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

September 2011

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- Eastern Catchment Management Plan
- Boneseed Blitz
- Landcare Awards



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Eastern Catchment Management Plan Community Workshop

By Ryan Hepworth



The Shire of Mundaring, in conjunction with Perth Region NRM, recently hosted a workshop to provide information on a new Eastern Catchment Management Plan (ECMP) and to gather ideas and feedback from a wide range of community stakeholders.

The ECMP will replace the Swan-Mundaring Integrated Catchment Management Plan (ICMP), which has been in operation since 2000. Although considered innovative at the time, the ICMP has lost some relevance due to significant changes in natural resource management (NRM) issues and priorities over the past 10 years. The Perth Region NRM East Reference Group aims to develop a new regional catchment plan that will provide guidance for local catchment action plans, attract funding for on-ground works and reinvigorate community interest in the environment.

Held at the Shire of Mundaring's Civic centre, the workshop was well attended by local 'friends of' groups, catchment groups, schools, local government officers, EMRC officers and state government officers. The aim of the workshop was to identify what the community valued about their catchments and what threatened those values.

Some of the major values put forward by the group included the importance of biodiversity, clean water, emotional health and educational opportunities. Major threats included land clearing, lack of robust legislation and general change in attitude towards the environment. The group then split into smaller teams to brainstorm options for managing each value and their threats.

Where to from here? Information taken from the workshop will be collated and utilised by the East Reference Group to form a draft ECMP. Another survey will soon be sent out to the community to further identify values, threats and potential management options. Once a draft ECMP has been developed, it will go out for public comment and feedback. In the meantime, if you wish to provide any comments or ideas about catchment management you can contact Toni Burbidge, Co-ordinator of Environment and Sustainability at the Shire of Mundaring on (08) 9290 6666.



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Boneseed Blitz

By Luke McMillan



Boneseed (*Chrysanthemoides monilifera* ssp. *monilifera*) is again being targeted for identification and eradication during this year's Boneseed Blitz, running from 2 to 12 September. A Weed of National Significance, it was introduced to Australia from South Africa as a garden shrub in the

late 1800's and has impacted more than 200,000 hectares of bushland in South Australia, Tasmania and Victoria. Boneseed is a serious threat to our incredible biodiversity, forming dense thickets that smother native plants and prevent regeneration. Thirty seven million hectares in south west Western Australia are at risk of boneseed invasion. The good news is that boneseed is under eradication in WA.

Since 2006 a collaborative partnership has developed between the NRM regional groups, the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC), the Department of Agriculture and Food (DAFWA), Main Roads, local governments, Landcare, Aboriginal groups, private land managers and the National Boneseed Program to implement the WA Boneseed Eradication Strategy. Together, partners have mapped and controlled all boneseed, held annual *Boneseed Blitz* awareness campaigns, and initiated research on seed longevity and the effects of karrikinolide on germination. A partnership with the Noongar community has also been initiated to teach 18–24 year olds weed surveillance and other land management skills, using boneseed as a 'test case'.

Locations

Small infestations are under eradication at the 38 known locations in WA, in the Perth Hills, Upper

Swan, Toodyay, Armadale, Boddington, Wandering, Narrogin, Woodanilling, Albany, Many Peaks and Busselton. All infestations were caused by seeds escaping from residential gardens, as boneseed fruits are spread quickly by birds and other animals.

Sixteen boneseed sites have been located in gardens and bushland areas in Perth hills suburbs in the Shires of Kalamunda and Mundaring, the City of Armadale and on the swan coastal plain at one site in the City of Swan. While all these infestations are being actively controlled and monitored, two new infestations were identified last year in the hills and there is a real risk of other unidentified infestations being present in the region. It is crucial that any boneseed plants still hiding in backyards or bushland are identified and reported and everyone is urged to be on the lookout for the bright yellow 'daisy' flowers of boneseed that appear on plants between August and October.

Boneseed biology

Boneseed is an erect, woody, evergreen shrub growing to 2–3 m in height. The fleshy leaves are an elongated oval shape with toothed edges. Young leaves are rounder and often covered with a white cottony down. The conspicuous yellow, daisy-like flowers bloom in late winter and spring (August–October). They have 5–8 petal-like ray florets which grow in clusters at branch tips. The globular green fruits ripen to black and contain one smooth, hard, bone-coloured seed. Up to 50,000 seeds can be produced per plant and seeds germinate readily.

