



July to September 2008 Edition

## Yarra Yarra Catchment Group Annual General Meeting

We Need  
You!!



**When: Thursday 23rd October, 2.30pm, followed by an informal sundowner**

**Where: Perenjori Office, Timmings Street**

We are looking for community members to get involved with the catchment group and join our committee. You don't need any previous experience, just an interest in successfully managing the natural resources of your region.

Being actively involved gives you a chance to say where you think NRM funding should be prioritised within the catchment and also raise ideas that you have. We hold five meetings a year, alternating between our Perenjori and Kalannie offices

We would like to take this opportunity to give a big thank you to everybody who has been involved with the group over the past 12 months.

All our meetings are open to all community members, and we want to hear your ideas. This is a community group, and without community support and involvement, it doesn't work. **PLEASE COME AND JOIN US!**

**If you are planning to attend the AGM please let Lizzie know - 99731451, Thanks.**

### Thank you Lotterywest!

With the help of a grant from Lotterywest, the Yarra Yarra group have planted 150,000 Broombush seedlings throughout the catchment since July. The grant went towards paying a contractor to plant the trees.

With the rainfall we've had over the past few months, we are expecting all of the seedlings to do very well, and we hope to have a strike rate of almost 100%. We will carry out site visits in the near future to assess this.

The NACC Broombush project has now come to an end, and the Project Manager Georgie Troup has produced an excellent booklet about growing broombush in the NAR, it is full of local case studies and her conclusions from the three year project.

We have copies available in our Perenjori office, please contact Lizzie if you would like one on 99731451, or drop into the office.





## Regional Team Meeting

The Yarra Yarra group recently hosted the NACC Regional Team Meeting, on the 2nd & 3rd of October. These meetings take place every three months and are hosted by each of the sub-regional groups in turn.



We had a full two days, covering Geographical Information systems, the Yarra Yarra oil mallee project, deep drainage and we also spent a good deal of time out and about in the Perenjori community bus showing off the surrounding area, in particular the fantastic wildflowers. We took the group to have a look at a Woodland watch site on Angela and Roger Drings property. They have a large patch of remnant bush which has now been fenced off. This is a voluntary scheme, run by WWF. It involves placing a conservation covenant on the land, the scheme also covers the cost of fencing, and landowners receive a one-off payment for the land whilst still remaining the legal owners. The area is out of bounds for livestock, and is an important habitat reserve. For further information about the woodland watch scheme please contact Lizzie or Dene.

On the Thursday evening, we were lucky enough to have Chris Mesiku come up from Perth Observatory with his giant telescope and plenty of facts and information about the night sky. It was enjoyed by all. Chris held an evening for the community on the Wednesday night, which went down very well with those who attended. All in all we had a very enjoyable and informative two days.

## LAND FOR WILDLIFE - Voluntary Nature Conservation in WA

The Land for Wildlife scheme is aimed at helping wildlife on private and community owned land. For more information about the scheme check out the following website:

<http://www.naturebase.net/landforwildlife>

Or you can contact Fiona Falconer, Land For Wildlife Officer Box 34, Coorow, WA 6515

Ph: (08) 9952 1074, Fax: (08) 9952 1286, Email: [fiona.falconer@dec.wa.gov.au](mailto:fiona.falconer@dec.wa.gov.au)

We have brochures with further details in our Perenjori and Kalannie offices. Please call in or let us know if you would like one.



Eucalyptus Oil is available from: Kalannie distillers, Kalannie telecentre, and the Yarra Yarra office in Perenjori.

Prices as follows:

50ml - \$3.00	5 litres - \$100*
100ml - \$4.50	20 litres - \$280*
200ml - \$8.00	* plus GST
500ml - \$14	

There are discounts for wholesale buyers. Please contact Kalannie distillers for further information: [kalanniedistillers@bigpond.com](mailto:kalanniedistillers@bigpond.com)







## Stop the Spread!

Golden Crownbeard  
(*Verbesia encelioides*)

This weed displaces native vegetation and is toxic to stock and humans. Distribution is limited so we can still make a difference.



### **What to Do....**

For more information and to report an infestation of golden crownbeard contact:

Department of Environment & Conservation

Midwest Regional Office

PO Box 72, Geraldton, WA 6531

(08) 9921 5955

Website: [www.dec.wa.gov.au](http://www.dec.wa.gov.au)

## Drum Muster

Please continue to bring in your chemical containers and do your bit for the environment.

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Bevan Henderson  
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## The Regional Drainage Project

The deep drainage project has received funding to extend the deep drainage system in the Merkanooka sub-catchment. Work has started recently on a further 11.5km, and should be completed by December. This will complete 2nd stage of the drainage project in this subcatchment, The drain will be closely monitored and the data collected will be very important in assessing the viability of deep drainage in the area, as a means of combating rising groundwater and salinity.



Newly excavated drain, Moffett Road

For further information please contact Dene at the Perenjori office on **99731425**

## Upcoming Events

**23rd October: Yarra Yarra AGM**, 2.30pm Perenjori Office

31st October - Local Native Flora, identification & seed collection workshop, Geraldton

For more information about any of these events please contact Lizzie or Dene on: 9973 1425 or by email to [yycmg\\_lizzie@westnet.com.au](mailto:yycmg_lizzie@westnet.com.au)

## Staff News

Our NRMO Lizzie, has recently returned from England, where she married Geoff King, a local farmer from Latham. Congratulations to you both!



Lizzie and Geoff

Jo Ashworth has been shortlisted in the Celebrate WA photographic competition, with the theme of My Place WA. The photos can be viewed by following the link: <http://myplacewa.highway1.com.au/open.php>

Voting closed on October 17th, and the winners will be announced on October 23rd. Well done on getting this far Jo and good luck!

If you would like to join our mailing list, please send an email to [yycmg\\_lizzie@westnet.com.au](mailto:yycmg_lizzie@westnet.com.au)