

Minimising sand movement is the aim when the block and tackle is used to drag bags of weeds to the top of the dune slope for pick up by City of Stirling. Our volunteers are keen to have a go! Having a go and learning as we go is part of the fun!



SEE YOU ON THE BEACH!



The new banner. Will it change to 'July'?

*Stirling Natural Environment  
Coastcare (Inc)*  
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**Events for your diary:  
Community Activity Workdays**

**Second Sunday each month—9-11 am  
(Look for Coastcare banners + trailer)**

**Watermans Bay  
North Beach—Linkage**

**Planting for JUNE started early  
Continues thru' JULY**

**Midweek — Planting continues**

**Mon-Thurs until complete  
check 'where?' (sites currently are between North  
Beach and Watermans Bay)  
and early start times**

**Enqs M 0488190651 / M 0419191710**

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

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- \* make time to help out  
June-July is when  
the busy planting program is underway.
- \* Urban Bushland Council is coming to view  
SNEC activities on Sunday 9 August.

**"I used to say ....Why doesn't somebody do something!  
Until I realized I was somebody" JFK**



**Autumn– Winter**

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**2009 Newsletter**



*Since reforming in 2009 to Stirling Natural Environment Coastcare (SNEC), this community group of volunteers has been working with the support of and in collaboration with the City of Stirling. SNEC is committed to ongoing monitoring and maintenance of our growing number of project sites and is appreciative of the recognition and support from the wider community.,  
There is a long term intention of creating 'green' corridors, linking natural areas to improve the coastal biodiversity of the region.*

*Tasks being undertaken include:*

- Ongoing site preparation and maintenance
- Weed removal (with assistance from City of Stirling)
- Removal of all known Victorian Tea Tree along Stirling's coastline
- Using GPS to map weed infestations and other relevant information
- Planting with local native species.





## Stirling Natural Environment Coastcare (Inc)



Action—in their 'new gear' - L to R, Doug, Mike, Shel and Dell.

### North Beach Toilet Update.

City of Stirling Council resolved on 2 June 2009 *'that the proposed NB Jetty Toilet facility be held in abeyance at this time given the possible outcomes from the City of Stirling Coastal Environment Assessment Project and the Integrated Coastal Foreshore Management Plan'*.

**SNEC supports** provision of facilities which provide for the well-being of Community without compromising the integrity of the coastal zone's natural environment!

**Since our Spring-Summer newsletter** our group's Stirling Coastcare has re-formed and is now known as 'Stirling Natural Environment Coastcare (Inc) (SNEC for short). Our projects and aims are ongoing and we will be in touch through email updates of our work activities. You may care to join in with these activities or to just view for a little more informal detail.

**Planting for 2009 formally begins 8 June** and continues on through to completion.

**Over 4000 seedlings** will be planted with approximately half receiving installation of plant protectors. Planting sites will be north of North Beach Headland, Watermans Bay BBQ Embankment site, Margaret Street Embankment site, Mary Street site, Norfolk Island Pine staircase site, South of Fisheries site, South of Lawley Street and Bennion Street carpark embankment site.

**Funding for 2009 plants** has come mostly through Perth Region NRM; special Woodside funding and City of Stirling, preparatory hand weeding management is continuing by SNEC although this has been assisted by chemical weed management.

**Ensuring plant survival** through the nearly driest period ever required appropriate watering of last year's newest plants. This continued approximately every 6 weeks through Summer and into Autumn.

At a recent Workshop held in Kwinana on aids to successful planting into coastal Dune areas, an important component focused on the improvement in survival obtained from effective watering in the year following planting. An excellent handout of course notes was given to each participant.

**During the Summer holiday break** our keen mid week coasties have been busy furthering the monitoring and weed management in all project sites and pushing further along identified linkages between North Beach and Watermans Bay.

**SNEC is pleased to hear** that consultants have prepared the draft Coastal Foreshore Action Plan—Trigg point to South Scarborough (Peasholm Street) (Stage 2), and that the draft is with the City. After presentation to Council it will be available to the Public for Community Comment some time this year. We look forward with interest to the guidance of an Action Plan for our City's Sandy beaches to match that already in operation from the City for our limestone Bay Beaches.

**SNEC's focus** from this Plan remains on completing

- Review of signage and beach access ways. (Some new signage has recently appeared however there is still scope for ongoing review)

Updates on how City of Stirling is progressing on its Review of hazard risk associated with climate change impacts to coast and coastal infrastructure is of direct interest.

**SNEC supports improved community water quality** management prior to it entering our marine environment and endorses action to address the need for improved management to minimise the cumulative effects of rubbish and associated chemicals affecting our coast.

**SNEC joined in with a community** organised coastal rubbish pick-up event recently at Trigg Beach involving Highschool students, Surfing WA representatives and had a pleasant productive morning. The event was hosted by 'Waves' a coastal sports store and Coastcare was invited to participate.

**SNEC representatives** were invited to participate in a 'Friends Forum' held at Bassendean City offices for networking and for sharing of ideas and ways to meet the challenges ahead and to discover how the support staff can assist. Short presentations were made by participants.



### Honour for outstanding commitment

**Conservation Council elected SNEC Deputy Convenor, Phyllis Robertson to its Honours List** in recognition of an outstanding commitment and dedication to promoting environmental awareness and protecting Western Australia's natural heritage on 3 April 2009. **Tony Krsticevic, Carine MLA**, congratulated Phyllis. Photographed with Christine Curry, Secretary Friends of Star Swamp Bushland, during Conservation Week.



**THANKS to** 'Volunteer Grants 2008' for our funds. There is an appreciative response from our volunteers.

**SNEC Volunteers** are working towards sustainable plant community, and animal habitats within the coastal zone and the protection of natural biodiversity, landform, and adjoining areas.



**Hazard vests easily identify Volunteers, Coordinators and Works coordinator**