

# GREENPAGE

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

March 2010

### THIS MONTH

- *We're In The Money!*
- *FOCUS ON FUNDING*
- *Bush Skills for the Hills*
- *Recycling Centres Near You*



#### For more information contact:

Shire of Mundaring  
Bushcare Co-ordinator on  
9290 6685.

Shire of Kalamunda  
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Officer on 9257 9806.

Eastern Hills Catchment  
Management Programme  
NRM Officer on 9424 2222.



Bob and Janette Huston with the Hon. Donna Faragher MLC, Minister for the Environment; Youth



Linda Stanley, Friends of Piesse Brook, with dignitaries

## WE'RE IN THE MONEY!

The 2010 Swan Landcare Program (SLP) Funding Ceremony was held on Friday, 26 February 2010. Friends of Piesse Brook were one of a number of groups in the Eastern Hills region that received funding through this year's program. During the ceremony, Wooroloo Brook LCDC received a recognition award for "long term commitment to the environment since 1989".

The opening of SLP for 2011 was also announced at the ceremony. Applications need to be submitted to Perth Region NRM by 30 April 2010 (see page 6).

## FUNDING ON OFFER

Bushcare volunteers in the Eastern Hills Region are no strangers to grant applications. Many wonderful community groups have had their efforts supported by Federal, State, Local, Industry and Company funding and donations. The impact that this can have on a site is beyond comparison in enabling groups to take huge steps forward, and to vastly add value to the amount of support which is available through Local Government and Catchment bodies. This time of year can also be a great time to put together plans and applications with the weather being very hot, and the efforts of the previous year showing through despite the heat.



Poison Gully, Pinker Crescent, High Wycombe showing BEFORE (May 2008) and AFTER (February 2010) cleanup and revegetation funded by a grant application.

As the **Swan Alcoa Landcare Grants** for 2010 are given out to successful groups at the end of February, some groups will be al-

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*Wildflower Society of WA Inc.*

*Eastern Hills Branch*

*Presents*

*Mark Bundock*

*on*

*Effects of Herbicide on Plant  
Species: Native and Invasive*

**When:** Friday, 26th March 2010  
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

## WELCOME TO NEW EMRC STAFF!

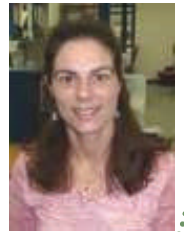
**Karen Warner** has been appointed as EMRC's new NRM Coordinator. Karen has a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Management, majoring in Catchment Management, as well as a Certificate IV in Small Business Management.



Karen has a wealth of supervisory experience and has worked at the Department of Social Security where she supervised a team of eight staff. She also has experience in running her own small business.

**Joanne Woodbridge** has joined EMRC in the position of Administration Officer, Environmental Services. Joanne will be responsible for providing administrative, secretarial and project support to the Environmental Services team, including Greenpage Editor!

Joanne has had many years experience in administrative secretarial support roles and over the past two years has completed Certificate IV studies in Conservation and Land Management at Polytechnic West.



## The Darling Range Naturalists Club

*Presents*

*Val English*

*on*

*“Threatened Ecological Communities”*

**When:** Friday, 12th March 2010  
7.30 pm

**Where:** C.W.A Hall  
Central Road, Kalamunda

**VISITORS WELCOME**

For more information telephone: 9293 1676

## FESTIVAL OF TREES

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# BUSH SKILLS FOR THE HILLS

## *BUSHCARE BASICS*

**Date:** Saturday, 20th March 2010  
**Time:** 1.00 pm—4.00 pm  
**Venue:** Gooseberry Hill Scout Hall,  
Ledger Reserve, Kalamunda

Are you new to bushcare? Do you want to expand what your group is capable of? Do you have more questions than answers? Not sure where to look or who to ask? Come along and hear about the resources available to Friends Groups in the Eastern Region.

