

Part of the 'Big Help Mob'



After a mighty job helping SNEC
in vicinity of Brighton Beach

Start watching now for
Southern Right Whales

North Beach, Watermans Bay, Marmion Marine Park
August 2010
Remember this mother and offspring ?



SEE YOU ON THE BEACH



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2012 - Special weekend events
with
FoMMP—Collect and sort beach litter
FOSS—'Spring Fling' activities
September

AUTUMN through WINTER
TUES + THURS morning
Midweek—Start time
8 am to 10 am
(until notified)

Currently
Main sites are between
North Beach, Hamersley and
Watermans Bay)

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



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Newsletter 2012

Autumn — Winter



4760 plants are in this Winter

Wow—all plants are in the ground to get the benefit of whatever rain arrives. After a trial last year, SNEC has carried out its first wider scale planting of local indigenous Marine Couch grass. Its botanical name is 'Sporobolus virginicus'. During the trials it was found to establish well and do an excellent job retaining the edges of access paths.

NEW After observation and a trial, local native Marine couch grass has been used extensively this year along the edges of beach access ways especially to assist in erosion mitigation. Support and plants came also from Perth Region NRM and propagation carried out by SNEC volunteers.

Collaboration at work.

City of Stirling formed and matted the swales and supplied plants to alleviate flooding along West Coast Drive.

SNEC prepared the holes and planted up the two drainage swales south of Watermans Bay Marine Centre.

Community Action Grant, 'Extension of Coastal Rehabilitation Works, North Beach to Hamersley Beach' funded through Caring for our Country has just been completed. It involved carrying out ongoing site preparation, monitoring, manual and chemical weeding, compiling, ordering and planting up of plants. These plants can be seen from Hamersley Beach, North Beach Road along West Coast Drive dunes to the Jetty. Also around the new Winter staircase off North Hamersley Beach linkage up to North Beach Road. After preparation by SNEC the City has had plants put into the demolished North Beach Surf Club site.

SNEC's brochure 'Introduction to Coastal Gardens' is available at City of Stirling's Cedric Street Office, their Libraries and also on the City's website. SNEC members are very happy to assist with any enquiries and/or to supply a hard copy of the brochure.

Pellitory Trial Progress

Publishing of this trial has been featured in a prestigious citizen science journal. Also reference to SNEC was made in the Department of Environment's Landscape Magazine in an article by Robert Powell. SNEC's Pellitory proponents, Georgina and Shel, have successfully raised both the plants and members interest in becoming and staying involved to ensure survival of this plant continues on Stirling's dunes to the benefit of the Australian Yellow Admiral butterfly.

New projects are already underway. One is through CAG, Caring for Our Country funding in the WBMC precinct and another is a CoastWest funded project enabling Ecologist Consultant Dr Judy Fisher to be employed to conduct local Native vegetation mapping of City of Stirling's coastal dune system. This will complement the already completed digital weed mapping and the two will be valuable management tools for both SNEC and City of Stirling.

Recognising SNEC's volunteers

Once again students from Edith Cowan University's latest intake demonstrated their support for volunteer work along our coast by actively volunteering themselves to support that work .

Thank you ECU.

Coastal Guardians Program—Woodside and CVA. Have worked together in teams, CVA volunteers and Woodside employees assisted SNEC in a real and tangible way, supporting our students, retirees, international travellers and the local residents who work with SNEC in the rehabilitation and conservation and protection of City of Stirling's coastal environments. Thank you ALL.

SNEC is committed to the ongoing monitoring and maintenance of our growing number of project sites while working in collaboration with City of Stirling. Volunteers are appreciative of the recognition received from the wider community.



Part of 2012 plantings. Green plant protectors assist in preventing rabbit predation. Foreground has been approved for continued project work by City of Stirling

SNEC continues to support the provision of facilities which provide for the wellbeing of community without compromising the integrity of the coastal zone's natural assets