



CONSERVATION COVENANT *news*

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Autumn Greetings!



As Autumn and Winter approach, it is time to consider preparation for rehabilitation works on or adjoining your bushlands. Whether you are planting or doing pest control, feel free to contact us for any advice or assistance you might require. As you will see below, we have achieved, and now passed, the 100th conservation covenant. While congratulations are due to Brian and Janet Penna, all of you who preceded them deserve due credit for leading the way. We at the Trust continue to work with both the Avon and South West Catchment Councils to better protect our bushlands, in perpetuity.

Best wishes,
Alan Briggs
Manager, Natural Heritage Program

100th Covenantors! – Brian and Janet Penna

We are very proud to announce the 100th covenantors of the Covenanting Program at The National Trust of Australia (W.A.) as Brian and Janet Penna.

Brian and Janet have placed part of their property 'Chimney Creek', located in the Shire of Jerramungup, under a voluntary conservation covenant. This covenant protects a significant 823.64 hectares of mainly pristine vegetation that adjoins the Bush Heritage Australia's "Chereninup Reserve" of some 897 hectares. The area consists of extremely diverse bushland and lies between the Corackerup and Peniup Nature Reserves. The Fitzgerald Biosphere, which includes this property, is renowned for its biodiversity, with over 1800 plant species recorded to date and no doubt more to be found and identified. The rugged nature of the land has provided protection for many fauna species, which have become extinct in surrounding farming areas.

Groundworks Round 2 – South West

Round 2 of Groundworks will be opening for tenders in **July 2007**. Visit the website <http://www.blackwoodbasingroup.com.au/groundworks.htm>, call the Blackwood Basin Group on (08) 9765 1555 or email Nerilee Boshammer nerileeb@westnet.com.au should you have any queries. Steve Newbey & Peter Murphy will advise covenantors wishing to apply.

South West Catchments Council (SWCC)

The next round of funding allocation commenced in January 2007. As such, the Natural Heritage section of the National Trust will be on the look out for landowners who wish to covenant their properties in the South West Catchment Council region. Peter Murphy has been appointed as a Conservation Officer to assist with this program (see below).

Malimup Springs - Newly covenanted property in Windy Harbour

BushBank, a revolving fund of The National Trust of Australia (W.A.), purchased Malimup Springs in the latter part of 2006, in conjunction with the Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC). The National Trust covenanted the property before transfer to the ILC. The covenanted bushland of Malimup Springs covers the majority of the property, which lies within the D'Entrecasteaux National Park, making it an integral part of the area protected for conservation along the south coast of Australia.



Photo: Alan Briggs

New Conservation Officer – Peter Murphy

Well here I am - now a member of the National Trust team, and rearing to go in the name of heritage and conservation. Over the last fortnight I have been shadowing Steve Newbey, visiting some of the most splendid privately-owned pieces of remnant native bush, protected under National Trust covenants outside national and conservation parks.

I also currently lecture at TAFE, where I deliver units in ecotourism and tour-guiding, and on weekends I operate heritage tours in the southwest. Hopefully my conservation and eco tourism/heritage skills, including owning a property under a National Trust Covenant, can play a role in providing assistance and advice to those landowners interested in preserving a piece of this wonderful heritage of ours for future generations. Looking forward to the challenge.

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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