Coordinators of Friends Groups are required to attend a safety workshop at least every 3 years as safety regulations can change. Group members are also encouraged to attend to ensure the information is transferred throughout the group.

The workshop will cover basic safety know how and introduces participants to great sources of information; the second session will provide important information on *Phytophthora* dieback and how to make sure you don't spread it on your site or bring it home with you.

Whilst the workshop is run in Kalamunda, the information applies to Mundaring and Swan also and volunteers from these Shires are encouraged to attend.



Friends of Ray Owen Group hard at work planting hundreds of plants in Winter 2009

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

[joanne.woodbridge@emrc.org.au](mailto:joanne.woodbridge@emrc.org.au)

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ready cashed up and ready to begin as the weeds show themselves. For those in need of funding there are a number of grants on offer which can be applied for by Community Groups themselves or in conjunction with officers. The most recent of which is the **DEC's Environmental Community Grants 2010** (see page 6). This is the second round of grants offered by the Minister for Environment; Youth which was successful for a number of groups in 2009. These grants will see \$1.53 million spent on the protection of the environment including applications for projects on Private Land.

As an alternative to this large, timed grant, many groups have had success with **Lotterywest Gordon Reid** grants. These grants can be applied for at any time, for revegetation activities and the protection of remnant vegetation; flora and fauna surveys; management plans for reserves; public education projects such as brochures etc; and research projects which will assist in the conservation of WA's biodiversity. Additionally, to find other funding opportunities the Department of Local Government and Regional Development supports **the Grants Directory**, which is a compilation of grants available to communities and local governments.

<http://grantsdirectory.dlgrd.wa.gov.au/>

*Photos courtesy of Shire of Kalamunda*

MORE INFORMATION ON FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES IS AVAILABLE ON PAGES 6-7

## SUCCESSFUL REVEGETATION STORY

The Friends of Brine Moran's efforts of the past two years in one section of the reserve on the Scarp are withstanding the hot weather and growing strongly. Some of the trees used for revegetation are Alcoa supplied Dieback Resistant Jarrah. Another Eastern Hills success!



Revegetation at Brine Moran Reserve



# 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](mailto:shenaye.mehmet@emrc.org.au)

## Susannah Brook Catchment Group Incorporated

7.15 pm Thursday 8 April 2010

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

Contact Karen Warner on  
9424 2242 or email:

[karen.warner@emrc.org.au](mailto:karen.warner@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](mailto:craig.chaudhry@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](mailto:shenaye.mehmet@emrc.org.au)

## Wooroloo Brook Land Conservation District Committee

7.15 pm Thursday 15 April 2010

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

[shenaye.mehmet@emrc.org.au](mailto:shenaye.mehmet@emrc.org.au)

## Friends of Piesse Brook

7.15 pm Wednesday 24 March  
2010

Contact Craig Chaudhry for more  
information on

9424 2245 or email;

[craig.chaudhry@emrc.org.au](mailto:craig.chaudhry@emrc.org.au)

## FRIENDS OF PIESSE BROOK

### Busy Bee Day in the Park

**When:** 10.00 am Sunday 28th March 2010

**Where:** Mundy Regional Park (Kalamunda National Park)

Contact Craig Chaudhry on 9424 2245 or email: [craig.chaudhry@emrc.org.au](mailto:craig.chaudhry@emrc.org.au)



Birds Australia WA and Department of Environment and Conservation are currently organizing 'The Great Cocky Count 2010' on **Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup> April 2010** and we're asking for your assistance. We need volunteers from all across Perth and the wider metropolitan area to survey a chosen evening roost and count the number of birds using that particular site for approximately an hour around dusk. For more information or to register your assistance, please contact **Quinton Burnham** via email or phone: (e) [q.burnham@ecu.edu.au](mailto:q.burnham@ecu.edu.au) (m) 0428 762 292.



Department of  
**Environment and Conservation**



## SHINING A LIGHT ON FLUORESCENT GLOBE RECYCLING!

The EMRC has received funding from the landfill levy fund and the Office of Energy for a trial of fluorescent globe recycling stations in public places in Perth's Eastern Region.

