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Christmas Greetings!



Yet another year draws to an end. In covenant terms it has been very successful. New skilled staff, a streamlined process, new projects and registration of 8 covenants on title with 4 more in the pre-lodgement stage makes for a celebratory year. 2007 promises to be equally exciting and we look forward to keeping in contact with you, our proud covenantors, throughout the new year. On behalf of the Natural Heritage team, have a great Christmas and a happy New Year!

Best wishes,
Alan Briggs
Manager, Natural Heritage Program

Biodiversity: South West Catchments Council (SWCC)



The aim of the SWCC is to achieve sustainable natural resource management (NRM) in our South West region. Funds are allocated jointly to The National Trust of Australia (WA) and the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) with this aim in mind. To date, the Covenant program has registered 2 covenants over 2 separate parcels of land, thus conserving the habitat of the highest priority species and communities on land held under private ownership. This conservation outcome is directly applicable to valuable SWCC funding which not only enables registration of a covenant but provides for the costs associated with necessary fencing and weed control required to protect the bushland from grazing and the debilitating effects of non native species. The next round of funding allocation will commence in December 2006! In partnership with the SWCC, we look forward to negotiating further conservation covenants and achieving sustainable natural resource management in our South West. Watch for the Tuart focus during 2007!

Australian Government Envirofund Round 9

Round 9 will open for applications in **February 2007** and will cover the normal range of activities funded by the Envirofund. Register at <http://www.nht.gov.au/envirofund/> to receive a copy of the Guide and Application form when available. Call the Envirofund Hotline on 1800 303 863 or email envirofund@daff.gov.au should you have any queries.

Woodland Watch Healthy Ecosystems Project: Avon Catchment Council

The Covenanting team commenced its partnership with WWF woodland watch in July 2006 working closely with the WWF healthy ecosystems team (formerly Woodland Watch) in the Avon region.

Recently, Louise Leigh, Covenant Coordinator for NTWA and Emma Bramwell A/Covenanting Coordinator for the DEC conducted a two-day conservation covenant workshop in Northam. The workshop provided detailed information as to how both WA covenant agencies operate and how conservation covenants support the aims of the WWF Healthy Ecosystems team in the Avon region. For more information on the project see <http://wwf.org.au/ourwork/land/woodlandwatch/> or contact Louise on (08)9321 6088 or Emma on (08) 9423 2477.



Photo: Alan Briggs



Photo: Julia Dalby

The Department of Agriculture and Food Locust Watch

DAF has launched a significant watch program to determine the location, monitor and destroy locust threatening agricultural crops. Locust attack native vegetation so please keep an open eye on your bushlands and report locust activities to DAF (Call 1800 084 881). See [2006 Australian plague locust outbreak](#) for further information.

Message from Julia Dalby

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as your new Covenant officer. I am thrilled to be involved in conservation work in our South West region, one of our planet's major biodiversity hotspots.

Message from Jacqueline Thomas

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as your new administration officer. I am looking forward to utilising my administrative skills in this new conservation role.

Covenant Signs



For those covenantors who haven't ordered their **FREE** covenant sign, call Jacqueline Thomas (9321 6088) to organise one for your property and continue to help promote the protection of your bushland.

If you have any questions on any of the information provided or would like further information, please contact the Natural Heritage staff at the National Trust.

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