Control

The movement of boneseed plants or seeds is prohibited and all plants should be eradicated. Destroy new infestations before they flower or set seed. Shallow roots make boneseed easy to hand-pull or dig up when small. Plants can be left to decompose on site as long as roots are not near the soil surface. Larger plants can be cut down and herbicide applied to stumps immediately after cutting. When large plants are removed, new seedlings will sprout from the seed bank and should be hand-pulled immediately.

You can help!

Please be on the lookout for the bright yellow 'daisy' flowers this August to October, and if you think you've seen it, take a photo and **report potential boneseed sightings to the DAFWA Pest Info line on 1800 084 881**. For more information on boneseed and the eradication program, visit www.weeds.org.au/WoNS/bitoubush. Or contact the WA Boneseed Coordinator, Luke McMillan on Luke.McMillan@perthregionnrm.com or by phone on 0466 744 960 or (08) 9424 2217.





CATCHMENT GROUP MEETINGS

Blackadder-Woodbridge Catchment Group Incorporated

7.00 pm Wednesday, 14 September

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

Friends of Piesse Brook

7.00 pm Thursday, 15 September

16 Roach Rd, Kalamunda
 Contact Karen Warner on (08) 9424 2242 or email: karen.warner@emrc.org.au

Susannah Brook Catchment Group Incorporated

7.15 pm Thursday, 13 October

Gidgegannup Landcare Centre, Gidgegannup Showgrounds, Toodyay Rd
 Contact Renee D'Herville on (08) 9424 2245 or email: renee.dherville@emrc.org.au

Helena River Catchment Group Incorporated

7.00 pm Monday, 17 October

AGM followed by Catchment Group Meeting

Octagonal Hall, 52 McGlew Road, Glen Forrest.
 Contact Karen Warner on (08) 9424 2242 or email: karen.warner@emrc.org.au

Jane Brook Catchment Group Incorporated

7.15 pm Thursday, 27 October

Parkerville Fire Station, Riley Road, Parkerville
 Contact Renee D'Herville on (08) 9424 2245 or email: renee.dherville@emrc.org.au

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Darling Range Naturalists' Club</i></p> <p>When: 7.30 pm Friday, 9 September</p> <p>Venue: CWA Hall, 22 Central Road, Kalamunda</p> <p>Speaker: Eric McCrum</p> <p>Topic: Grasshoppers</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Visitors welcome</p> <p>For further details, please phone: (08) 9293 1676 or (08) 9294 1044</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Wildflower Society of WA Eastern Hills Branch Meeting</i></p> <p>When: 7.30 pm Friday, 23 September</p> <p>Venue: Octagonal Hall, McGlew Road, Glen Forrest</p> <p>Speaker: Kathy Wood</p> <p>Topic: Pots & Potting Mixes, Air & Water</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Visitors welcome</p> <p>For further details, please phone (08) 9298 8645 or (08) 9294 1044</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Wildflower Society of WA Darling Range Branch</i></p> <p>When: 7.30 pm Tuesday, 27 September</p> <p>Venue: CWA Hall, 22 Central Road, Kalamunda</p> <p>Speaker: Chris O'Hora</p> <p>Topic: Preparation for the coming fire season</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Visitors welcome</p> <p>For further details, please phone Debbie on 0416 871 902</p> |
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Community news, Events & Information

Heritage College Planting

By Alan Evans
Friends of Anderson Rd Reserve

While my wife and I were busy planting at one end of Anderson Rd Reserve in Forrestfield one day, a car pulls up and the driver asks us what we are doing. I replied that we are 'Friends' of that reserve and are helping to revegetate the reserve.

We introduce ourselves and it turns out that he's Jeremy Newth, a teacher from Heritage College. He asks if he can bring some of his students down to help with the planting to which I told him he'd be very welcome.

So on Friday, he walks over with 17 of his students and two parents to take part in the planting process. I explained which were the weeds and which were the natives, planted by us last year. They then had a short exercise killing the non-native plants, followed by planting over 170 plants in the time they had allotted, before walking all the way back to their school for a much needed break.

I also promised them that Clare and I would make a special effort to look after their patch for them over summer so as they can perhaps visit it next year to see the results of their labours.

