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

MARCH 2009

THIS MONTH

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2009 SALP PRESENTATION

The Eastern Hills Community, assisted by the Eastern Hills Catchment Management Program (EHCMP), has received the highest quantity of Swan Alcoa Landcare Program (SALP) funding ever.

The Eastern Hills Catchment Management Program (EHCMP) is a partnership natural resource management (NRM) project between the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council (EMRC), City of Swan, Shires of Kalamunda and Mundaring, Perth Region NRM Inc. (previously Swan Catchment Council) and the Swan River Trust.

In 2009 the Eastern Hills NRM sub-region has received more funding for the east sub-region than in any previous year - \$228,000 in SALP funds. The funds will be distributed to 15 groups for 23 projects to cover 35 separate sites in Swan, Kalamunda and Mundaring.

The total cost of all projects, including SALP funding and contributions for the Eastern Hills Community is over \$373,000. Hence the Eastern Hills Community is contributing a massive \$191,000. This contribution is mostly made up of volunteer labour, access to equipment and cash.

EHCMP officers provided technical, project management or funding application advice on over 20 projects. Projects ranged in size from \$1,180 to \$61,263 and focused largely on bushland management and river restoration activities.

The 2009 SALP celebration breakfast was held in late February, where cheques were handed to successful community groups, and marks the start of another busy year of on-ground activities for the Eastern Hills



2009 SALP Recipients

All SALP presentation photos courtesy of Perth Region NRM Inc.

Wildflower Society of WA Inc.

Eastern Hills Branch

Presents

Kevin Thiele

On

Dryandras/Banksias

When: Friday 27 March 2009

Doors open 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 9298 8645

Wildflower Society of WA Inc.

Darling Range Branch

Presents

Eric McCrum

*Barking Up the Right Tree—
Fascinating Structure and
Form of Native Plants*

When: Tuesday 24 March 2009
7.30 pm for 7.45 pm start

Where: Country Women's Association
(CWA) Hall
22 Central Rd, Kalamunda
Parking off Central Rd, 100m from
Mead St intersection.

Cost: \$2 (members) \$3 (non members)

Door Prize: Kindly donated by Zanthorrea Nursery

Refreshments available before the talk

ALL WELCOME

For more information telephone:

Joan Francis (President): (08) 9359 3670

Debbie Scrivener (Secretary): (08) 9296 1515

The Darling Range Naturalists Club

Presents

2009 Serventy Memorial Lecture

WA: A Cornucopia of Biological Wonders

By Professor Lyn Beazley

A Professor in zoology at the University of Western Australia, professor Beazley is passionate about science as an inspiration for education, translation and communication. Her research has encompassed brain damage recovery; colour vision in Australian marsupials and stem cell research and she has served on state, national and international advisory bodies. In 2006 she was appointed as the Chief Scientist of WA.

The Serventy Memorial was established in 1989 to commemorate the contribution of the Serventy family to the WA Naturalists' Club and to encourage and assist young people in the field of natural history. The lecture is a fund-raising activity to provide Serventy Memorial Prizes for students.

WHEN: Wednesday 11 March 2009

WHERE: Alexander Library, Lecture Theatre,
Perth (car park available underneath)

COST: Adults \$15 Students \$10

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Friends of Kings Park Plant Sale

The next Friends of Kings Park plant sale will be held on **Sunday 15 March** from **8.30 am till 12.00 noon** and will be located opposite the old display glasshouses off Fraser Avenue (follow the signs on Fraser Ave). The Friends will have approximately 11,000 plants for sale.

Plants available for sale include: Banksias, Grevilleas, small Mallee Eucalypts; a selection of compact plants from the Hypocalymma, Thomasia, Thryptomene and Verticordia genera and favourites from the Acacia, Adenanthos, Lechenaultia and Darwinia genera. A range of interesting declared rare species will also be on offer as well as 10 species not previously offered for sale. Plants will range from \$3.00 or \$6.00 with some bargains marked down to \$3.00 and \$2.00. Advice on planting and looking after your plants will also be available on the day.

More information and a plant sale list can be found at:

[http://www.bgpa.wa.gov.au/o/component/
option=com_eventlist/Itemid,48/func.details/did,257/](http://www.bgpa.wa.gov.au/o/component?option=com_eventlist/Itemid,48/func.details/did,257/)

or contact the Friends office on (+61 8) 9480 3643 or via email friendskp@bgpa.wa.gov.au

The plant sale helps fund conservation research and special projects in Kings Park.



