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Welcome to the next edition of the Western Earth Carers Newsletter. We also welcome into the fold our newest 16 Earth Carers who graduated from our May 2011 course!

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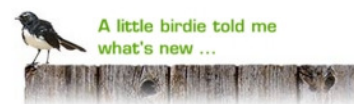
Nabilla, Amy & Rebecca

Earth Carers Volunteer of the Month



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Share all your passions, tips and comments with our wonderful Earth Carers network!



Join our Plastic Free July Challenge!

Acquire no plastic packaging for a month; can you do it?

With help from your Earth Carer mates you can give it a good crack!

Check our guidelines and aims on our website or our brand new [facebook page](#) or on our [website](#)! Share your tips and traumas about your plastic free month!

[Email](#) Earth Carers to register for the challenge.

School Battery Recycling Launch

Earth Carers will be at a school near you to launch our new Battery Competition. If you want your school to sign up contact Earth Carers!

Sam Culbertson

Sam Culbertson is a teacher, mother and mad keen Earth Carer, so keen, in fact, that she has completed two Earth Carers courses as well as a Living Smart course! These are some of her other achievements:

As a teacher Sam has:

- Taken her students to Tamala Park
- Organised a waste free camp
- Re-established compost bins
- Started waste free Wednesdays (when the only bins available are the compost bins!)
- Started a green student committee

Sam has achieved all this 'without being hated' by the other teachers or students - I'm sure they love you Sam!

At home Sam has:

- Started veggie gardening in her front garden
- Composting and worm farming
- Reduced her waste by making her own yoghurt and shampoo

You are an inspiration Sam! Here she is sharing her ideas with our newest Earth Carers.



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May 2011 Earth Carers Course

Rebecca, Nabilla and Amy have proudly whooshed 16 new Earth Carers into the fold and boy are they a keen lot! We had lots of questions, answers and enthusiasm for home made yoghurt!



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Free HHW Disposal

From 1 July 2011 the JFR (Jim) McGeough Resource Recovery Facility will be a permanent Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) disposal site.

Residents can dispose, free of charge, up to 20 litres or 20 kilograms of chemicals, flammables, paint, batteries, flares, poisons and other hazardous waste.



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Compost Award for Earth Carers!

At the recent "Australia's Got Compost" WA Compost Leadership Awards event presented by Compost WA, Western Earth Carers were recognised for our work in educating the community about how 'hot' compost can be.

As winners of the State award we will now go in the running in the Australia-wide event, wish us luck!

Community Liaison Meeting

6.30pm Thursday 14 July



The desire to share information and ideas was heard loud and clear from this group as well as previous Earth Carers Courses, so we are launching the [Western Earth Carers Facebook Page](#)! Nabilla is bravely leading us into the world of social networking!

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International Composting Awareness Week

To celebrate International Composting Awareness Week, Earth Carers hosted Josh Byrne at the Grove Library. Josh spoke about sustainable living and composting systems. He was keen to answer lots of tricky questions and share his knowledge. The event was sponsored by the Waste Authority.



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Vego Wannabees

There was a great turn out to see the movie "[No Impact Man](#)" at the Mosman Park Vego Wannabees last Tuesday night. After the movie you could hear the room buzzing with ideas and information. It was this movie that inspired Rebecca to put the Plastic Free July Challenge to Nabilla and Amy (Eek! Thanks "No Impact Man"!) so of course we accepted the challenge and invite you all to join us - see the separate email to follow!

Earth Carers hope to screen a few more movies during the year with this great Mosman Park community group. [Email Jane](#) to be on the mailing list.

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Thank you!

A huge thank you to all our volunteers at the Perth Sun Fair, St Luke's Eco Fair and Garden Week! We could not reach as many folk if it were not for our dedicated and passionate volunteers!



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Upcoming Sustainability Events

Solar PV Workshop - 21 June 2011

Come along for a tea or coffee and evening snack while we help demystify issues relating to solar photovoltaic (PV) systems (e.g. solar electricity). Click [here](#) for the flyer (hosted by the City of Perth)

Date: 6.00pm - 7.30pm Tuesday 21 June 2011

Location: City Farm, 1 City Farm Pl, East Perth (Adj. Claisebrook Train Station)

Home Retrofitting Workshop - 21 June 2011

Come along to a free Home Retrofitting Workshop to see how to save energy, water and money. (Hosted by the City of Subiaco). Download the flyer [here](#) for full details.

Date: 7.00pm – 9:30pm Tuesday 21 June 2011

Location: The Palms Community Centre, cnr Rokeby Rd and Nicholson St, Subiaco

RSVP: Bookings essential. Phone Green Skills on 9360 6667 or email murdoch@greenskills.org.au

Combined Earth Carers Gathering - 25 June 2011

Earth Carers always enjoy meeting like-minded people, so here is your chance to meet even more! Join us for an afternoon of sharing, inspiring, eating and speed dating with Earth Carers from across Perth! Places are limited to those who have completed an Earth Carers course.

Date: 1.00-3.30pm Saturday 25 June (registrations at 12.45pm)

Location: The Grove Library, corner Leake St and Stirling Hwy, Peppermint Grove

Public Transport: Cottesloe train station is a five min walk from the Library plus bus stops close by

RSVP: earthcarers@wmrc.wa.gov.au or 9384 4003 for catering purposes

Bloomin Marvellous - An evening with Peter Cundall - 23 August 2011

Amongst the gardeners of Australia, Peter Cundall is an icon. Best remembered as the host of ABC TV's Gardening Australia program, Pete has lived an incredible life. Join Peter and life time friend and colleague John Colwill as they discuss Life, Love and Gardening. (Hosted by the City of Subiaco).

Date: 7.30pm Tuesday 23 August 2011

Location: Octagon Theatre, University of Western Australia

Tickets: Check the [Bocs Ticketing website](#)

Woodworking with Greg Miller - 3 September 2011

We will be holding more woodworking workshops with Greg Miller on Saturday 3 September 2011 with details to be confirmed! Again, this event is reserved for those who have completed an Earth Carers course...if you haven't done an Earth Carers course yet, don't fret, we are taking registrations now - click [here](#) for more info on Earth Carers!

Next Earth Carers Course - September 2011

A free Earth Carers course for residents in Perth's western suburbs is commencing in September 2011. Earth Carers learn valuable skills and knowledge to help them reduce waste at home, at work and within the community. [Click here](#) for more details about our course and what participants say about it.

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