Kalamunda Shire's Environmental Reserves Officer Shenaye Hummerston made up some certificates for them as a reward for their help. Clare and I also received about 10 hand made cards from them thanking us for giving them the opportunity to work on the reserve. We were really thrilled to receive them but we would like to thank them for their efforts. It was great to see their enthusiasm and it was us and the environment that benefited as they certainly helped us a lot.


Landcare Week

5-11th September 2011



Get involved and donate yourself to Landcare

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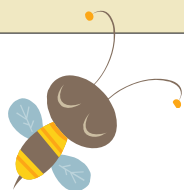
School planting day at Noblewood Estate Reserve

By Brad Thompson

On 29 July, the Mundaring Primary School braved wet weather conditions to work on improving their local bushland, Noblewood Estate Reserve.

The students planted 400 seedlings as well as helping to remove some of the weeds in the planting site. On hand to help were Toni Burbidge and Brad Thompson, Environment Officers from the Shire of Mundaring, as well as local resident Sally Welmink, who provided 150 seedlings for the day.

Noblewood is a small bushland area in the Shire of Mundaring that had been degrading due to rubbish and encroaching weeds until the local school took an interest in revegetating it. Mundaring Primary School has conducted planting sessions on this reserve for the past three years and the results have greatly improved the health of the site as well as teaching the students about the importance of caring for their local environment.



Join the Friends of Piesse Brook for a **Busy Bee**
Sunday, 18 September
9.45 am-12.00 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 for further details.

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



Firewood Banksia
(Banksia Menzeisii)
Photo: Flora Base

Wrestle the Reaper - Dieback Treatment

Date: Saturday, 17 September 2011

Time: 9.00 am - 12.00 pm

Venue: NEW VENUE: Shire of Kalamunda Administration Building,
2 Railway Rd, Kalamunda

Join us in the fight against Phytophthora Dieback. Come and learn how you can make a difference through practical experience in dieback treatment. Skill up and protect your local bushland.

Chemical Free Weed Control Workshop

Date: Saturday, 24 September 2011

Time: 9.00 am - 12.30 pm followed by lunch at Harris Organic Winery

Venue: Polytechnics West (formally TAFE) Eddie Barron Drive Midland

A talk on chemical/herbicide use in the environment and implications of their use. Followed by hands-on weed management and advice on how to remove and treat invasive grasses, watsonia, arum lily, Arundo donax and Blackberry (time permitting).



Eremaea Pauciflora
Photo: H Bowler & E Wajon



Ants on Kingia australis

Rapid Bushland Assessment

Date: Saturday, 15 October 2011

Time: 10.00 am - 12.00 pm

Venue: Parkerville Hall, Cnr Seaborne Street and Riley Road

Come and learn from Department of Environmental and Conservation (DEC) expert Geoff Barrett how to carry out Rapid Habitat Assessments using techniques, including ant sampling and bird surveys to further extend your knowledge of the behind-the-scenes action responsible for healthy bushland.

Native Freshwater Fish Conservation

Date: Saturday, 22 October 2011

Time: 10.00 am - 12.00 pm

Venue: Mahogany Creek Hall, 3060 Strettle Road, Mahogany Creek

The results of a study on the biodiversity of native freshwater fish on Helena River will be presented by EMRC. The Swan River Trust will follow with a presentation on Perth's high water demand and how this impacts on the river ecosystem. In addition, a discussion on the importance of environmental water releases to the biodiversity and water quality on the areas downstream of Perth's dams, with a focus on the lower Helena River.



Western Minnow
(Galaxias Occidentalist)
Photo: D Morgan

To register for Bush Skills for the Hills,
please call the Environmental Services Administration Officer at EMRC on (08) 9424 2216
or email envirottemp@emrc.org.au



Living Smart
creating sustainable communities

Award Winning Living Smart Course for Mundaring

**6 weekly sessions, starting
7.00 pm – 9.15 pm
Thursday, 20 October**

at
**Mundaring Shire Civic Centre,
Great Eastern Highway,
Mundaring**

Cost: Free

Enrolments Are Essential

Living Smart...