BUSH SKILLS FOR THE HILLS WORKSHOPS

Chidlow Fauna Trail

Date: Sunday 3rd May 2009

Time: 10.30 am - 7.30 pm

Venues: Chidlow Marsupial Hospital
Chidlow Hall
Karakamia Sanctuary

Multiple activities will be held over the day focusing on our unique hills fauna. You can attend all four activities or select which ones you prefer. Activities to choose from include: a behind the scenes look at the marsupial hospital, a talk about freaky fauna facts, a radio tracking activity and a night stalk.

Bushland Safety

Date: Saturday 23rd May 2009

Time: Session 1: 9.30 am - 12.00 pm
Lunch 12.00 - 1.00 pm
Session 2: 1.00 pm - 3.30 pm

Venue: Scout Hall
Ledger Road Reserve
Gooseberry Hill

The morning session provides an opportunity for volunteers and group leaders to discuss safety issues. If you have any questions, concerns or need some advice you should attend. The afternoon session will include a "hands on" safety component for those who have previously completed a safety induction. You can attend one or both sessions.

To register please call Roberta Circosta at the EMRC on (08) 9424 2216 or email :

roberta.circosta@emrc.org.au

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Conservation Week 2009 – Connecting Community and the Environment

When: March 28 – April 5 2009

Where: Statewide

Conservation Week is back in 2009!

Conservation Week is the largest community focused environment event in WA that celebrates our unique environment and promotes awareness and action towards a sustainable future.

Conservation Week aims to connect the community and the environment as well as celebrate the work of conservation organisations, community groups and individuals across the state.

Community groups, environment organisations, schools, local businesses and individuals are invited to participate by registering an event already happening during the week or consider organising a special event to communicate the importance of the environment to host during the week.

It's a great opportunity to showcase the fantastic work being done to protect the environment in your local community.

To find out how to get involved visit www.conservationwa.asn.au or contact Jessie Cochrane on (08) 9420 7266 or email clo@conservationwa.asn.au

FESTIVAL OF THE TREES

Sunday 29 March 2009

10.00 am – 4.00 pm

Men of the Trees (MOTT)

**St Barbe Grove, Lot 2 Stirling Cres
Hazelmere (Cnr. Amherst Rd)
Gold Coin Entry**

Displays include:

Great Gardens/Heavenly Hectares

- Magic of native plants
- Developing sustainable hobby farms
- Drought proofing your property
- Mulch and water wise irrigation

MOTT Reveg Team - planting the trees of life

Barrie Oldfield/Swan TAFE- Fast Composting

MOTT and Whiteman Park - Children's Forest at Whiteman Park

For more information or to register a stall call 9250 1888 or email

contact@menofthetrees.com.au

CATCHMENT GROUP MEETINGS

Blackadder-Woodbridge Catchment Group Incorporated

7.30 pm Tuesday 31 March 2009

Midland Landcare Centre
Unit 23, 8-12 Stafford Street
Midland.

Contact Sonya Stewart on
9424 2238 or email;

sonya.stewart@emrc.org.au

Helena River Catchment Group

7.00 pm Monday 20 April 2009

Octagonal Hall,
McGlew Road,
Glen Forrest.

Contact Craig Chaudhry on
9424 2245 or email;

craig.chaudhry@emrc.org.au

Wooroloo Brook Land Conservation District Committee

7.00 pm Thursday 23rd April 2009

Gidgegannup Landcare Centre,
Gidgegannup Showgrounds,
Toodyay Road.

Contact Shenaye Mehmet on
(08) 9424 2264 or email:

shenaye.mehmet@emrc.org.au

Jane Brook Catchment Group Incorporated

7.30 pm Thursday 23 April 2009

Parkerville Fire Station,
Riley Road, Parkerville.

Contact Craig Chaudhry on
9424 2245 or email;

craig.chaudhry@emrc.org.au

Susannah Brook Catchment Group Incorporated

7.15 pm Thursday 9 April 2009

Gidgegannup Landcare Centre,
Gidgegannup Showgrounds,
Toodyay Rd, Gidgegannup.