There are several advantages to recycling fluorescent lights. It will prevent emissions of mercury into the environment. Virtually all parts of the light can be recycled: aluminium (foundry products), mercury (dental amalgam), phosphorus (fertilisers).

### What should be done when a fluorescent light stops working?

- Take your fluorescent light to any **drop off locations** (see list below).
- Remove any cardboard packaging – light recyclers require the lights to be loose and whole for ease of processing.
- Do not put fluorescent lights in your general rubbish bin unless the glass is broken. The lights should not go to landfill. (Note: if the glass of a light has been shattered, all pieces should be wrapped securely and put into your general rubbish bin, as shattered lights can't be recycled.)



### Drop-off locations:

\*Denotes *globe* recycling only. All other locations will take both fluorescent globes and tubes.



#### Shire of Kalamunda

Kalamunda Administration Office  
2 Railway Rd, Kalamunda

Centro Kalamunda\*  
Railway Rd, Kalamunda (outside Coles)

Forrestfield Forum - Marketplace\*  
20 Strelitzia Ave, Forrestfield

#### Shire of Mundaring

Mundaring Administration Office  
7000 Great Eastern Hwy, Mundaring

#### City of Swan

Bunnings – Malaga\*  
Cnr Beach Rd and Malaga Drive, Malaga

Gidgie Hardware\*  
2071 Toodyay Rd, Toodyay

Midland Gate Shopping Centre\*  
Great Eastern Hwy, Midland (food court entrance)

Swan Administration Office  
Midland Square, Midland

## High Wycombe Heroes!

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2010 saw 14 volunteers join in at Fleming Reserve to clean up the Park, putting in a total of 18½ hours together. Our High Wycombe Heroes worked through the bushland and the skate park to collect up more than 20 bags of rubbish, as well as pieces of metal and wood; damaged signs; and a football. This reserve is about to undergo a massive re-development which has been championed by the High Wycombe Ratepayers Association. Community involvement is crucial, and this event shows that the community are willing to get involved, with plenty more opportunities still to come.



High Wycombe Heroes at Fleming Reserve on Cleanup Day

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Care for the Environment is also a key consideration for the project, with the reserve (which has been heavily impacted by Phytophthora dieback) being completely treated with Phosphite prior to any development taking place to give the remaining Jarrah, Banksia and Sheoak the best chance of survival.



# **FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES IN 2010**

## **Guidelines for 2011 SLP Funding Application**



The Swan Landcare Program (SLP) is pleased to invite applications from community groups and local government authorities in partnership with the community for project funding in 2011. Funding is available for a wide range of revegetation and rehabilitation activities within the Swan Region that address the following regional priorities:

- retention, restoration and management of bushland, coastal, wetland and foreshore vegetation; and/or
- protection and enhancement of the quality of surface water (streams, rivers, wetlands) and groundwater.

### **CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS**

Applications must be submitted to Perth Region NRM by  
**4.30pm, Friday 30 April 2010.**

SLP Application forms and guidelines can be downloaded from Perth Region NRM's website at [www.perthregionnrm.com](http://www.perthregionnrm.com) under Programs>SALP.

[Please note that 2009 SALP recipients must complete and return the SALP Reporting Template no later than **31 March 2010**. Template may be downloaded from the Perth Region NRM website.]

## **Environmental Community Grants 2010**

The Western Australian Government has announced that it is committed to helping communities and individuals undertake conservation projects which have environmental benefits. The Government will allocate \$1.53 million in grants this year to help with projects involving biodiversity conservation; sustainable catchment management; rescue and rehabilitation of injured or incapacitated fauna; interpretation and sustainable recreation in natural areas; regional parks; Bush Forever sites; support for major conservation/environmental organisations; and protection of high-value areas by landholders on private land.