Is a practical course in sustainability, which will teach you valuable skills to reduce your ecological footprint and save money. You will learn handy hints on managing waste, water and energy, plus alternative transport options and the safe use of household chemicals. Expert speakers will show you how to grow your own food and how to increase biodiversity in your garden to attract native wildlife. Learn how to make your home warm in winter and cool in summer. Come and meet like-minded people and see how easy it can be to start the change for you and your family.

To book phone (08) 9290 6666 or email shire@mundaring.wa.gov.au

Or get more information from the facilitator, Keith Sillitoe, phone (08) 9299 7025 or email: keithsillitoe@hotmail.com



Centre of Excellence for Climate Change
Woodland & Forest Health

Managing Healthy Forests Symposium

**Friday, 21 October, 8.30 am-5.00 pm
Valley View Restaurant and Reception Centre,
10481 West Swan Rd, Henley Brook**

Featuring presentations from Prof. Nicholas Coops, Dr. Geoff Stoneman and key researchers from the Western Australian State Centre of Excellence for Climate Change, Woodland and Forest Health, the Symposium will deliver information and adaptive management options to improve and maintain the health of woodlands, forests and ecosystem services.

For more information, please visit www.foresthealth.com.au

FREE Community Group Training

For City of Swan based not for profit associations and residents



What you need to know about being a member of a community group and management committee.

Understanding Cultural Diversity

**Thursday 8th September
8.30am - 3pm (9am start)**

This full day training is the ideal opportunity to network with other agencies working or seeking to work with the CaLD community.

It will provide

- Information on the types of migration, programs and processes for refugees arriving in Australia
- Differences between refugees, migrants and asylum seekers

This day will provide information on African and Middle Eastern cultures with lots of interaction and time to discuss and ask questions of the facilitators and other agencies.

A Multicultural Migrant Resource Centre, Dept for Communities and City of Swan Partnership.

**Midland Junction Arts Centre,
cnr Great Eastern Highway and Cale St, Midland**

Managing Meetings as a Board/Management Committee member (governance responsibilities)

26th September 2011 6pm - 9pm

Most people on Boards/Management committees are volunteers or very busy. It is important to ensure the meetings are effective and cover what is necessary and within the Boards governance responsibilities.

This talk will look at:

- Tips on running effective & efficient meetings
- What role office bearers and members should have to prepare for meetings
- Setting up effective agendas and writing useful minutes
- Priorities in meetings that Boards should be focus on and what to avoid
- Legal obligations Boards have as Incorporated Associations
- Importance of the Constitution in conducting meetings

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Helena St, Midland**

Applying and Acquiring Grants

**13th September 2011
6pm - 9pm**

This session will provide some tips on; it will provide

- Where to source information about grants
- Types of grants and their differences -
- Steps for successful grant writing
- Time saving ideas
- Tips and strategies on Project Management
- meeting your contractual obligations
- How to prepare for acquiring grants
- What is involved in acquiring grants

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Event Management & Assessing Risk

**11th October 2011
6pm - 9pm**

Events are an exciting way to raise funds, engage the community, spread our message and achieve objectives. Because events are live and involve so many variables, they can also be unpredictable! From weather to weapons, contracts to communications, fire to finances and plumbing to publicity, events are inherently full of risk.

This presentation will provide you with an overview of Risk Management for Event Organisers and looks at some simple ways to minimise your risks and maximise outcomes.

- Understand and identify Event Risks
- Develop a Risk Management Plan
- Evaluate and Treat Risks
- Tips to Minimise Financial Risk for Events
- Key Event Legislation
- Emergency Planning and Event Safety

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www.swan.wa.gov.au

**Bookings Essential Please confirm no later than two working days prior to session.
Places limited - Phone Caryl Lee 0407 520 228 or Caryl.Lee@swan.wa.gov.au**

