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Water Quality Reports Completed

The 2010 Water Quality Reports for Bull Creek Catchment, Bayswater Main Drain and Bennett Brook have now been completed. The reports are a part of the Water Quality Partnership Project, and were completed by SERCUL and a number of Local Governments. These reports provide the Local Governments and the Swan River Trust with information required to manage and improve the water quality in their drains and catchments, particularly in identifying nutrient and toxic hotspots.

The aim of the Water Quality Partnership Project is to promote a cooperative approach to water quality monitoring activities across the Swan Region. More specifically, this project assists stakeholders such as local governments to assess their water quality data requirements and provides assistance to prepare sampling and analysis plans, undertake actual sampling activities and finally to prepare the reports.

The reports give a detailed analysis of the water quality as well as provide a number of recommendations for management activities. These include how to deal with polluting industries, and nutrient sources from a range of land users. Without this information important aspects of improving the Swan and Canning Rivers could not be completed.

Unfortunately, the Water Quality Partnership Program will not continue under current Caring for our Country funding past the 30th of June 2011. Perth Region NRM's Integrated Water

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Agricultural Management

Management Reference Group is preparing an 'integrated water monitoring framework' for all sources of pollution so we can bid for funding gaps from a range of funding programs. We will continue to work with SERCUL, the Local Governments and the Swan River Trust to try and get funding for this very important work.

Perth Region NRM would like to thank Monica Estrada and the team at SERCUL, the participating Local Governments and Dominic Heald at the Department of Water for their excellent work and dedication to the Water Quality Partnership Project over the years. Their professionalism and hard work have resulted in excellent reports that have significantly helped tackle sometimes difficult pollution issues affecting the health of our precious rivers, streams and wetlands.

For copies of the 2010 Water Quality Reports for Bull Creek Catchment, Bayswater Main Drain or Bennett Brook, please email Victoria.Lowe@perthregionnrm.com or visit <http://www.perthregionnrm.com/pr-nrm-programs/integrated-water/water-quality-reports.aspx> to download your copy.

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Honour your local heros today

Nominations are now open for the 2011 State and Territory Landcare Awards, giving everyone across Australia the opportunity to honour the people who make a positive difference to their local environment.

Landcare is currently encouraging people to nominate anyone they feel deserves to have their efforts recognised. All types of environmental and agricultural volunteers can be nominated for any type of on-ground work which includes a huge range of activities such as sustainable farming, community gardening, habitat restoration, caring for rivers and creeks, preserving coastal landscapes and much, much more. With 12 categories in place there is sure to be one for every type and size of project or group, be it large or small, urban or rural, bush or coastal.

For more information on the awards criteria, categories and past winners, please visit www.landcareonline.com.au

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Coastal Awards for Excellence 2011

The WA Coastal Awards for Excellence recognise and celebrate the outstanding achievements that individuals, community groups, schools, businesses and governments do to protect and manage WA's unique coastal and marine environments. Individuals, groups and projects that have demonstrated success and outstanding commitment to working towards sustainable planning and/or management of WA's coastal and marine environments are encouraged to apply. The awards are proudly coordinated by the Department of Planning on behalf of the Western Australian Planning Commission's Coastwest Program.

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Bush Care and Bushfire Control

Damage to native fauna and flora during recent bushfires in the Perth region has highlighted the need to better integrate bush care with bush fire management. Perth Region NRM's East Reference Group invites you to attend a Community Forum to become informed on the current fire management practices.

A number of experts on Bush Care and Bush Fire control will speak about the best management of bush reserves to lessen the impact of fires and fire control on native vegetation and fauna.

This is a free event. Light refreshments provided. For more information, call Tori on 9374 3325, or email Victoria.Lowe@perthregionnrm.com

Dieback Update

Phytophthora Dieback is recognized as one of the greatest threats to biodiversity in the SW as well as our own Perth region.

The recent release of the Conservation Commission Report has triggered a number of newspaper articles and “questions without notice” in the WA Parliament. If you are concerned about this issue you can write a letter or send an email to the Premier Barnett and the Environment Minister Bill Marmion.

To download the Conservation Commission report, the Questions Without Notice posed in Parliament or the recent article on Dieback in the West Australian Newspaper please visit:
<http://www.perthregionnrm.com/pr-nrm-programs/natural-diversity-program/dieback.aspx>

Websites of Interest

Have a look at www.feral.org.au

Feral.org.au is a website that contains information on vertebrate pest animal species in Australia and New Zealand.

You can easily browse the site to find general information, pictures from the image gallery, education resources and more.



