

# GREENPAGE

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

November 2011

## THIS MONTH...

- Community Grants Now Open
- Last BSFH Workshops for The Year
- Mundaring Shire Finalists in WA Environment Awards



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## Bushland Management and Fire Mitigation Works

By Shenaye Hummerston

Following last year's Roleystone fires, this year our bushland is under increased pressure, with new fire breaks being installed on many reserves and an increase in prescribed burns across the Eastern Hills Catchment. Unmanaged, these works have the potential to increase both the amount and the spread of weeds and other pathogens in bushland areas. New breaks can act as a 'disturbance event' allowing incursion of opportunistic weeds. Prescribed burns at low temperatures in winter/spring are often not hot enough to kill weed seed in the soil. Many weeds respond a lot quicker than native plants to sudden increases in light, particularly when followed by winter rains. The potential of this 'weed-fire response' to reduce biodiversity and increase fuel loads in bushland is high. Left unchecked, this can trigger a need for further fire mitigation works in these bushland areas in the future.

So, what can we do?

Although you would never choose to burn for this purpose, a burn can be a good opportunity to control weeds. It often encourages germination of the weed seed in the soil, as well as encouraging native regeneration. The reduced biomass and softer new growth can mean the need for far less chemicals to be used for weed control. In some cases, lower rates of chemicals can also be used to provide effective control. Less tangled vegetation can mean it is easier to target weeds with less off-target damage (damage to native plants).



Brine Moran Reserve regenerating after a prescribed burn

If you need any advice on weed control in bushland, following fire mitigation works, please contact your local Environmental Reserves Officer, Bush Care Coordinator or NRM Officer.

- If you know a prescribed burn is planned, control grassy weeds before they seed, if possible. Drop isolated woody weeds and paint stumps. This can save time and money as you may not have to cart them away.
- Control weeds around the edges of the burn area so that they don't seed into open ground.
- Follow fire break creation with regular weed control so that weeds don't spread along the breaks and into bushland.
- Target weeds that respond well to fire eg. *Watsonia*.
- Avoid using new fire breaks when the soil is wet, to reduce the chance of spreading dieback. Make sure boots, tyres and tools are soil-free on entry to, and exit from bushland areas.



Photo source: news.ninemsn.com.au

**Mr Ken Wyatt AM, MP for Hasluck spoke in the House of Representatives on the 12 September 2011 acknowledging the contribution that the Blackadder Woodbridge Catchment Group made to the restoration and protection of the Blackadder Creek. Please see an excerpt of Mr Wyatt's speech below.**

Mr Ken Wyatt, AM,MP (*Hasluck, Liberal Party*) [Hansard source](#)

"I rise to talk about Blackadder Creek, which is a tributary that runs from the edge of the Midland town site within my electorate and feeds into the Swan River . The Blackadder-Woodbridge Catchment Group Inc. look after this section of Blackadder Creek, ensuring both its pristineness and the survival of the vegetation, plant life, frogs and water life that live within that catchment area. They weed and have extensively revegetated the area, all without using any chemicals or pesticides—and that is what they are most proud of.

I had an invitation to walk around the area and to hear what they did as a group and about their passion and their commitment on an annual basis, particularly at different times looking after the singing frogs, which are in a section of that part of the creek. I heard that the issue of rubbish coming from the town centre and the feeding into the creek of discoloured water were identified as one of the major challenges for the group. Following that, I got a commitment on the opportunity of working together as a community and on people from my office contributing to a clean-up in that region.

It was interesting when we finished to see the camaraderie and the commitment to making sure that in the future we would devote some time and energy as a group to assisting both the associations that look after Blackadder Creek and to making sure that the event would occur again. We agreed that part of our obligation to the environment was not only to regenerate but also to clean up. The combination of all of the community fostered a really good sense that the contribution that we want to make to the environment within that region will continue to grow and be the focus. In the very near future we will look at the area in Viveash and extend our work from Blackadder Creek to the relevant areas where our community as a whole will pull together to look after those things that are important so that we leave an endowment for our children..."

