

SNEC's focus of direct interest. (derived from the City's Coastal Foreshore Action Plans) remains on completion of the review of signage and beach access ways including interpretation signage and review of hazard risk associated with climate change impacts to coast and coastal infrastructure



Contact: SNEC for where to HELP!

SEE YOU ON THE BEACH!

Calandrinia. This annual pretty, light prostrate, native groundcover 'Calandrinia' occurs on our coastal sand dunes and is a pleasure to see. Not only because it is a local 'native' helping to hold the sand together but because of the tiny white or pink flowers which follow. It should not be confused with the many winter weeds needing to be removed at this time of the year!



Calandrinia



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Events for your diary: Community Activity

Special week-end activities

9 October 2010—Saturday

Join SNEC Assisting
in 'Tangaroa Blue Beach Litter Survey'

(contact below for details)

MIDWEEK activities
Main sites

Watermans Bay, North Beach,
Hamersley Linkage

**NB Sometimes we are elsewhere, ring below
or email to find out where!**

early start times

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S Pritchard / R D Kolb

The safety of our volunteers is a priority.
We do care! It is your responsibility!
Please wear a hat, enclosed footwear and clothing
covering your arms and legs)

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"I used to sayWhy doesn't somebody do something!
Until I realized I was somebody" JFK

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2010	Newsletter
<i>Spring</i>	— <i>Summer</i>

Southern Right Whales

at North Beach, Watermans Bay

Marmion Marine Park—August 2010

Stirling Natural Environment Coastcare (SNEC), a community volunteer group working with the support of and in collaboration with City of Stirling, is committed to ongoing monitoring and maintenance of our growing number of project sites. SNEC is appreciative of the recognition and support from the wider community and continues to support the provision of facilities which provide for the wellbeing of community without compromising the integrity of the coastal zone's natural environment!

During 2010/2011 it is pleasing to report that there are a number of works scheduled to be carried out by City of Stirling at North Beach and adjoining areas.



Corporate volunteers

SNEC volunteers

North Beach winter staircase to be replaced—mid January.

Large beach drain at bottom of James Street has been realigned and extended. Additional project upgrades include fencing, paths, coir log support of dunes and paths and signage.

North Beach Toilet Update.

Unfortunately update for the location of toilet/changerooms from City of Stirling is unchanged and is still 'in abeyance at this time'.

Since our Autumn-Winter newsletter our group has continued its core work. What a dedicated, hardy group of volunteers! Thank you everyone!

Planting for 2010 began late with the wet weather holding off, however finished well even with long dry patches in-between. Plants supplied by Grant CC08169 and City of Stirling.

'An Introduction to Coastal Gardens'

This Brochure, funded through SNEC's previous Grant is almost ready for launch. City of Stirling's graphic designers have incorporated our text and photos into a brochure containing 'tips' to help local gardeners adapt to waterwise, easy maintenance gardens which attract and assist in sustaining coastal biodiversity.

Over 4000 seedlings were again planted with approximately half receiving installation of plant protectors. Main planting sites were one of our Grant sites, south of Watermans Bay Marine Centre (old Fisheries) and infill planting into a number of other prepared sites.

Funding for 2011 plants has come through in another of our Caring for Our Country Community Grants, from the Australian Government Land and Coasts Program. Ongoing planning and preparatory hand weeding management by SNEC continues, assisted where appropriate by chemical weed management.

Ensuring plant survival City of Stirling recognises the special water needs of just planted coastal seedlings and new arrangements should contribute to survival.

Sex and Violence in the Sand dunes.

P Robertson Near Watermans Bay-North Beach linkage)

"While weeding a dune area I noticed a 2x3mm flash of peacock blue. On closer inspection, I saw a tiny male Peacock Blue Jumping Spider. He was sunning himself in the morning warmth. As I watched and searched, I eventually found 5 similar spiders sunning themselves.

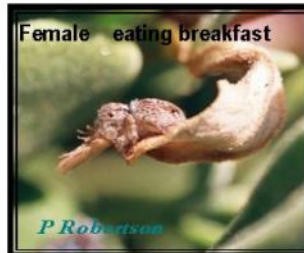
After watching for a while a female emerged. She was fawn, hairy fat with eggs and 4mm long.

Peacock Blue Jumping Spider



Male

P Robertson



Female eating breakfast

P Robertson

After a short while the male approached her and waved his left second hind leg. The last joint about 1/2 sqmm flashed Peacock blue. The female made a dash for him, thinking that breakfast had arrived. The male leapt aside and landed on a nearby branch. The female missed him and retreated to a greyish dead leaf. She settled for a tiny grey moth for breakfast instead. I resumed weeding. "

16 Sep 2010—100 year sea level rise figure updated.
See Plans and Policies at <http://www.planning.wa.gov.au>

Pilot Pellitory Project — SNEC Coastcarers Georgina and Shel report that the two sites sown with Pellitory seed (with the permission of City of Stirling) has grown strongly and has since attracted the migratory Yellow Admiral butterfly to lay eggs which are now at larvae phase.

Robert Powell (Ecologist) provides valuable knowledge and encouragement to this new project. Anyone interested in helping out is welcome to participate, as the success of this trial indicates that this project will be ongoing and rewarding.



Coastwest grant for weed mapping along the 6-1/2 km of City of Stirling 's Coastal foreshore commences this Spring. Noted Ecologist Dr Judy Fisher supported by SNEC volunteers will carry out the assessment. An Urban Nature weed mapping workshop was attended by SNEC volunteers, Doug and Georgina. Ongoing thanks also to Peter for his assistance.

SNEC Volunteers in accordance with our Aims and Objects do work towards sustainable plant community, and animal habitats within the coastal zone and the protection of natural biodiversity, landform, and in adjoining areas.

Websites for Coastcarers to tap into to widen their local biodiversity knowledge:
www.triggbushland.org.au
www.friendsofstarswamp.org

Wildflower Society of WA's website

<http://members.ozemail.com.au/~wildflowers/growing.html>