Help **Map feral animals** in your area – Get involved!

Click on www.feralscan.org.au to find RabbitScan and FoxScan.

Map rabbits or foxes in your area at the website. You can also use the free mapping tool to help with mapping and control in your own area.

Register as a fox or rabbit scanner and record sightings, damage caused or control activities in your area. Add to the national rabbit map, or the national fox map, or use the data to help with the problem on your property or your area.



Birds Australia Conservation Forum 2011 is being held in Perth this year. The theme is 'Important Bird Areas and the Conservation of Birds in South Western Australia.'

Click on <http://www.birdsaustralia.com.au/bookings-2.html> for more information and registration.



Volunteering WA aims to build strong communities through volunteering and provides a range of resources, services and support so that people in Western Australia are aware of and understand the nature and scope of volunteer activity.

<http://www.volunteeringwa.org.au/>

Government Media Statements of Interest

Autumn prescribed burning program gets under way -
<http://www.mediastatements.wa.gov.au/Pages/Results.aspx?ItemID=139471>

Greater protection for internationally significant WA conservation reserves -
<http://www.mediastatements.wa.gov.au/Pages/Results.aspx?ItemID=138794>

E-waste program gets \$1.5million boost -
<http://www.mediastatements.wa.gov.au/Pages/Results.aspx?ItemID=136544>

Events in the Perth Region

Perth Region NRM are keen to help you find out about relevant and interesting events, training and workshops happening in our region.

If you have an event coming soon please email us details at enquiries@perthregionnrm.com so we can include it on our website and in our new newsletter.

For contact details and further information on these workshops, please visit the [Perth Region NRM website](#) events page.

Topic	Venue	Date and Time	Host
CRRP Vollyies Work Day	Colahan Way park along the road.	Saturday 16th April, 8:30am start	Canning River Regional Park Volunteers
Boots on Bushcare and Safety	Bush Skills for the Hills	Sunday 17th April, 1:00pm-4:00pm	EMRC & Others
Allan Jones, MBE - Convention A Pathway to deep cuts in CO2 Emissions in Cities CO2 Emissions in Cities	Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre Level 2 River View Room 4 21 Mounts Bay Road Perth	Monday 18th April, 5:30pm-7:30pm	Western Power
Learning by experience: NCCARF sythesis and Intergrative Research	The Atrium Theatrette, Level 4 168 Georges Terrace	Monday 18th April, 1:30-5:00pm	National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility
AGM - Meeting	Canning River Eco-Education Centre	Wednesday 20th April, 7:30pm start	Canning River Regional Park Volunteers
Flow for the Love of Water	Bush Skills for the Hills	Wednesday 20th April	EMRC & Others
Towards Better Integration of Bush Care and Bushfire Control	Perth Region NRM 80 Great Northern Highway; Middle Swan	Thursday 5th May 10:00am-1:00pm	Perth Region NRM Inc
Life After People	Bush Skills for the Hills	Wednesday 11th May	EMRC & Others
Birds Australia Conservation	University of Western	Saturday 21st May	Birds Australia

Forum 2011	Australia		
The Frog Doctor	Bush Skills for the Hills	Saturday 28th May, 10:00am-2:00pm	EMRC & Others
State Landcare Award Nominations	Statewide	Friday 27th May, 5pm close	Landcare
Coastal Awards for Excellence Nominations	Statewide	Friday 10th June, 5pm close	Department of Planning
6th World Environmental Education Conference	Brisbane, Australia	Tuesday 19th - Saturday 23rd July	
State NRM Conference	Perth Exhibition and Convention Centre	23rd-25th August	Perth Region NRM, WALIS, ISDE
Threatened Species Day - Education Event	Whiteman Park	Wednesday 7th September, 10:00am - 2:00pm	Whiteman Park
Wrestle the Reaper - Dieback Treatment	Bush Skills for the Hills	Saturday 17th September, 9:00am-12:00pm	EMRC & Others
Chemical Free Weed Control Workshop	Bush Skills for the Hills	Saturday 24th September, 9:00am-12:30pm followed by lunch at winery	EMRC & Others
Rapid Bushland Assessment	Bush Skills for the Hills	Saturday 15th October, 9:00am-12:00pm	EMRC & Others
Be Smart with Seed - Native seed Collection Shortcourse	Bush Skills for the Hills	Wednesday 23rd November, Saturday 26th November, Wednesday 7th December	EMRC & Others
Free Information Seminar - design a more energy efficient and sustainable new home	Murdoch University	Anytime	soalraspects

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