To watch the speech in full visit <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DZG7ct-p8GE&feature=youtu.be>



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# CATCHMENT GROUP MEETINGS

## **Blackadder-Woodbridge Catchment Group Incorporated**

**7.00 pm Wednesday, 7 December**

Midland Church of Ascension Hall (Side Room), 17 Spring Park Road, Midland

Contact Karen Warner on (08) 9424 2242 or email: [karen.warner@emrc.org.au](mailto:karen.warner@emrc.org.au)

## **Friends of Piesse Brook**

**7.00 pm Thursday, 17 November**

16 Roach Road, Kalamunda

Contact Michelle Yeomans on (08) 9424 2264 or email: [michelle.yeomans@emrc.org.au](mailto:michelle.yeomans@emrc.org.au)

## **Susannah Brook Catchment Group Incorporated**

**7.15 pm Thursday, 8 December**

Gidgegannup Landcare Centre, Gidgegannup Showgrounds, Toodyay Road

Contact Renee D'Herville on (08) 9424 2245 or email: [renee.dherville@emrc.org.au](mailto:renee.dherville@emrc.org.au)

## **Helena River Catchment Group Incorporated**

**7.00 pm Monday, 5 December**

Octagonal Hall, 52 McGlew Road, Glen Forrest.

Contact Michelle Yeomans on (08) 9424 2264 or email: [michelle.yeomans@emrc.org.au](mailto:michelle.yeomans@emrc.org.au)

## **Jane Brook Catchment Group Incorporated**

**Next Meeting 2012, To Be Advised**

Parkerville Fire Station, Riley Road, Parkerville

Contact Renee D'Herville on (08) 9424 2245 or email: [renee.dherville@emrc.org.au](mailto:renee.dherville@emrc.org.au)

<p><b><i>The Darling Range Naturalists Club</i></b></p> <p>When: 7.30 pm Friday, 11 November</p> <p>Venue: CWA Hall, 22 Central Road, Kalamunda</p> <p>Speaker: June Butcher</p> <p>Topic: Bilbies</p> <p><b>Visitors welcome</b></p> <p>For further details, please phone: (08) 9293 1676 or (08) 9294 1044</p>	<p><b><i>Wildflower Society of WA Eastern Hills Branch Meeting</i></b></p> <p>When: 7.30 pm Friday, 25 November</p> <p>Venue: Octagonal Hall, McGlew Road, Glen Forrest</p> <p><b>AGM &amp; BYO Barbeque Barbecue at 6:30 pm and AGM at 8:00 pm</b></p> <p><b>Visitors welcome</b></p> <p>For further details, please phone (08) 9298 8645 or (08) 9294 1044</p>	<p><b><i>Wildflower Society of WA Darling Range Branch</i></b></p> <p>When: 7.30 pm Friday, 11 November</p> <p>Venue: CWA Hall, 22 Central Road, Kalamunda</p> <p>Speaker: June Butcher</p> <p><b>Visitors welcome</b></p> <p>For further details, please phone (08) 9293 1676 or (08) 9294 1044</p>
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# Community news, Events & Information

## BIG SPLASH CONFERENCE

Saturday 12 November 2011, 9.30am - 4:00pm  
eCentral, 140 Royal Street, East Perth

### FOCUS QUESTION

**" HOW DO WE SEE WESTERN AUSTRALIANS LIVING IN 20 YEARS "**

- Pollution, running out of resources, expanding salt lakes, increased storm damage...?
- Clean air, clean energy, green industries, liveable cities, wilderness areas preserved...?

Help build the community: Come & be part of the conversation

The Big Splash Open Space conference is WA's largest and most inspiring conversation for sustainability

A chance to share ideas meet people and coordinate collective action

For more information visit [www.sustainablewa.net.au](http://www.sustainablewa.net.au)

### Who is it for?

Anyone passionate about helping to build sustainable communities within WA

Register online at [www.sustainablewa.net.au](http://www.sustainablewa.net.au)  
Early bird fee : \$10 ( before 1st November )  
On the Day fee : \$15



## Bendigo Bank

# Seniors Week Conversation Cafés

Tuesday 8 November 10.00am - 12.30pm

Join your local community for a FREE delicious morning tea at a Conversation Cafe near you.....

What is a Conversation Café?

An informal chat over a cuppa—a way to express your views about your community and the issues important to you. Your ideas will contribute to the Shire of Mundaring Positive Ageing Strategy 2012.