### **Who can apply?**

Individuals, local community groups or organisations and local authorities may apply. State Government agencies are ineligible to apply directly for these grants but may participate by forming partnership groups. Funding to be expended within the 2010/11 financial year.

**Applications close at 4 pm Thursday 8 April 2010.**

**Grant application guidelines may be downloaded via the DEC website at:**

<http://www.dec.wa.gov.au/content/view/5135/1/>

**Applications can be submitted online to [grants@dec.wa.gov.au](mailto:grants@dec.wa.gov.au) or mailed to:**

Environmental Community Grants Coordinator  
Department of Environment and Conservation  
Locked Bag 104  
Bentley Delivery Centre WA 6983

Phone (08) 9442 0300 or email [grants@dec.wa.gov.au](mailto:grants@dec.wa.gov.au) for further information.

## "Community groups urged to apply for environment grants"

In a media release on Monday 15 February 2010 supporting the Environmental Community Grants Program, Environment Minister Donna Faragher encouraged community groups to apply for funding. "Local community groups undertake great environmental work and I am keen to give them even more support for their efforts," Mrs Faragher said.

Mrs Faragher said funding was available for projects that rehabilitate, conserve, enhance or restore natural areas or values, and for activities that raise public awareness of nature conservation.

For the full media release, go to: <http://www.mediastatements.wa.gov.au/Pages/Results.aspx?ItemId=133126>



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### **LOTTERYWEST Gordon Reid 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
- Flora and fauna surveys
- Management Plans for reserves
- Public education projects
- 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 phone (08) 9340 5270 or email [grants@lotterywest.wa.gov.au](mailto:grants@lotterywest.wa.gov.au)

### **The 2010 SGIO Community Grants Program is now open!**

Whether it's protecting homes against fire, teaching our kids about road safety or combating climate change, local community organisations play a vital role in our lives.

That's why SGIO supports local community organisations working in the areas of crime prevention, road safety, emergency readiness and response, and the environment through their Community Grants Program.

Applications for a grant of up to \$5,000 (including GST) are open until **31 March 2010**.

**If you have a big idea to help the community, [apply here](#).**

For more information about the Community Grants Program download the [Community Grants Information Booklet](#) or go to the SGIO website at [www.sgio.com.au/grants](http://www.sgio.com.au/grants)

### **NORMAN WETTENHALL FOUNDATION GRANTS**

The objectives of the Foundation are to build capacity in local communities to effect long-term beneficial change in the natural environment; and to support and encourage research, monitoring and knowledge sharing relating to all aspects of Australia's natural environment.

Wherever possible, funded projects will:

- be innovative and serve as a model for future projects
- show collaboration with other groups, particularly community groups
- indicate clearly, and thoughtfully, how advice of the project's outcomes will be shared

Before submitting an application, you must email a SMALL summary to the Executive Officer for pre-approval: [beth@nwf.org.au](mailto:beth@nwf.org.au) **Closes: 31 March 2010**

**Further Information is available on the website: <http://www.nwf.org.au/> or by telephone (03) 5472 1316.**





# BUSH SKILLS FOR THE HILLS



All Screenings  
are held at the

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Centre  
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Kalamunda

At 7.00 pm

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Bushcare Volunteering  
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Perth Solar City  
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Friends of Plesse Brook  
Dieback Treatment of local  
bushland  
Adopt a Spot Campaign  
Conservation Volunteers  
Australia

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**Web: [www.emrc.org.au](http://www.emrc.org.au)**

## The Burning Season

Date: Tuesday 30th of March 2010

*An eco-thriller about a young man not afraid to confront the biggest challenge of our time. Dorjee Sun, a young Australian entrepreneur, believes there's money to be made protecting rainforests in Indonesia, saving the orangutan from extinction and making a real impact on climate change. Armed with a laptop and a backpack, he sets out across the globe to find investors in his carbon trading scheme. It is a battle against time. Archamdi, the palm oil farmer is ready to set fire to his land to plant more palm oil, and Lone's orangutan centre has reached crisis point with over 600 orangutans rescued from the fires.*

