

- **SEPTEMBER 08**
Native seed & cuttings propagation course. Outing to collect native cuttings.
- **OCTOBER 08**
Workshop at the Cockburn Wetlands Education Centre in Bibra Lake. Herbicide Course.
- **NOVEMBER 08**
Seed collection course. Firebreak Rescue workshop.
- **DECEMBER 08**
Field trip into the bush to collect native seed.

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Native Seed & Cuttings Course

By Fred Erdtsieck

The very first course initiated by the WLCG was warmly received. Eight members of the twelve were able to attend and a great time was had by all. This goes to show that even if a course is fully booked, having your name down will put you first in line if a place becomes available.

The course was held at the Ngulla Community Nursery in Casuarina and our host was the manager, Peter Bird. We started off with a walk around the nursery and were shown different styles of tube stock pots and how the root growth of seedlings varied between them. We were then shown a water misting system which controls the humidity to a level that is appreciated by

plant cuttings. We finally took some cuttings of *Olearia axilaris*.

The second part of the course was theory based and we learned



Preparing cuttings from *Olearia*

the names of the different parts of seeds and how to scarify them to help them germinate. Peter had pre treated some *Acacia* seed for us to use in the planting.

The final part of the course was where we all got our hands dirty. We prepared the cuttings as we were shown and dipped the ends in some rooting formula before potted them in a light soil mixture. We then sorted out three different varieties of pretreated *Acacia* seed and planted those too. All in all, we potted around eighty cuttings and seed tube stock pots to take home and we learnt a great deal along the way.

Photos of the course day can be found on the WLCG website on the 2008 photos page.

I would like to thank Peter Bird for running an excellent course and International Power Mitsui for their generous funding.

I hope that we can do it again with new people next year.

Magenup Lake Interpretative Signage

By Angela Jakob,

The "Creating Communities" group in conjunction with a variety of partner agencies have been successful in obtaining a Green Corps Group. The Town of Kwinana have scheduled 3 weeks in November for works at a variety

of our reserve locations including Lake Magenup. We are currently finalizing work plan details and at the moment. We have two days of activities including the maintenance of this years plantings and installation of the interpretive signage that was organized for the site last year. If the WLCG is

able to assist on the dates 13th & 14th of November please let me know.

Angela Jakob is the Bushcare Officer for the Town of Kwinana. She can be contacted on 0437 806143. Her position is only part-time for now so try Tuesday to Thursday.

Community Garden for McGuigan Park in Medina

By Mandy Grub, Medina Residence Group.

Great news our lobbying Council for upgrading of McGuigan Park in Medina, is starting to pay off. The park has just been selected by Council to be the site for Kwinana's Community Garden. Special thanks to Jean Kirk who was our contact with Zoe Evans at the Council.

If you want to hear more about the Community Garden come along to the next Medina

Residents Group meeting - 7.00pm Wed 17th Sept at Medina Primary School (enter off Westcott Rd) Zoe, from the Council will be attending.

Mandy Grub is the coordinator of the Medina Residence group and also a leading member of the "Friends of Chalk Hill" group amongst other things. She is a very active person in the community. If you would like to learn more about her group, please go to the new Wandi Landcare website at

www.wandismallharvest.com/wlcg and select the downloads page.

The WLCG newsletter welcomes any land care related articles or issues, especially within the Kwinana, Peel, S.J. & Cockburn shires. Please contact the editor on 0428 604032 or email me at pearling@oceanbroadband.net. One photo is ok .

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Fire Management Plan

By Fred Erdtsieck.

Whilst out on the Magenup Lake in the company of Ray Souza , Steve Treeby and Ryan Munro, we discussed the idea of implementing a Fire Management Plan for the area. This idea is starting to take shape and will very shortly be in draft form. During the hot dry months, the lake bed is covered by mostly dried grasses

and thistles which burn ferociously. In such a fire, the fire brigade can only stand back and let it run it's course hoping that no nearby properties are threatened. Even once the fire has been extinguished the threat of peat fires can endure for months. This is not an acceptable situation. The basic idea is to create wide fire-breaks within the lake bed area

avoiding native stands of bush land, allowing safe access of fire fighters. The full rundown on this plan and other projects can be found under "Projects " on the WLCG website.

*Ray Souza, Kwinana Chief Ranger,
Steve Treeby, Capt. Mandogalup VBFB,
Ryan Monro, Kwinana Environmental Coordinator.*

WLCG on the World Wide Web

By Fred Erdtsieck

It was a while coming but not only does the WLCG have a newsletter but it also has a web presence. I have been working hard putting a website together for the group and it went

online as of mid September. For now it is being hosted by *WandiSmallHarvest.com* but eventually it will have it's own place hosted under the Wandi Progress Association. I have tried to make the website as interesting and informative as possible and I would like your input as well. You can go there

by pointing your favourite browser at www.wandismallharvest.com/wlcg. I will also add information about what other groups are up to and how we may interact with them with workshops etc.

It should be fun !

Visit www.wandismallharvest.com/wlcg for up to date information about the group