<b>Wooroloo</b>	Wooroloo Primary School, Wade St
<b>Mt Helena</b>	Mt Helena Primary School, Lot 289A Keane St
<b>Chidlow</b>	Chidlow Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade, cnr Old Northam Rd & Willcox St
<b>Mundaring</b>	'The Connection Centre', 1470 Stoneville Rd Sacred Heart School, 200 Coolgardie St Mundaring Country Women's Association Jacoby St (east end of Sculpture Park) Hills Community Support Group 'Wahroonga', 2 Craig St Mundaring Community Men's Shed, 3205 Jacoby St
<b>Parkerville</b>	Parkerville Primary School, 16 Parker Rd
<b>Darlington</b>	Treetops Montessori School Darlington Lesser Hall, Owen Rd
<b>Swan View</b>	Swan View Community Association Brown Park Community Centre, Salisbury Rd

Contact Kaye Bannerman 9290 6683 or email [hubcoordinator@mundaring.wa.gov.au](mailto:hubcoordinator@mundaring.wa.gov.au) for more information or if you have an access requirement.



**2011 NEW SERIES** Free Workshops

Turn your garden into a natural air conditioner

Create an Energy-Smart home

LOCATION	DATE & TIME
Forrestfield • Free to attend! Woodlupine Community Centre 88 Hale Road, Forrestfield	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2011 6.30pm-9.30pm

Book early & don't miss out! For free information or to register online visit [www.greatgardens.info](http://www.greatgardens.info) or phone our hotline on 1300 884 764



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## End Of Year Volunteer Celebration Event 2011

Please note the end of year volunteer celebration event will be held on :

**Sunday, 4 December  
2011**

Time: 3.00 pm - 6.00 pm  
Venue: Nearer to Nature,  
The Perth  
Hills National Parks  
Centre, Allen Road,  
Mundaring.

Invitations for the event  
will be sent out this  
month.



## Community Grants Scheme (CGS) - funding round is now open

The second round of CGS funding for 2011 is now open. Community based groups including local interest groups, environmental groups, and individuals are encouraged to apply for support. Previous CGS funded projects have included:

- Held creative educational workshops at a local community garden that demonstrated and assisted community members to explore aspects of waste prevention and waste management - moving the community towards 'Borrow, Use, Return' behaviours.
- Assisted regional communities to implement and reinforce waste management plans to improve community cleanliness, tip maintenance and longevity, and recover recyclables in the medium-term.
- Built an educational trailer - an interactive educational display used to educate the community about the importance of recycling and waste minimisation through the 3R's - "Reduce, Reuse & Recycle".

**Note** - small projects are encouraged but larger ones may be considered up to a maximum of \$20,000.

### How to apply

Please read the guidelines for applicants before making a submission. Applicants should submit an application which in general terms, describes their ideas, issues or proposals and the extent and/or type of support required. Applications will be assessed by the ability of the project to reduce waste generation and/or recover and recycle resources. All the relevant documents relating to the CGS, including application forms and guidelines, are available at <http://www.zerowastewa.com.au/ourwork/supportschemes/cgs/>

Applications must be received by **5 pm Friday, 18 November 2011**. **No late submissions will be accepted.**

Bianca King  
WARRA Grants Officer  
Waste Authority of Western Australia  
(08) 6467 5318

## Join the Friends of Piesse Brook for a **Busy Bee** Sunday, 20 November 2011 8.45 am - 11.00 pm



We meet at the entrance gate to the Kalamunda National Park (at the far end of Schipp Road). If you would like to join us, please contact either Gerry Brown on 9293 2517 or email Bridgett Hogarth [bhogarth@ozemail.com.au](mailto:bhogarth@ozemail.com.au) for further details. Feel free to bring along some nibbles and drinks to celebrate the end of the working year!