Contact Stephen Lloyd on
9424 2242 or email;

stephen.lloyd@emrc.org.au

Rocky Gully Catchment Group

To Be Advised



Draft Swan - Canning Water Quality Improvement Plan - Invitation for Public Comment

The Swan Canning Water Quality Improvement Plan (SC WQIP) has been released for public comment. The document can be accessed at the following link:

[http://portal.environment.wa.gov.au/portal/page?
_pageid=973,8045884&dad=portal&schema=PORTAL](http://portal.environment.wa.gov.au/portal/page?_pageid=973,8045884&dad=portal&schema=PORTAL)

Hard copies or CD's are available by contacting the Swan River Trust on:

Telephone (8am-5pm weekdays): (08) 9278 0900

Fax number: (08) 9325 7149

Email: info@swanrivertrust.wa.gov.au

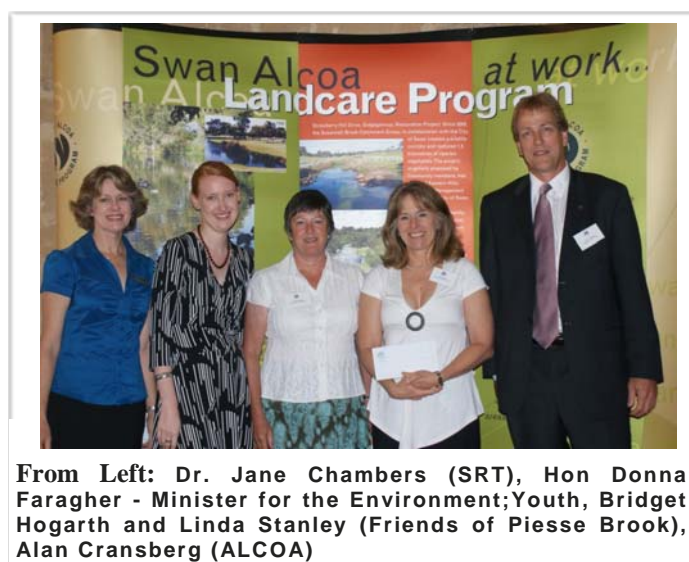


Comments are invited until 17 April 2009.

SALP Photos



From Left: June Chambers (Friends of Boya Trail), Dr. Jane Chambers (SRT), Hon Donna Faragher - Minister for the Environment; Youth, Alan Prouse (Friends of Boya Trail), Alan Cransberg (ALCOA)



From Left: Dr. Jane Chambers (SRT), Hon Donna Faragher - Minister for the Environment; Youth, Bridget Hogarth and Linda Stanley (Friends of Piesse Brook), Alan Cransberg (ALCOA)

SHIRE OF MUNDARING DRAFT PRIVATE LAND CONSERVATION STRATEGY



The Shire of Mundaring has recently completed a Draft Private Land Conservation Strategy which is available for Public Comment.

This strategy outlines a number of proposals to be considered by Council which would further support landowners to actively manage bushland on their properties. This document is designed to encourage practical conservation actions on land held under private ownership and to increase vegetation protection and management within the Shire.

A copy of the strategy will be available from the Shire's Website www.mundaring.wa.gov.au from Monday 16th March and for viewing at the Shire Libraries or Administration Office.

For further information, contact Toni Burbidge, Environmental Officer on 9290 6666. Submissions may be addressed to The Environmental Officer C/- Shire of Mundaring, 7000 Great Eastern Highway, Mundaring WA 6073.

Submissions Close 24 April 2009.



Wooroloo Brook LCDC Landcare Breakfast

Celebrating 20 years of Landcare in 2009, the Wooroloo Brook LCDC is holding its annual Landcare breakfast on **Sunday 5th April** at the Darlington Estate Winery, commencing at **9.00 am**.

Darlington Estate Winery is located at 1495 Nelson Road Darlington. It is a tranquil setting with stunning valley views.

This year the key note speaker is Dr Wil Stock, Professor of the Department of Environmental Management at Edith Cowan University. Dr Stock will discuss the synergies and differences in nature conservation in South Africa and Western Australia.

Breakfast will be subsidised by the WBLCDC at \$20 each and numbers are limited to 45 people.

If you wish to attend this event, please contact Ron or Kerry Bywater on 9573 6696.

Society for Ecological Restoration (SER) International 2009 World Conference

The SER International 2009 Conference on ecological restoration is to be held in Perth 23-27 August 2009. For individuals interested in attending, registration is now open! Please visit: <http://www.seri2009.com.au/pages/registration.html> for details and the registration form.

Early-bird registration: 15 May 2009 (midnight, Australian WST).

For registration queries, please email the Conference Secretariat: eecw@eecw.com.au.

For further conference information, please email the Conference Organising Committee: seri2009@bqpa.wa.gov.au, or visit <http://www.seri2009.com.au>.

