competition simply download the entry form on the [EMRC website](#), print and complete the form and return it to the address below:

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES COMPETITION
Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council
PO Box 234
Belmont WA 6984

The competition closes on **Friday 28 May 2010**.

For more information call 1300 993268 or email info@perthsolarcity.com.au. Further information about "getting involved" in your area, including the Sustainable Communities Competition, can be found on the Perth Solar City website:

<http://www.perthsolarcity.com.au/get-involved/>



Brian and Friends...



"Do you see the Snipe?"
Twitching at Lake Leschenaultia

Living with Frogs, Birds & Snakes - A Wonderful Workshop!

On Saturday 27th March, nearly 50 people gathered along the shore of Lake Leschenaultia to enjoy a workshop bringing people and nature closer together - much closer!

The day was divided into three information sessions covering Snakes, Frogs and Birds, with useful information on habitat, identification and some hands-on experience, for those willing to have a go.

The weather wasn't always kind, but the food was great and the presenters did a terrific job. Everyone who attended went home with some new and useful information and a story (or two) to tell.



Kids 'n' snakes!
Reptile handling at Lake Leschenaultia



Bob - just hangin'!



CATCHMENT GROUP MEETINGS

Blackadder-Woodbridge Catchment Group Incorporated

7.30 pm

Tuesday 20 April 2010

Midland Landcare Centre
Unit 23, 8-12 Stafford Street
Midland (ERBEAC Building)

Contact Shenaye Mehmet on
9424 2264 or email:

shenaye.mehmet@emrc.org.au

Jane Brook Catchment Group Incorporated

7.30 pm

Thursday 22 April 2010

Parkerville Fire Station,
Riley Road, Parkerville.

Contact Shenaye Mehmet on
9424 2264 or email:

shenaye.mehmet@emrc.org.au

Susannah Brook Catchment Group Incorporated

7.15 pm

Thursday 8 April 2010

Giddegannup Landcare Centre,
Giddegannup Showgrounds,
Toodyay Rd, Giddegannup.

Contact Karen Warner on
9424 2242 or email:

karen.warner@emrc.org.au

Wooroloo Brook Land Conservation District Committee

7.15 pm

Thursday 15 April 2010

Giddegannup Landcare Centre,
Giddegannup Showgrounds,
Toodyay Rd, Giddegannup

Contact Shenaye Mehmet for
more information on
9424 2264 or email:

shenaye.mehmet@emrc.org.au

Helena River Catchment Group Incorporated

7.00 pm

Monday 19 April 2010

Octagonal Hall,
McGlew Road, Glen Forrest.

Contact Craig Chaudhry on
9424 2245 or email;

craig.chaudhry@emrc.org.au

Friends of Piesse Brook

7.15 pm

Wednesday 15 April 2010

215 Hummerston Road,
Piesse Brook

Contact Craig Chaudhry for more
information on

9424 2245 or email;

craig.chaudhry@emrc.org.au

FRIENDS OF PIESSE BROOK

Busy Bee Day in the Park

When: 8.00 am Sunday 18th April 2010

Where: Piesse Brook,

Kalamunda National Park Gate entrance via Schipp Road

Contact Craig Chaudhry on 9424 2245 or email: craig.chaudhry@emrc.org.au



BIG TREE REGISTER

Is there an especially big tree in your local reserve? The National Register of Big Trees began in 2009. Anyone can nominate and measure a tree, simply go to:

www.nationalregisterofbigtrees.com.au

Fungi Results are in...

In July 2009, as part of the Bush Skills for the Hills series, the Perth Urban Bushland Fungi Project (PUBF) teamed up with eastern hills volunteers to undertake a small fungi survey in John forest National Park.

Although conditions were a bit dry, 84 fungi were recorded, comprising 49 different species. The majority of the fungi found were decomposer species. There were also lots of micorrhizal fungi recorded. This type of fungi form networks with roots of plants in a symbiotic relationship. The fungi greatly increase the surface area for the uptake of water and nutrients to the plant. The plant gives sugars to the fungi in exchange. Fungi are also an important food source for our native animals. This linkage is why it is important to remember the 3F's in bushland management – Flora, Fauna and Fungi.

For further information visit <http://www.fungiperth.org.au>



Free *Earth Carers* training course!

Practical ways to reduce waste...and spread the word.

If you've ever wondered about how your waste is managed and what you can do to reduce waste, then this course is for you!

The free Earth Carers training course conducted in Perth's Eastern Region consists of five sessions over three weeks on practical ways to minimise waste in our daily lives, current information on waste management, tours, green cleaning, composting and worm farming demonstrations, tips to encourage others to reduce waste and more. Be prepared to be shocked, fascinated, frustrated and inspired!

The next course begins on Wednesday, 12 May 2010.

For further information, please contact Gabrielle Grime, EMRC Waste Education Coordinator: (08) 9424 2256 or gabrielle.grime@emrc.org.au

Free *composting and worm farm workshops!*

FOR

International Composting Awareness Week (ICAW) 2 to 8 May 2010

Tuesday 4 May (1.30pm – 3.30pm)

Harmony Community Garden, (part of garden launch celebrations)
Gowrie Community Centre - 227 Abernethy Road, Cloverdale

Friday 7 May (10.00am – 12.00pm)

Environment House - 125 King William St, Bayswater
(next to the Bird Sanctuary)

Saturday 8 May (10.30am – 12.30pm)

Ellenbrook Library (front outdoors area) - 90 Main St, Ellenbrook
(parking available off Library Ave)

Bookings are essential for all events.

To reserve your place please **call 9424 2222** or email: mail@rgang.org.au



Information on the Internet



Find Green Money ...funding available in Australia

The Australian Federal Government, individual States, Local Councils, and non-government organisations offer grants, subsidies, loans, rebates, etc to assist individuals and groups to reduce their environmental impact and to actively improve environmental conditions. A wide range of funding opportunities is on offer for specific energy and water saving products and services as well as for environmental management strategies and educational programmes.