## Thin Green Line

Date: Wednesday 28th of April 2010

*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, all of whom are also husbands, wives, mothers, fathers—and its never a 9 to 5 job. 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—more than a job.*

## Taking Root - The vision of Wangari Maathai

Date: Tuesday 25th of May 2010

*Taking Root weaves a compelling and dramatic narrative of one woman's personal journey in the context of the turbulent political and environmental history of her country. Raised in the rural highlands of Kenya, educated in the United States during the 1960s civil rights era, and the first female to receive a PhD in East Africa, Maathai discovered the heart of her life's work by reconnecting with the rural women with whom she had grown up. They told her that their daily lives had become intolerable: they were walking longer distances for firewood, clean water had become scarce, the soil was disappearing from their fields, and their children were suffering from malnutrition. Maathai thought to herself, "Well, why not plant trees?" With this realisation Maathai founded the Green Belt Movement.*

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## SHIRE OF MUNDARING

### Citizen of the Year Awards 2010

On Australia Day 2010 the Shire of Mundaring celebrated the efforts of local community members with the Shire of Mundaring Citizen of the Year Awards. These awards are designed to foster, recognise and celebrate significant contributions to community life and active citizenship within the Shire.

Three recipients of the Shire of Mundaring Citizenship Award for a person of 60 years or older are deeply involved with native plants and preserving reserves vested with the Shire of Mundaring. Congratulations to:

#### **RALPH DARLINGTON**

Ralph is an inspiring citizen and volunteer of Mundaring who advocates excellent values, sustainable living and makes significant contributions. Ralph has been a member of the Eastern Hills Wildflower Society for over five years holding positions of committee member, treasurer and vice president. Ralph is active in promoting appreciation, conservation and growing of native plants. As an advocate for sustainable living and organic gardening, Ralph is a wonderful role model who 'walks the walk'.

#### **HELEN HARVEY**

This year, Helen received her medal for 25 years service from the State Emergency Services. For nine years she has volunteered in the Helena College Library, and has also been a volunteer at Mundaring Primary School assisting students with reading, spelling and literacy and was a tutor with the Read, Write, Now Continuing Adult Literacy program. Helen founded the Friends of Black Cockatoo Reserves Group eleven years ago and has been the driving force in making it one of the leading friends groups within the Shire.

#### **MAUREEN TIE**

Maureen is a founding and life member of the Mundaring Hills Historical Society. Since 1989 she has worked tirelessly for the society instigating many projects, only recently retiring from the Executive Committee. Maureen has accepted responsibility for maintaining several local reserves both Summit Road and Jane Byfield Reserve. Since starting care of this reserve she has gained funding for spraying of weeds, signage and a gate to prevent cars entering. She also organised manpower to weed and plant the reserve. Maureen is now working on rejuvenating another project; the Mundaring Cemetery in conjunction with the Historical Society and the Shire.

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**For all of you who spend time volunteering please remember that ...**

"Volunteers are not paid -- not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless." *Unknown.*

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## SHIRE OF MUNDARING

### **Funding Opportunity**

In April 2010 your group or club will have the opportunity to apply for funding assistance to recognise the volunteer work of your members.

**Recognition Event** - Five organisations have the opportunity to receive up to \$200 each to assist in holding an event that recognises the contribution they and their volunteers have made to the local community.

**Milestone Event** - The Shire of Mundaring allocates \$2,500 annually towards a "significant event" which helps recognise the organisation, its members and its achievements.

**Please call** - Lee Roberts, Community Development Advisor - Grants, on 9290 6678 to discuss your ideas.

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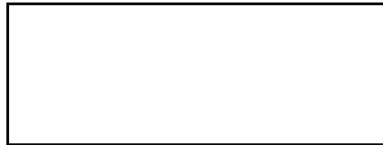
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