Please bring a pair of leather gloves, water bottle, hat, boots, raincoat if it's wet, and a sense of humour



# BUSH SKILLS FOR THE HILLS WORKSHOPS

**Bush Skills for the Hills is a series of free, workshops for the community.**

**The workshops are a refreshing mix of information and practical, hands-on sessions, designed to give participants both the “WHY” and “HOW” of managing land, bush and creek environments.**

***PLACES ARE LIMITED  
SO REGISTER NOW!***

**For more information or to register, please contact the Environmental Services Administration Officer at EMRC on (08) 9424 2216 or e-mail [rebbekah.lamont@emrc.org.au](mailto:rebbekah.lamont@emrc.org.au)**



**Seed Cleaning**



**Native Seed Collection**

## **Be Smart With Seed: Native Seed Collection Short Course**

- Dates:**
- Session 1  
Wednesday, 23 November 2011  
Polytechnic West, Midland  
6.00 pm - 9.00 pm
  
  - Session 2  
Saturday, 26 November 2011  
Joanna Seabrook Seed Orchard,  
Glen Forrest  
9.00 am – 12.30 pm
  
  - Session 3  
Wednesday, 7 December 2011  
Octagonal Hall, Glen Forrest  
6.00 pm – 9.00 pm

**Learn practical skills to help regenerate your local bushland. This is a three part course that follows the entire process of seed collection. We will have one session in the class room, one in the field getting hands-on seed collection experience and the final session will involve practical seed cleaning and storage techniques.**

**See following page for an overview of our most recent and successful workshops.**

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or email [rebbekah.lamont@emrc.org.au](mailto:rebbekah.lamont@emrc.org.au)**



# BUSH SKILLS FOR THE HILLS WORKSHOPS

## Rapid Busland Assessment Workshop

By Renee D'Herville

On a beautiful Saturday morning on 15 October, 17 enthusiastic attendees of Bush Skills For The Hills had the pleasure of learning how to conduct a *Rapid Bush Land Assessment* with subject expert Geoff Barrett (Department of Environment and Conservation). The assessment was conducted at Yennerdin Park, Parkerville where the group learned how to use Survey Types to assess the habitat condition of this particular patch of bushland.

After an enjoyable workshop with Dr Barrett and his wealth of knowledge on birds and the functions of ecosystems, the participants went away inspired with valuable skills, and filled with confidence in their ability to assess their own special patch of bushland!



## Chemical Free Weed Control Workshop

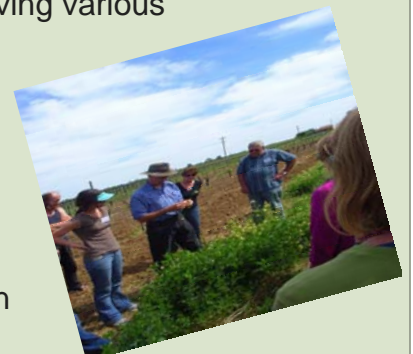
By Karen Warner

A Chemical Free Weed Control workshop was held on Saturday 24 September. The day was a success to say the least. This was the first workshop Eastern Hills Catchment Management Program (EHCMP) has run on this topic. This popular workshop will be run again next year to accommodate the people who were not able to secure a place this time round.

The workshop commenced with Jane Bremmer covering the implications of chemical use in the environment. This was followed by Jennifer Catalano of Blackadder Woodbridge Catchment Group (BWCG) taking us through their success stories in weed control without the use of chemicals. Kate Bushby from the City of Swan, provided a lovely morning tea which gave the group sustenance for the hands-on practical session of the day held at Spring Avenue Reserve.

Jennifer Catalano and Phil Cloran demonstrated techniques for removing various weeds in the reserve and provided invaluable advice on how to make alternative weed control methods more effective. Lunch was held at Harris Organic Winery where the group were rewarded with a tour of the winery and wine tasting. The winery does not use chemicals or irrigation to produce their product.

The whole day proved to be very successful with lots of positive feedback received and it is hoped a similar workshop will be run again in 2012. So watch this space!



# WATCH YOUR WASTE

## Watch Your Waste - Community Column National Recycling Week 7 - 13 November 2011



Recycling reduces the amount of rubbish being sent to landfill, resulting in a healthier, more sustainable environment. Celebrate National Recycling week this year by taking part in "FREE" recycling tours being conducted by the EMRC on behalf of six member councils located in Perth's eastern suburbs: Town of Bassendean, City of Bayswater, City of Belmont, Shire of Kalamunda, Shire of Mundaring and the City of Swan.

