



learn to live with less waste

September 2010 Newsletter

Welcome to our new email newsletter, where we hope to provide interesting information on upcoming waste and sustainability events and other information of interest to Earth Carers. Please send us any feedback or suggestions on the newsletter, all comments welcome.

It has been a busy year at the Earth Carer's office - holding our first training course, running composting workshops, starting our schools education program and promoting recycling and waste minimisation throughout the western suburbs. Two joint regional council Earth Carers workshops have been held - DIY skincare and a woodworking workshop (see below for more information).

We are looking forward to catching up at an upcoming event.

Regards, Amy, Nabilla & Rebecca (Western Earth Carers).

Earth Carers Course

In May 2010 we ran our first Earth Carers course as a new team, a learning experience for us all! The course ran for five sessions over three weeks and was held in locations across the western suburbs. Up to 19 participants attended each session, a

Earthwise Open Day

Celebrating sustainability in the suburbs.

*****THIS SATURDAY*****

When: Saturday 4th September 2010

Where: Earthwise Community Centre 315 Bagot Rd, Subiaco - (old pink church)

Time: 10am - 3pm

Click [here](#) for detailed flyer.

Waste Education Workshop

A half day workshop for anyone interested in generating change through waste education. This half day workshop is part of the Waste and Recycle 2010 Conference. For full details please click [here](#).

If you are interested in being a part of this workshop please phone Amy on 9286 8044.

When: Wednesday 15 September 2010

Where: The Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle

Time: 1.30-5.00pm

Sustainable September

Simplify your life and live more sustainably.

Great workshops and events on offer throughout September. Help us launch our new Grove Library & Community Centre, WA's first public building with Environmentally Sustainable Design.



Highlights of the course included a tour of the DiCom composting facility, tours of Earthwise in Subiaco and the Red Hill landfill facility and a composting and worm farm demonstration at St Luke's community garden in Mosman Park.

The next course commences on **Wednesday 20th October, 2010**. If you have any friends, family members or colleagues who are interested in waste and sustainability issues can you please let them know. Word of mouth is the best form of advertising.

Woodworking Workshop

Earth Carers is now being run by two other regional councils (EMRC & MRC). In July members from throughout the metropolitan area gathered at City Farm over four days for a woodworking workshop. Participants learned traditional handskills to create new pieces from recycled timber and ways to collect and restore second hand tools.

One enthusiastic participant of the course was Wilma van Boxel, one of our newest Earth Carers. Wilma kindly wrote a story on her involvement in the workshop, click [here](#) to read it.

National Recycling Week (8-14 November)

National Recycling Week aims to bring a national focus to recycling and the broader themes of minimising waste and managing material resources. In 2010 Western Earth Carers will be hosting two exciting events;-

- Tuesday 9th November "Tour of e-Waste recycling facility"
- Saturday 13th November "Family-swap-a-lot" (a swap party for clothes, toys and house paint)

Save the dates and more details on these two exciting events and how you can become involved will be coming your way soon.

MORE!

Click [here](#) for full program.

Drop in and visit the new library at 1 Leake St (cnr Leake St & Stirling Hwy), Peppermint Grove.

Contact the library on 9286 8686 or www.thegrovelibrary.net for new opening hours.

Subiaco gardens & verges

The City of Subiaco is taking nominations for their Sustainable gardens and verges awards until Monday 13 September. Any member of the public can nominate a verge or garden in the Subiaco Council area they feel is deserving.

For a nomination form or more information go to <http://www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/template.asp?navSelect=12&mainNavID=12&pageRecID=883>