Cycle Tourism Brochure



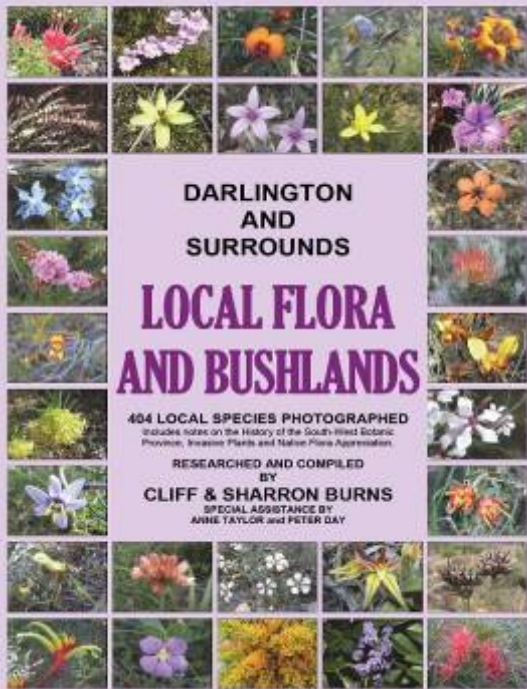
EMRC and Mundaring Tourism Association coordinated the development of an innovative, 64-page, DL size publication which showcases a range of cycle and tourism experiences accessible by public transport from the Midland Railway Line.

The free publication is aimed at recreational cyclists with predominately on-road riding (suited to beginner, family and serious recreation riders, and mountain biking rides in the Perth Hills), with rides to suit a range of different experience levels.

The pocket-sized brochure covers 13 rides throughout Perth's Eastern Region, which includes on-road and shared path rides along the Swan River foreshore, through the Town of Bassendean and Cities of Bayswater and Belmont; through the Swan Valley in the City of Swan; and a range of road and mountain biking rides up in the Perth Hills in the Shires of Kalamunda and Mundaring.

To request your free copy, please contact Samantha Robshaw on (08) 9424 2262 or tourism@emrc.org.au.

The Cycle Perth's Eastern Region guide is a collaborative project between the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council (EMRC), the Mundaring Tourism Association, the Department of Transport, the Department of Sport and Recreation, Lotterywest and Tourism Western Australia.



New Flora Book Launched: 'Local Flora and Bushlands'

Cliff Burns has worked with the Shire of Mundaring to produce an excellent guide of local flora in the Darlington area of Mundaring. Its publication was funded through the Gordon Reid Heritage Grants fund through Lotterywest.

The book itself contains beautiful colour pictures of a wide variety of native flora found in the Perth hills. It is available free to residents of the Shire of Mundaring, however if your 'Friends Of' group or Landcare group from outside the shire are interested in receiving a copy, contact the Mundaring Shire offices on (08) 9290 6666.

Introducing...

EMRC would like to introduce Renee D'Herville as a new member of the environmental services team. Renee will commence on 5 September as NRM officer with the Eastern Hills Catchment Management Program. Renee has worked in government and private sector jobs relating to conservation and land management. Her experience includes planning and implementation of seed collection, revegetation and weed control programs, flora surveys, vegetation mapping and habitat management.

Congratulations...



Congratulations to the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council (EMRC) and the Jane Brook Catchment Group for their success at the 2011 Western Australian Landcare Awards on 25 August.

EMRC won the Local Government Landcare Partnership Award. Its environmental services team is leading the way in natural resource management through the Eastern Hills Catchment Management Program. This extensive urban network of volunteers and groups and strong partnerships with its many stakeholders has enabled it to successfully deliver numerous initiatives, including the *Greenpage* environmental newsletter and *Bush Skills for the Hills* workshops.

Jane Brook Catchment Group was a finalist in the Toshiba Community Group Award. Jane Brook Catchment Group is an environmental force encompassing 25 'Friends Groups' all working together to protect and rehabilitate Jane Brook and its tributaries. Using local nurseries to grow plants and funds sourced from various funding bodies, Jane Brook Catchment Group has achieved an 80 per cent success rate with its revegetation efforts when good rains follow. The group is a non-stop weeding squad throughout the year, with other projects including erosion control, bird counting, fungi hunting, trials of dieback resistant Jarrah seedlings, water monitoring and plant identification.

2011 National Volunteer Awards



International Year of Volunteers
10th anniversary
2011

2011 marks the 10th anniversary of the United Nations International Year of Volunteers (IYV+10). To mark this special year and to recognise those volunteers who make an outstanding contribution to their local community, each Member of Parliament (MP) has been invited to participate in a nation-wide local awards campaign in their electorate.

