



Western Metropolitan Regional Council



Hi Earth Carers

Welcome to the next edition of the Western Earth Carers Newsletter. We have all survived Sustainable September and now we are looking towards the silly season! We hope to see you at some events soon!

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Nabillia, Amy & Rebecca

Earth Carers of the Month

This month we have two Earth Carers who deserve the title! Cristie and Jacqui both completed their Earth Carers course in May this year. During our final session on community both showed an interest and passion for green cleaning. So this week these two will be presenting at the Vego Wannabes Subi! Details below and all are welcome!



Jacqui also volunteered at the Royal Show and was inspired by all the environmental stalls and totally loved the experience!

Welcome to our New Earth Carers

During September we ran our second Earth carers course for the year. We had an intimate and enthusiastic group of people. This group were lucky enough to visit the Wangarra MRF which to most was an eye opener!



A little birdie told me
what's new ...

Buy Nothing Day!

Claire, one of our newest Earth Carers is organising an event for Buy Nothing Day!

When: November 26, 2011

Time: 12noon-5pm

Where: Blue Room Theatre, Perth, WA (in the Cultural District)

Who: You and all your friends!

Cost: free!

12 noon-5pm -- clothing swap

1-2pm -- upcycling workshop taught by EcoFaerie LaFee Verte

3-5pm -- video screening of What Would Jesus Buy?

ALL DAY: plastic bag collection (for recycling), credit card cut-up station, walking map to open house of REmada Creative Reuse Centre

Celebrate Buying Nothing with us! Entrance to everything is, of course, FREE! If you'd like to spend the day, bring a snack to share!

Check out the [Buy Nothing Day Blog!](#)

Western Salvation

...and Cath, another one of our newest Earth Carers is inspired to start something big...

'My 2030 vision would see the collection, repair, reuse and recycling of verge bulk rubbish from the resident of the City of Subiaco (and surrounding areas), all come to one place... to become a kind of free salvage repair yard, where people can donate goods and take them away for free. A kind of "men's shed" for everyone - young, old, male, female, able and disabled. The space would have multiple purposes and would meet the social, psychological, educational, physical, aesthetic, ecological and sustainable needs of the community and the members who participate in it.

The concept is not so new, and a model of my idea is already established and operating in an inner city suburb in Sydney - <http://www.bower.org.au/> - '

If you would like to help Cath out on this project and/or if



On the final night we had our traditional whoosh and certificate giving, as well as lots of networking, brainstorming and general chatting! Our next course will be early next year so keep an eye on our [website](#) for details.

Upcoming Sustainability Events

National Recycling Week Events

Swap-a-Lot Extravaganza

Kids Activities ★ Entertainment ★ Food ★ & More

Sat 12 November 2011
9.30am-2.00pm
St Luke's Church Hall
20 Monument Street, Mosman Park

 www.earthcarers.org.au

The concept is simple, you can declutter your home and bring items along to the Swap-a-Lot. While you're there you might find just what you are looking for. There is no exchange of money, no tokens and no bartering! Earth Carers volunteers will be there in force to help you choose items.

As well as swapping there will be kids activities, workshops, buskers, eats, a fashion parade, talks and tours of St Luke's Community Garden.

Date: Saturday 12 November

Time: 9.30am - 2.00pm

Place: St Luke's Church Hall, 20 Monument Street, Mosman Park

you have a flair for grant writing please [contact her!](#)
...We think she's serious!

Come along for a cuppa and find a treasure or two! For more information call the Earth Carers on 9384 4003 or on earthcarers@wmrc.wa.gov.au

Earth Carers - there are still volunteering opportunities for the day!

Garbage Warriors and Guest Speakers

What do beer cans, car tires and water bottles have in common? Not much unless you're renegade architect Michael Reynolds, in which case they are tools of choice for producing thermal mass and energy-independent housing. This is the epic story of radical Earthship eco architect Michael Reynolds, and his fight to build off-the-grid self-sufficient communities. [View the trailer here.](#)

Join us for a free outdoor screening with a short presentation from Nathan Rushton and Jessica Fitzgerald who have recently returned from New Mexico after completing their internship with Michael Reynolds.

Date: Tuesday 8 November

Time: 6.30 Bring and share picnic

7.30 Screening and presentation

Place: WMRC Offices outside on the lawn, Corner Marine Pde and Warton St, Cottesloe

BYO: picnic and rug/beach chair etc

Tour of Recycling Facility

As an Earth Carers only event, we are offering a tour of two recycling facilities on Thursday 10 November at 9.00am. We will be chartering a bus from Cottesloe Train Station to visit the Colemax Glass facility and the Sita e-waste Recycling Facility. If you would like to come along please [book](#) as places are limited!

Vego Wannabes Subiaco

Vego Wannabes come together each month to share and explore aspects of vegetarian cooking and other topics in sustainable living. This month Jacqui and Cristie will present:

Two passionate green cleaning Earth Carers will share with you their cleaning secrets! Cristie will give a demo and discuss the wonders of microfiber cleaning (no, she is not an Enjo rep!). Jacqui will divulge her personal struggles with her addiction to Gumption and what alternatives she has found.

So come and join us for a fun evening that might just inspire you to clean your house!

Date: Thursday 27 October

Venue: Earthwise, 315 Bagot Road Subiaco

Time: 7.00-9.00pm

BYO Any vegetarian finger food to share.

No need to RSVP - just turn up, there always seems to be plenty of food!

Karakamia Excursion

As part of our interest in all things sustainable we have organised a spotlight tour at the Karakamia Sanctuary in Chidlow only an hour out of Perth where you can observe animals now rarely seen even in national parks. See what the bush was like 200 years ago while walking through tall Jarrah and Marri forests among grass trees with personalities of their own. The walk is a 2 hour tour along a bush track just before sunset, you are likely to see a number of nocturnal animals including: Woylies; Tammar Wallabies; Quenda (Southern Brown Bandicoots) and Brush-tailed Possums (pictured above).

When: 5.45pm Friday 18 November, 2011

Where: Karakamia Wildlife Sanctuary

Cost: \$20 per adult, \$15 concession or per child (suitable for over 7 years only) or a

family rate being \$60 (2 Adults and 2 Children). Pay on the evening.

RSVP: Bookings essential to Jane Littlewood on 9384 4003 or by [email](#). As this is a private tour AWC will roster staff specifically for our group so we can accept definite bookings only.

Mosman Park Fauna Survey

The Town of Mosman Park needs your help in the Community Fauna Survey taking place in the Mosman Park Bushlands between the 22-27 November. Click [here](#) for more info.

Christmas Events



Yes, that time of year is just around the corner! Earth Carers will have a presence at local council festivities and we always love it when volunteers help out with the stalls to share their knowledge and enthusiasm! We will be having stalls at the following events:

Claremont Christmas Festival:

Thursday 24 November 4.30pm-8.00pm

Cottesloe Hullabaloo:

Saturday 26 November 10.00am - 3.15pm

Subiaco Street Festival:

Thursday 1 December 5.00pm - 9.00pm

Please let us know if you would like to help out!

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