



**Natural Resource Management Update Issue 10 Autumn 2008**

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Welcome to the Moore Catchment Council's (MCC) 10th *Moore to the Point* quarterly newsletter. Hope you enjoy reading about the upcoming and ongoing projects and workshops in the catchment. If you have any articles or updates that you would like to see in future newsletters or wish any additional information, please contact the MCC in Moora.

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**East Moore Project Update**

The East Moore Project "Re-vegetation of Natural Drainage Lines and Protection of Remnant Vegetation in the East Moore Catchment" is well into its implementation phase.

Currently project participants are putting up fences to protect their remnant bushland & creek lines. Seedlings have also been ordered for re-vegetating these creek lines and sites are being prepared for tree planting. This work is helping the project meet one of its main objectives which is to 'fence off high priority natural drainage lines and re-vegetate them with native, local species and salt land species, to form a link between remnants.'

Another milestone being achieved is the establishment of photo points at project sites. These points are recorded with a GPS for downloading onto a map for future reference. The projects name, funding body and the date the fence was erected, is written on a white cow tag and attached to a strainer. Photos will be taken again towards the end of the project by the project officer to show improvement and to evaluate works carried out. The landholder will then take one annual photo at each site as part of their Management Agreement, allowing monitoring to continue.



February 2008 - Farmer Vernon Bailey helps establish a photo point in front of a creek which has been prepared for planting.

Photo: Lana Kelly

**Creating Productive Saltbush Pastures on Saline Land - Update.**

This project, funded by the National Landcare Program, aims to improve the profitability and agricultural sustainability of the Moora-Miling Pasture Improvement Group (MMPIG) region with 15 farmers tackling approximately 10 ha saline land on their properties by changing their farm and land management systems by planting Saltbush and Rhagodia.

The first step of the project was to complete the initial site visits to GPS the locations and to do an assessment by NRM officers, Amelia Glass and Rachel Walmsley. These have now been completed for all 15 landholders over the past couple of months and from these, maps of each site and agreements are being developed so fencing can be undertaken and seedlings planted in July/August. A field day is also being organized for the next couple of months but stay tuned for more information to follow in coming newsletters.

If you have any queries about this project or idea's for other projects, contact the Moore Catchment Council at [moorecc@bigpond.com](mailto:moorecc@bigpond.com).



The East Moore Project presents...

## Bird Survey Workshop and Project Demonstration Site Visit

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2008

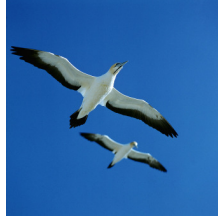
Project Demonstration Site

Meet at V. Bailey's Shed 7am

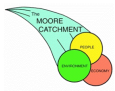
Chartfarm, Waddington-Wongan Hills Rd

7am-9am then morning tea at Yerecoin Hall

Guest Speaker and Guide: Andrew Huggett from Insight Ecology  
With Donna Rayner, NACC Biodiversity Support Officer  
and Lana Kelly, East Moore Project Officer.



Contact Lana on 0427364167



### Upcoming Events...

2008:

- ◆ 18th March - MMPIG AGM 8pm, Moora
- ◆ 26th March - Grain & Graze roadshow, Liebe Group (9664 2030) Dalwallinu
- ◆ 26th-28th March - WA Farmers Annual Conference, Perth (for info Chris Marris 9486 2100)
- ◆ 27th March - Hiring for the Future workshop, Liebe Group (9654 9033) Dalwallinu
- ◆ 31st March - 3rd April - West Australian Natural Resource Management Conference, Bridgetown.
- ◆ 8th April - Dieback Workshop Gingin - phone Jenna 0417960737 for details
- ◆ 15th April - Earthworks - Workshop for Effective Surface Water Management, MCC (9653 1355) Moora
- ◆ 19th April - Gingin Horticultural Expo, Gingin
- ◆ 24th-25th May - National Farm Day WA
- ◆ 18th June - Women's Field Day, Liebe Group (9664 2030)

### Earthworks - A Workshop for Effective Surface Water Management

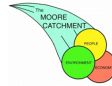
Tuesday 15th April - 8am - 1pm including lunch

Meet at the Moora Tennis Club

Aims to demonstrate the value of earthworks and surface water management in controlling certain natural resource management issues such as erosion and water logging. Also aims to raise the awareness of possible undesirable consequences when not constructed to correct specifications. Workshop includes field trip to local farm to demonstrate effective earthworks already installed.

Guest speakers include Martyn Keen (Senior Land Conservation Officer DAFWA) and Tilwin Westrup (Land & Water Development Officer DAFWA).

Please register interest to Amelia Glass at the Moore Catchment Council on 9653 1355



Flora Surveys were carried out on properties within the East Moore Project area in August 2007.  
above: Eucalypt (Mallee) Photo: Lana Kelly

**New NRMO for Moora** New Natural Resource Management Officer Rachel Walmsley joined the Moora team in February. Rachel has emigrated from the UK to Moora four months ago with her boyfriend Andrew. Previous to this job, she spent the last six years working as an Environmental Control Advisor on a huge landfill site. Her main responsibilities involved monitoring and maintenance of the environmental control systems to prevent offsite contamination as well as overseeing general site operations. Hopefully she will bring some of her acquired waste management knowledge to the new position and encourage people to dispose of their waste responsibly.

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