### Tour of Colmax Glass Recycling Facility

Join us on a tour of Perth's only glass recycling facility. Colmax can recycle up to 40,000 tonne of glass every year. See how glass is sorted and re-used.

**When:** Tuesday, 8 November 2011

**Tour time:** 5.30 - 6.30 pm

**Where:** Kewdale

### Tour of Red Hill Waste Management Facility

What happens to your rubbish after you put it in the green-top rubbish bin? Where does it go and who looks after it? Find out by taking a free, one hour tour of the Red Hill Waste Management Facility, two separate tours dates are available.

**When:** Wednesday, 9 and Saturday, 12 November 2011

**Tour time:** 10.00 - 11.30 am

**Where:** Red Hill

### Tour of a Materials Recovery Facility (MRF)

Have you ever wondered what happens to the paper, glass and plastic that go into the yellow-top recycling bin at home? On this tour you will see the recycling process take place, watch as a combination of workers and machinery sort through your recycling.

**When:** Thursday, 10 November 2011

**Tour time:** 10.30 - 11.30 am

**Where:** Maddington

### Take five to read your new guide!

If you're a resident in Perth's Eastern Region, then you should have received your new 2011 / 2012 Waste & Recycling Guide. Take a few minutes to read the guide's updated information on waste and recycling services offered by your local council.



**Places on each of the tours are limited; bookings are essential. For more information please contact the Waste Education Coordinator, Tania Wells on (08) 9424 2271 or email [tania.wells@emrc.org.au](mailto:tania.wells@emrc.org.au).**

## Mundaring Shire Finalists in WA Environment Awards.

by Ryan Hepworth

The Shire of Mundaring has recently been announced as a finalist in the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Western Australian Environment Awards. The Shire was nominated in the 'Government Leading by

Example' category for its Tree Canopy and Understorey Program. The program was selected as a finalist from a record 112 submissions from across the state.

The program, now into its 22<sup>nd</sup> year, is responsible for over 1.2 million native seedlings being planted throughout the Shire. The program was established in 1989 as a way of distributing free locally native seedlings to residents, schools and community groups to improve their local environment.

The WA Environment Awards are organised by the Department of Environment and Conservation and recognise community involvement in caring for the state's environment. Winners will be announced during a presentation dinner at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre on Friday, 25 November 2011.



## Watsonia Roadside Control within the Jane Brook Catchment

by Ryan Hepworth and Brad Thompson

The Shire of Mundaring, in partnership with Jane Brook Catchment Group has implemented a Watsonia control program for roadsides in the Jane Brook Catchment area. The project is focussed on eradicating Watsonia infestations from priority areas to improve the biodiversity and ecological value of the area.

Watsonia is a highly invasive weed that has established in over 50 km of roadside area in the Jane Brook Catchment alone. Watsonia sites were previously mapped as part of the Shire's Roadside Conservation Survey, with the most significant infestations identified for this program. Infestations will be treated and revegetated with native plants to establish better vegetative links between remnant bushland.

The program is made possible by State NRM Community Grants and assistance from EMRC. Watsonia spraying has recently commenced and will be ongoing through to November.

If you would like more information about the project please call the Shire's Bushcare Co-ordinator Brad Thompson on 9290 6666.

## Contributions welcome !

Greenpage is the newsletter of the Eastern Hills catchment groups and friends groups, so please make the most of it. We want to hear from you! Share your experiences and photos or advertise busy bees or meetings. You can contribute through EMRC or your Bush Care Coordinator or Environmental Reserves Officer.



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## PLANT OF THE MONTH

### *Pimelea imbricata*



A key feature in identifying a *Pimelea* species, is that each small flower only has 2 stamen. This stunning white flower is out now across the eastern hills. The white flowers are a stark contrast to the lateritic soils of the hills. It is however, found in a variety of soil types in Perth's Eastern Region, from gravel to sand, and is common on both granite outcrops and winter wet areas.

An erect shrub growing up to 1 m tall, *Pimelea imbricata* usually has white (but can also be pink) flowers from August to December. Known as the Hairy Pimelea, this species can be distinguished from another local species, *Pimelea ciliata* or White Banjine, by the obvious hairy nature of the plant.



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