LOCAL BUSHFIRE MANAGEMENT

Over the course of the week commencing on the 16th February a crack team of environmental volunteers from Conservation Volunteers Australia (CVA) were teamed up with members from the Rangers Fire Protection crew to reduce the existing fuel loads present along sections of the Railway Heritage Trail Reserve. The works gang was further supplemented with eager community members from the Friends of the Railway Reserve and the Kalamunda Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service.



The Conservation Volunteers Australia Team

Following the devastating chain of events that culminated in the Victorian bushfire tragedy the relevance of undertaking measures to mitigate bushfire risk locally was not lost on either the volunteers or members of the local community. All parties were delighted with the results of the week long work marathon.

The team of fire wardens in-training fronted by the Shire Rangers on the tools worked tirelessly to remove the standing dead parrot bushes and woody wattle invaders from the eastern states which hinder revegetation efforts throughout the Shire and increase existing fuel loading in the reserves.

A bushland reserve which is well maintained and kept relatively free of invasive weeds species represents a much lower fire risk than that one which is heavily degraded and is infested with grass weeds. It also costs less to maintain as the appearance of new weed infestations is limited over time. The need for retaining habitat for our endemic fauna, in an identified wildlife corridor, was suitably addressed with many hollow logs being retained on site to act as dens and stable dead trees were identified as habitat trees and intentionally left to form perches and nesting hollows for our avian friends. The next step in the restoration of the reserves is to continue to provide support to the actions of the Friends group to plant suitable understorey species and undertake weed control activities to allow the understorey layer to regenerate.

During the course of the week it became apparent that some local residents have been leaving green waste, generated from gardening activities, upon the Railway Reserve. This practice is illegal and can increase the risk of fire as well as promoting weed growth in the remnant bushland. If offenders are identified fines of up to \$1000 can be issued by Shire staff.

In the interests of fire safety and the protection of bushland resources remaining on the Railway Reserve, and elsewhere within the district, the Shire of Kalamunda would like to personally encourage you, the responsible residents to deal with your garden waste and other materials in a manner befitting a sustainable local community. This can be achieved either by mulching or composting your green waste at home or taking the green waste to your local municipal waste facility or nearest transfer station. As always with these matters the Shire of Kalamunda recognises that those at fault are in the minority, however their actions are having a negative impact on the wider community and the aesthetics of our local natural environment.

A big thanks has to go to CVA for their ongoing project support, provision of skilled leadership and volunteers committed to local environmental issues in the hills district. CVA will return to Kalamunda in March to undertake creekline erosion management works in Maida Vale and weed removal in Piesse Brook.

If you are interested in becoming a proactive environmental volunteer or undertaking activities relating to bushland management in the Shire of Kalamunda please contact the Environmental Reserves Officer on 9257 9999.



Volunteers at work removing woody debris

Carmel College Sustainability Fair

The aim of the fair is to promote sustainable practices to the community. On the day there will be a range of guest speakers talking about sustainability topics including permaculture, organic gardening, climate change and renewable energy. Also, in support of International Compost Awareness Week there will be information, displays and guest speakers demonstrating how to compost at home. There will also be a range of stalls and activities including:

- Judging of the school's competition for the biggest pumpkin;
- Sustainability Posters;
- Live entertainment;
- Kids play area;
- Devonshire teas and other food and beverages provided by the school.



Where: Carmel Adventist College
Glenisla Rd
Carmel WA 6076

When: Sunday 3 May 2009

Time: 10.00 am - 3.00 pm

Come and join in the fun!



Sustainable Cities Programme

Recognition and reward for urban communities working towards sustainability

The Sustainable Cities program is an environmental awards program for urban and metropolitan communities in Western Australia. Sustainable Cities Awards recognise community organisations, schools, businesses and local government agencies who are active in their communities and making valuable contributions towards environmental sustainability.

Who Can Apply?

Including but not limited to local councils, community groups, businesses, schools and registered clubs. Sustainable Cities covers the metropolitan area from Mandurah in the south to Yanchep in the north and Mundaring to the east. Some regional centres are also eligible to enter. Contact the KABC for eligibility criteria.

Almost any community project can be considered as a Sustainable Cities project including projects that groups may already be working on that fall in the award categories. The award categories are: community action, water conservation, waste management and litter prevention, protection of the environment, young legends, environmental innovation, overall winner. The WA awards ceremony is in June and the national awards will be held in October.

Submissions must be received by Keep Australia Beautiful Western Australia by Monday May 1, 2009.

