

Newsletter 2 (October 2010)

Greetings to our all our Earth Carers, a group which is growing as we write. We are currently in the middle of an Earth Carers course, its great to see many new faces as we take an in-depth look at waste in the western suburbs and tour interesting places including the new Grove Library, the DiCOM alternative waste treatment facility at the Brockway Transfer Station, Tamala Park landfill and the REmada creative reuse centre. We hope that you can come to welcome them at the next Earth Carers Graduation, which will be held at our end of year celebration on Wednesday 8th December (see below for details).

Thanks to all of our Earth Carers who have helped out at recent events where we have set-up displays and run demonstrations, we appreciate all the time and energy you contribute. In the past few months we have been to Sustainable September at the Grove Library, Earthwise Open Day in Subiaco (photo below), Quiz on Legs at Kings Park, and done composting demonstrations at several locations including the St Luke's community garden in Mosman Park. Working with volunteers is a very enjoyable and valuable part of our program.



National Recycling Week (8-14 November, 2010)

Western Earth Carers are running two events during National Recycling Week - a tour of an electronic waste recycling facility and a "Family Swap-a-lot Party". On Tuesday 9 November, 2010 join us for our **Electronic Waste Recycling Facility Tour** (10am-12noon) at the facility which processes of the WMRC's electronic waste. Come and see what happens to computers, tv's and dvd players as they are dismantled and processed for recycling. Bookings are essential and only a few places remain so please phone Rebecca on 9286 8044 or [email](#) to reserve a place.

Family Swap-a-lot Party, 13 November 2010. Celebrate National Recycling Week at a free paint, clothes and toy swap party being held at Scotch College on Saturday 13 November 2010. Between 10am and 12noon, residents can swap house-paint, clothes and toys at the 'family swap-a-lot party' at the Scotch College Uniform Shop (Stirling Road, Swanbourne). Volunteers are needed to help run the event by sorting items and helping out with the "swap" process. All instructions will be provided on the day, and any help will be most appreciated. Please phone Amy on 9286 8044 or [email](#) if you are able to help, even for an hour or two.

Everyone is welcome and you don't have to bring something to take something. If two people dive for the same item at once; a quick game of paper, rock, and scissors will determine the new owner. Students from Scotch College and the Presbyterian Ladies College are also helping us with the event.

For anyone who can't make it on the day; unwanted house-paint can be disposed all year 'round at the JFR (Jim) McGeough Resource Recovery Facility (Corner Brockway Road and Lemnos Street, Shenton Park).

Finally, if you work in the City you may be interested in the Big Aussie Swap being held in Forest Place on Tuesday 9 November at 12.30pm, an event Earth Carers from the Mindarie Regional Council are involved in. Click [here](#) for more details.

Upcoming Volunteering Opportunities

Western Earth Carers are providing a number of stalls and demonstrations at upcoming events, and any volunteers who would like to come along and help out are most welcome. Please phone Amy on 9286 8044 or [email](#) if you are able to help, even for an hour or two.

Saturday 13 November, 2010 (10am-12noon) "Family Swap-a-lot Party"

Saturday 27th November, 2010 (9am-4pm) Cottesloe Hullabaloo

Tuesday 2 December, 2010 (5pm-9pm) Subi Street Festival

New WMRC website

Recently the WMRC launched its new website - www.wmrc.wa.gov.au, where you can find lots of information, including details of our resource recovery facility, projects including the DiCOM facility, news and events. Check out the WMRC 2009-2010 Annual Report where Chairman Ron Norris expresses his thanks to all of the Earth Carers for "the selfless manner in which they give so many hours of time to spreading sustainability and waste minimisation messages throughout the community". Shortly the Western Earth Carers will be launching our new website, so watch this space!

WMRC Community Liaison Group

The WMRC recently formed the JFR (Jim) McGeough Resource Recovery Facility Community Liaison Group. The purpose of the group is to provide a regular open forum for information exchange and communication between the WMRC, residents and other stakeholders about the RRF in Shenton Park. All community members are invited to attend the meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 11 November 2010 (6.00-8.00pm) at the Mt Claremont Community Centre (Hakea Room), 107 Montgomery Avenue, Claremont.

End of Year Celebration & Earth Carers Course Graduation (8 December, 2010)

When: 6.30-9.00pm Wednesday 8 December, 2010

Where: Community Room, Grove Library, 1 Leake St, Peppermint Grove

Please join us to welcome our newest Earth Carers as they "graduate" from our course and help us celebrate all of the achievements the Earth Carers have made over the last year. Come and meet friends old and new, and everyone is invited to bring a friend. Alivia Chamberlain, one of our recent Earth Carers, will demonstrate how she makes soap for her home and for gift giving. Please save the date, and a formal invitation with more details will follow.

Tour to Perthwaste Materials Recovery Facility

In September, Earth Carers staff did a tour of the Bunbury recycling facility in where contents of the yellow-top bins in Mosman Park, Claremont, Peppermint Grove and Nedlands are taken. It was a fascinating insight into the process of sorting recyclables and to see first hand how they produce

marketable products. There were many surprises and interesting facts gleaned on the day. To read the full story Amy wrote on the tour and see some photos please click [here](#).



Photo: Perthwaste website