On this website you can search for:

- Funds by location (e.g. Western Australia)
- Funds by topic (e.g. biodiversity; catchments)
- Facts in a Nutshell (e.g. ceiling insulation; grey water in the garden)

For more information, go to: <http://www.findgreenmoney.com.au/>

Information taken from Find Green Money website.



National Rainwater and Greywater Initiative

As part of the \$12.9 billion *Water for the Future* plan, the Government is delivering the \$250 million [National Rainwater and Greywater Initiative](#) to help people use water wisely in their everyday lives.

The Australian Government is providing rebates for households to install rainwater tanks or greywater systems.

Rebates of up to \$500 are available to households for either:

- The purchase and installation of a new rainwater tank which is connected for internal reuse of the water for toilet and/or laundry use; or
- The purchase and installation of a permanent greywater treatment system.

For more information, go to:

<http://www.environment.gov.au/water/programs/nrgi/index.html>

Information taken from Australian Government water website.



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Small Farms Expo - Agricultural Show

This event is the one-stop-shop for small landholders, livestock enterprises and boutique agricultural producers. The Small Landholder Information Service will be on hand to provide advice on property management: pest and weed control, fertilisers, pastures, trees, fencing. On display will be tractors and farm equipment; solutions for water management including fire fighting equipment. There will also be supplies and equipment for farm animals: horses, alpacas, sheep, goats, cattle and anything in between.

**Lilac Hill Park, West Swan Road, Guildford
10th April 2010**

Event Contact: Michelle Bollom

Event Contact Number: 93652609

Event Cost: \$10 Adults \$5 Children

Email: michelle.bollom@ruralpress.com

Is your school doing something wonderful? Let us know about it!

The Sustainable Cities awards program recognises community organisations, schools, businesses and local government agencies that are active in their communities and are making valuable contributions towards environmental sustainability.

The application requires a maximum of 500 words about contributions a project or student is making towards environmental sustainability at your school.

Entries close 1 May, 2010.



For more information visit www.kabc.wa.gov.au
or contact Tarryn Truscott on 6467 5547
or tarryn.truscott@dec.wa.gov.au



Department of Environment and Conservation
Waste Authority



BIODIVERSITY IN YOUR BACKYARD - MEET YOUR SPOOKY NEIGHBOURS!



Q: What goes bump in the night, is the size of a small mouse, but is much spookier?

A: Microbats

Did you know that there are bats flying around after dark in Perth? You may never see them but they're there! Microbats are no bigger than a mouse but are an important part of the natural biodiversity of the south-west of Western Australia.

Be a part of 2010 International Year of Biodiversity and come to Perth Zoo to learn about microbats from local bat expert *Joe Tonga*. Then build your own bat box to provide much needed homes for the microbats of Perth.

By the end of the day you'll know so much about these elusive nocturnal creatures and have a place for them to call home in your backyard. Don't be afraid, these microbats will never turn into vampires!

DATES Thursday 8 April 2010 or
Thursday 8 July 2010 or
Thursday 30 September 2010

TIMES Morning Session – 9:00 am–1:00 pm
Afternoon Session – 1:30 pm–5:30 pm
(only available if morning is fully booked)

COST \$165 for one participant to make a bat box. Additional participants or family members are welcome to attend at a cost of \$20 (maximum 3 additional attendees per bat box made).

Numbers are limited so get in quick. For more information call 08 9474 0365 or visit www.perthzoo.wa.gov.au where you can download a registration form.



Community Events

SHIRE OF MUNDARING

For more events happening in Perth's Eastern Region, please go to the Perth Tourism web-site events page at: <http://www.perthtourism.com.au/event-main-site.html>

Treasure Hunt - Sunday 11 April 2010

Put on your walking shoes for a family adventure of fun and discovery as you explore the village of Mundaring whilst participating in exciting activities. There will be live music, entertainment, food and beverage outlets, and plenty of activities for the whole family to enjoy.

Venue: Mundaring Visitor Centre, 7225 Great Eastern Highway, Mundaring

Observing the Human Form Exhibition - 16 April to 2 May 2010

Major visual arts exhibition focussing on the human body. Entry is free.

Venue: Midland Junction Arts Centre, Cnr Great Eastern Highway and Cale St, Midvale

Cycle Trails of the Hills - Sunday 18 April 2010

The Munda Biddi Trail Foundation has teamed up with the Shire of Mundaring to bring you Cycle the Trails of the Hills as part of the Perth Autumn Festival. Bring your own bike or hire one on site, and experience bush cycling in the Perth Hills in a fun and supportive environment. Please note that even though this is a free event you will still need to register. For more information, visit: www.mundabiddi.org.au or call 9481 2483.

Venue: Munda Biddi Trail, Sculpture Park, Jacoby Street, Mundaring

Mundaring Community Gardens



More than just a veggie patch

Open public meeting

7pm– 9pm
Thursday 8 April 2010
Shire of Mundaring Civic Reception Room
7000 Great Eastern Hwy Mundaring

A Community Garden is a shared place where people meet and create gardens, share and learn skills, get active and develop a sense of community and belonging.

Following the interest of several local community groups to develop community gardens within the Shire, an open information evening is being conducted in partnership with local Permaculture students.

Come along and:

- Find out what community gardens are all about
- Ask questions and make comments
- Find out how to be involved in community gardens
- Register your interest for more information

For more information or to advise of access requirements, please contact the Shire on 9290 6682 or email scss@mundaring.wa.gov.au

An online survey about community gardens in the Shire of Mundaring is available at <http://tinyurl.com/yafceho>



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