More information and an application form can be found at the KABC Sustainable Cities website; by phoning 6467 5547 or emailing kabc@dec.wa.gov.au

Blackadder Woodbridge Catchment Group 2008 Achievements

A Swan Grant was applied for to undertake weeding at sites along the Blackadder Creek including: Riverside Park, Plunket Park, Spring Ave, Lloyd Street east, Stratton Reserve and Elvire St Wetland.

A Morning Glory control project funded by Outer Metropolitan Community Grant was implemented. Morning glory has been contained at Plunket Park, Muriel St and Elvire St. Poor infill activities have impeded success as the weed is being consistently introduced with development.

An Envirofund grant for the removal of Arum Lilly at the Riverside Park was successfully received in collaboration with the City of Swan.

An SGIO grant for Elvire St for weed removal and sedge planting was completed and acquitted. 100% of *Watsonia* has been removed from the site. All work at the site has used non-pesticide techniques following the Bradley method of bush restoration.

The group were notified of their success in gaining further SALP funding for various weeding and planting activities in 2009.

Three successful community days were hosted throughout the year. One was a final weeding day at Spring Ave where all members were invited to come and have a look at the work that had been achieved through the Community Water Grant. A final weeding and planting day was held at the Elvire St where sedges were planted and weeding was continued. It was a productive day and those who attended were impressed with the work that had been achieved. The annual National Tree Day was again a great success with the BWCG hosting the only event in the local Midland area attracting 25 people and recruiting 5 new members.



Before and After monitoring photographs of the Arum Lilly project site along the Blackadder Creek

Two TAFE planting days were held at Lloyd Street East where 200 *Melaleuca raphiophylla* were planted that TAFE students propagated themselves.

Leaflets were distributed as widely as possible in the local community and these brochures drew a number of new people to community events as well as increasing the catchment group's membership.

1700 seedlings (2007 season) and a further 3200 seedlings (2008 season) were planted.

Baumea articulata has been planted at the Riverside site. These sedges were donated by the City of Swan as their contribution to the Envirofund grant.

Site monitoring has continued including photo point monitoring and conducting general inspections. Seedling survival rates have averaged about 70%.

Seed collection has also continued with all plantings being sourced from local providence seed focusing attention on species which are locally under threat.

5 local weeding contractors have been employed.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



Department of Environment and Conservation Environmental Community Grants 2009

The State government will allocate \$1.53 million to projects involving:

- biodiversity conservation (\$420 000)
- sustainable catchment management (\$300 000)
- rescue and rehabilitation of injured or incapacitated fauna (\$30 00)
- nature appreciation in natural areas (\$180 000)
- regional parks and Bush Forever sites (\$180 000)
- support for major conservation/environmental organisations (\$120 000)
- protection of high-value areas by landholders on private land (\$300 000)

Individuals, local community groups or organisations and local authorities may apply. State Government agencies are ineligible to apply directly but may participate by forming partnership groups.

Grants will encourage contributions from other funding sources and help undertake on-ground works. Funds are to be expended within the 2009/2010 financial year.

Guidelines and applications are available from:

<http://www.dec.wa.gov.au/community-and-education/community-programs/environmental-community-grants-2009.html>

For more information or assistance contact the Environmental Community Grants Coordinator:

Telephone: (08) 9334 0455

Email: grants@dec.wa.gov.au

Applications close at 4 pm Friday 1 May 2009.

Gordon Reid LotteryWest Conservation Natural Heritage Grants

These grants are aimed at supporting community organisations to conserve the State's natural habitats and diversity. Examples of projects that may be considered are:

- Revegetation activities and the protection of remnant vegetation
- Flora and fauna surveys
- Management Plans for reserves
- Public education projects such as the production of brochures etc.
- Research projects which will assist in the conservation of WA's biodiversity

An information package can be obtained from:

<http://www.lotterywest.wa.gov.au/grants/grant-opportunities/vosh/612>

For more information telephone: (08) 9340 5270 or email grants@lotterywest.wa.gov.au

SGIO COMMUNITY GRANTS

The ***SGIO Community Grants programme*** offers funding of up to \$5000 to Western Australian community groups under four key areas: crime prevention, road safety, emergency readiness and response, and environment.

This year's environment category is for programmes that will raise awareness and/or promote actions to combat climate change. Areas such as renewable energy and carbon reduction will also be considered.

More information and the online application form can be found at www.sgio.com.au/grants

Please call the SGIO Community Grants Helpline on 1300 306 496 if you have any queries about the programme, or any other aspect of our community involvement.

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