



**Eastern Oil Mallee** tree planting program is now well underway (see pic below) This incentive program has been very popular with over 1.2 million seedlings being signed up for plantings within the Northern Ag region. Planting criteria had to be a minimum of 10,000 to a maximum of 100,000 trees per landholder. Seedling species included, Loxliss, Borealis and Plenissima. Each project is an agreement between NACC and the Landholder, seedlings are subsidised to 12 cents plus a 12 month membership to the Oil Mallee Association, lets hope we see this project continue into the future!!



**Books available at the Perenjori office.**

**Scum Book**—(This is not a list of people we don't like!) A description of various algae / aquatic plants many good ones. It provides a description of both harmless and Hazardous algae and plants.

**A guide to emergent wetland plants of South – Western Australia**, The purpose of this book is to aid identification of common sedges, rushes and bulrushes of the south west and to provide information on the ecology,

**2009 NACC Photo Competition**

**This is YOUR chance to showcase our region at the State NRM conference in Geraldton, and be a part of the NACC Photographic Exhibition that will tour Perenjori, Moora, and Jurien Bay. There are three categories including:**

1. *Our Beautiful Region*

Celebrating the beauty of the flora, fauna and natural environment of Northern Agricultural Region

2. *Caring for Our Natural Environment*

People protecting, enjoying and working with the natural environment in the Northern Agricultural Region

3. *Young Photographer (under 18's) - Our Beautiful Region*


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Commended photos will feature in NACC's 2010 calendar and there are cash prizes for all categories.

## SMART Homes & Gardens Workshop

There was a great turn-out at the Dalwallinu Rec Centre on the 19th May for the Energy Efficiency Workshop, delivered by the Great Gardens team from Perth, who were on their Regional Roadshow. The workshop covered a huge range of topics and was enjoyed by everybody there. We all left with a whole host of ideas for improving efficiency in our homes and gardens and with energy prices set to increase by 100% over the next two years, there are ways to really save you money (and do your bit for the environment)

### Here are our top tips from the day

- ◆ Buy **energy efficient globes** - they last approx 8 times longer than conventional incandescent globes, don't waste energy as heat and can now be recycled effectively. 
- ◆ **Cool** your house in **summer** and keep it **warm** in **winter** without excessive use of air conditioning units - keep the sun out in summer with use of shade sails, solar pergolas, plants, awnings or even an old sheet ! But of course let the sun in during the winter months to warm the house. The magic temperature to maintain is **24°C**.
- ◆ **Insulate** your roof and walls to stop heat escaping in the winter and to keep heat out in the summer. Generous government rebates are available to help through the **Sustainable Energy Development Office (SEDO)** - [www.sedo.energy.wa.gov.au](http://www.sedo.energy.wa.gov.au). While you're there, check out the other rebates on offer 
- ◆ Did you know that **Refrigeration** makes up 16% of the average WA energy bill. Get the most from your fridge, keep it away from the oven and windows. Don't overload it, but empty fridges are also very inefficient. Check the seals - insert a piece of paper and close the door - can you pull it out ? If so maybe it's time to replace the seal. What about the spare/beer fridge in the shed ? Does it need to be on 365 days of the year.
- ◆ In the Garden
- ◆ **Mulch, mulch, mulch** - the best waterwise mulches consist of large, irregularly shaped particles that hold little, if any water so allow the water to infiltrate easily, eg wood chips, stones, coarse gravel. Beware of some products labeled as mulch that are really just soil conditioners. 
- ◆ Subsurface irrigation systems are the most water efficient - check out the rebates available for this too ([www.sedo.energy.wa.gov.au](http://www.sedo.energy.wa.gov.au))
- ◆ **Green waste** is not rubbish - stop sending it to landfill ! You're throwing away good nutrients which you can either compost or mulch and then apply straight round your plants for the best fertiliser possible. 
- ◆ **Wind** drying out the garden is a major problem in this area. Install windbreaks but remember solid structures do not make good windbreaks ie walls, fences. Trees like sheoaks make perfect windbreaks as they diffuse the incoming wind well - sheoaks protect up to 6 times their height ie 3m tree protects up to 18m of land.
- ◆ Take advantage of the different **microclimates** around your house for growing different plants - check labels in the nursery to know what conditions plants prefer. Also, did you know that most plant labels are made in the eastern states and don't accurately represent the Mid West's climate. A plant that states 'Full Sun' would not particularly appreciate the full sun here !!



## Perenjori Primary School

*What a great effort! 😊*

**Perenjori Primary has a new Recycling Depot.** Gindalbie metals have kindly offered to pick up and transport the materials for recycling to Perth at no cost - and all the profits will go to the P&C



This recycling service is available for the whole community to use, so please use it and help raise some funds for the P&C and do your bit for the environment at the same time. Access is via loading St, drive around the oval using the dirt road to the white wooden shed. Preferably outside school hours or take care and drive slowly to avoid children (they are not recyclable!!!!)

## Native Vegetation fence off - Chris Moffet

Congratulations to Chris on an awesome effort of fencing out in excess of 2,200 acres. This will allow the Bellaranga hills to be maintained in their pristine condition. This range of hills has been identified as part of the last stand of remnant vegetation left in the region. Surveys and photo points have been established to monitor the condition of these sections of the bush into the future, therefore enabling us to monitor the effect of this type of incentive.



The project entailed the fencing of 3 separate parcels of vegetation along and within the Bellaranga range. Another project very similar may occur further North in the near future. Keep reading the newsletters to find out more.

## What is National Tree Day?

National Tree Day, (August 2, 2009), Schools Tree Day (July 31, 2009), and [12 additional Tree Day dates](#) throughout the year make up Australia's biggest community tree-planting event. Co-ordinated by [Planet Ark](#) and proudly sponsored by [Toyota](#), these are special days for all Australians to help out by planting native trees and shrubs at a Tree Day site in their local area. Tree Day was co-founded by Olivia Newton-John and Jon Dee in 1996 and since then more than 2 million volunteers have planted over 13 million native trees and shrubs!

Tree Day is an opportunity for schools, community groups and local residents to come together to make a positive difference to our environment. Growing local native trees, shrubs and ground covers helps to provide food and shelter for Australia's wildlife, increase native biodiversity and combat the habitat loss that threatens much of our wildlife. A Special Day For Schools Each year, around 200 000 Australian school students participate in a special National Tree Day event designed just for children – **Schools Tree Day!** It's a wonderful opportunity for children to make a tree-mendous contribution to Australia's natural environment and have lots of fun at the same time. Getting involved in Schools Tree Day is a great thing to do. You can see your teachers get their hands dirty, make your school look beautiful, have fun with your friends and help the environment all at once!



### Dates for your Diary

**NACC photo competition**—closes end of July, there are cash prizes up for grabs, so get snapping! For further details go to [\\_](#) or call 9964 9774

**National Tree day** - Sunday 2nd August

**Flora workshop** - Moora 24th July -

**Insect identification workshop** - September , contact the office to register now

YYCMG General meeting – 27th August?

**Florabank**—seed collecting workshop—contact Donna Rayner to register your interest

**Sandal Wood Field Day**—Friday 14th August in Moora

## Staff News

- The future of the YYCMG—we are currently funded through until the end of September. There is still hope that additional funds will flow soon to allow us to keep the doors open.
- Lizzie is currently on leave until the 4th August. Lizzie has returned to England to enjoy the cricket!!!

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