If you would like to nominate a volunteer for the National Volunteer Awards Campaign in the **City of Swan, Shire of Kalamunda & Shire of Mundaring**, contact Ken Wyatt AM MP, the Federal Member for Hasluck, on (08) 9359 0322, or visit the 'Community Corner' at www.kenwyatt.com.au for more information



CCWA Conservation Awards

Conservation Council of WA's annual Conservation Awards acknowledge individuals and groups in the community who have demonstrated a long-term commitment to the Western Australian environment. These awards are about rewarding those people in the environment movement whose passion and dedication have contributed to the protection of our precious environment. They are our conservation heroes.

Nominations are open until 30 September for the following awards:

- Bessie Rischbieth Conservation Award;
- Young Environmentalist Award;
- Conservation Council of WA Honours list;
- John Oldham Conservation Employee Award;
- Len Howard Community Group Award.

The winners will be announced at an awards ceremony to be held on 15 October 2011. For more information please visit <http://ccwa.org.au/events/ccwa-conservation-awards>.

2011 Environmental Community Grants Awarded

Environment Minister Bill Marmion has awarded more than \$1.5 million to groups and individuals in the third round of the State Government's Environmental Community Grants Program.

The program was introduced in recognition of the enormous contribution community-based organisations make to protecting the state's environment and conserving the nature of WA.

Altogether 285 applications were received this year and, of those, 164 projects will be funded.

Friends of Piesse Brook Inc. were awarded a grant for interpretive signage along the popular 1.5 km 'Rocky Pool Walk'. The signage, consisting of one trailhead sign and 10 interpretive signs, will enhance the walk and provide on-site educational information for users.

The Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council received funding for its Eastern Tributaries Restoration and Watsonia Road Threatened Ecological Communities Conservation projects.



STATE NRM OFFICE

Natural Resource Management in Western Australia

2011/2012 State NRM Program Community Grants

The Western Australian Government is making available \$3 million to fund community projects as part of the 2011/2012 State NRM Program.

Eligible groups can apply for grants of between \$10,000 and \$50,000 to help protect and conserve natural resource assets in Western Australia. Eligible groups include community groups, not-for-profit organisations, local government authorities and education institutions. Groups must either be incorporated under the *Associations Incorporation Act 1987* or be able to use a sponsor organisation for all financial management. Government Agencies, Regional NRM groups and individuals are not eligible.

Applications must be received by 5.00 pm Friday, 9 September 2011. Please visit the State NRM Office website for more details www.nrm.wa.gov.au/grants/state-nrm-program

Swan Grants 2011-12 now open

2011-2012 Round 1 Matching Grants is now open. Applications must be received by 2.00 pm Wednesday, 28 September.

The groups can apply for up to \$20,000 with a matching contribution of equal value made by the group themselves (through providing in-kind resources and similar). Application forms, guidelines, eligibility criteria and general information can be found on the City of Swan's website: www.swan.wa.gov.au/Our_City/Grants_and_Funding/Swan_Grants

For assistance with your application please contact Daniel on (08) 9267 9013 or via Daniel.hanley@swan.wa.gov.au to make an enquiry or appointment.

Be Natural Landcare grants

Landcare Australia and Be Natural are pleased to launch a \$125,000 grants program that will provide funding to voluntary environmental community groups across Australia. This grants program will enable groups to continue their great work in tackling local environmental issues by providing funding to help with the continuation of on-going projects.

The Be Natural Landcare grants program will provide grants of up to \$5,000 to 25 local groups to help with the projects which have not received funding in the last 12 months. Through the grants program, groups will also be encouraged to find innovative ways of attracting more volunteers to their group and projects.

The grants are open to any community, environmental volunteer group that falls under the Landcare umbrella including Bushcare, Dunecare, Rivercare, 'Friends of' groups, and groups of farmers that embrace sustainable farm management.

Applications for the Be Natural Landcare grants will close on 10 October. For more details, please visit www.landcareonline.com.au

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THE NOONGAR SEASONS 6 TRADITIONAL SEASONS

DJILBA - AUGUST TO SEPTEMBER

Often the coldest part of the year, with clear, cold nights and days, or warmer, rainy and windy periods. As the nights begin to warm up there are more clear, sunny days, making it an ideal time for spreading slow release fertiliser and mulching. The first wildflower blossoms appear, including milkmaids, grey cottonhead, coral vine, white myrtle, rose bangle, yellow pea and mountain kunzea.

The groups start to unite eventually re-assembling into larger groups continuing to move back towards the coastline.



Milkmaids

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