

# RECOVERY TEAM ANNUAL REPORT

# THREATENED SPECIES AND/OR COMMUNITIES RECOVERY TEAM

# PROGRAM INFORMATION

Recovery Team	Warren Threatened Flora Recovery Team	
Reporting Period	Calendar year 2009	

# Current membership

Member		Representing
1. Chair	Brad Barton	DEC, Warren Region
2. Exec Officer	Alison Nicols	DEC, Donnelly District
3.	Roger Hearn	Regional Ecologist, DEC, Warren Region
4	lan Wilson	DEC, Donnelly District
5.	Jo Smith	DEC, Donnelly District
6	Karlene Bain	DEC, Frankland District
7	Janine Liddelow	DEC, Frankland District
8	Cassidy Newland	DEC, Warren Region
9	Ray Cranfield	DEC, Science Division
10	Terry McFarlane	DEC, Herbarium
11	Lachie McCaw	DEC Science
12	Andrew Brown	DEC Species and Communities Branch
13	Ted Middelton	DEC, volunteer, Walpole Nornalup National Parks Association
14	Pat Dundas	Botanical Artist, volunteer
15	Lee Fontanini	Warren Catchment Council
16	Kathy Collins	Volunteer
17	Jenny Dewing	Blackwood Environment Centre
18	Mavis Sowry	Volunteer, Walpole Nornalup National Parks Association

19	Erica Shedley		Volunteer, DEC Science	
Dates meetings were held		No meetings were held		
One to two paragraph summary of achievements suitable for WATSNU				
Change in membership		Alison Nicol replaces C	cassidy Newland as executive officer.	

List of actions undertaken by Recovery Team

# Frankland District

#### TEC

# Mt Lindesay\_Little Lindesay Vegetation Complex

Complex burnt October 2009. Majority of burn completed with Karlene Bain (Nature Conservation officer) and Janine Liddelow (Flora Officer) as the primary personnel and according to pre-determined strategic plan. Unburnt/burnt cells mapped post-burn from air and ground. Photo diary of areas of intensity. Dieback assessment transects visited post-burn to record burn intensity.

Post-burn survey of Mt Lindesay TEC plots was begun.

Mt Lindesay-Little Lindesay TEC draft Interim Recovery Plan is under review and near-final.

# Reedia spathacea \_Epodismia gracillimum-Schoenus multiglumis dominated peat paluslopes of the Warren Biogeographical region

\*See Reedia spathacea summary

# Southwest Coastal grassland dominated by Austrostipa flavescens, Poa porphyroclados and Desmocladus fascicularis

First round of post-burn monitoring of installed plots completed November 2009. Information captured into spreadsheet.

# PFC

# Lake Surprise Relictual peat community

Vegetation composition mapped. Followed up with Pierre Horowitz to determine specific values of PEC.

# Sphagnum communities of the tingle forest

2 new populations of Sphagnum found - one not associated with Tingle.

# **DRF**

#### Asplenium obtusatum subsp northlandicum

Surveyed mainland population

#### Banksia verticillata

3 populations surveyed. 1 new subpopulation found.

Pop 15 - all mature, juvenile and seedlings counted and mapped. Seedling survival over summer to be assessed. Pop 6 - surveyed, Pc sample taken (negative result), cones collected to test for seed viability (nearly 100%) Pop 26 - surveyed, Vegetation sample of dying hakea taken - confirmed as canker fungi, Several reference areas representing burnt/unburnt regeneration were selected and collated on.

# Caladenia christineae

6 populations surveyed

# Caladenia harringtoniae

2 populations surveyed

# Conostylis misera

1 population surveyed

#### Cryptandra congesta

Multiple populations taken in Mt Lindesay burn (October 2009). Included in post burn monitoring project. Cryptandra congesta IRP approved

#### Diuris drummondii

2 new subpopulations mapped on private property

#### Drakaea micrantha

2 populations surveyed

#### Grevillea fuscolutea

Multiple populations taken in Mt Lindesay burn (October 2009). Included in post burn monitoring project. Grevillea fuscolutea IRP approved

#### Kennedia glabrata

Nil action

# Laxmannia grandiflora ssp brendae

Multiple populations taken in Mt Lindesay burn (October 2009). Included in post burn monitoring project. *Laxmannia grandiflora* ssp. *brendae* IRP completed and awaiting approval.

#### Meziella trifida

2 populations surveyed

#### Microtis globula

Habitat search post burn completed

#### Rhacocarpus rehmannianus var webbianus

Pop 1 - all gnammas mapped and assessed post wildfire in November 2009

#### Reedia spathacea

1 population surveyed. Historical information being compiled and revised to present in a format outlining the species response to fire, pigs and other threats.

Additional NRM funding secured to examine fire response and extend existing fencing.

# Sphenotoma drummondii

Nil action

## Verticordia apecta

Nil action

# Verticordia fimbrilepis ssp australis

Nil action

# Priority Flora

Approx 76 new populations recorded

108 known populations priority flora surveyed including:

Andersonia jamesii - habitat search: 1 new population

Rulingia apella - habitat search carried out

Sphaerolobium benetectum - habitat search carried out

Tetratheca sp Kent River - fire response mapping

Warnstorfia fluitans - mapped with Rhacocarpus rehmannianus var webbianus

Aotus franklandii - habitat search carried out

Calothamnus scabridus, Astartea sp Mt Johnson, Verticordia endlicheriana, Chamelaucium forrestii subsp forrestii, Asplenium aethiopicum - mapped as granite recovery species post intense wildfire

Hybanthus volubilis - pre and post burn fire response mapping

Astartea sp Mt Johnson - population surveys to determine requirement for relisting

Cyathochaete stipoides - fire response plots installed

Hemiandra australis, Lomandra ordii - population extents mapped on both Clarke and Bald islands (Broke Inlet)

Mitreola minima - surveyed as a representative of a fire ephemeral in the Small Grain Mosaic

# **Donnelly District**

# **TEC**

Reedia spathacea \_Epodismia gracillimum-Schoenus multiglumis dominated peat paluslopes of the Warren Biogeographical region

3 new records within the Donnelly District (Cate Tauss), which were incorrectly listed as being in the Frankland District. Population on Chesapeake Brook surveyed. At least 8ha of habitat containing *Reedia spathacea*. 2 records at Mt Chudalup yet to be located and surveyed.

# **PEC**

# Epiphytic cryptogams of the Karri forests of south west of Western Australia

In the process of mapping the occurrences within the Dombakup and Warren forest blocks and scoring the condition of each occurrence.

#### Black Point PEC

Vegetation survey undertaken at Black Point to determine possible unique candidate communities suspected to be associated with the Bunbury Basalt.

# **DRF**

#### Andersonia annelsii

Annual monitoring. Overall population is stable. Plants counted in 1mx1m plots have increased at Site 2 but numbers have decreased at Site 3 on lower slope. Seedlings tagged in 2007 and 2008 have produced flowers yet.

#### Brachyschias verucundus

Nil action

#### Caladenia christineae

1 population monitored to be burnt in autumn. 1 new population recorded.

#### Caladenia dorrienii

4 populations surveyed

## Caladenia harringtoniae

Nil aciton

## Caladenia lodgeana

Nil action

#### Caladenia winfieldii

2008 Monitoring counted 22 flowering plants 2009 monitoring counted 43 flowering plants

#### Diuris drummondii

1 new population on private property (Great Southern Plantation) yet to be verified with a RFRF.

# Grevillea acrapogon

2009 monitoring counted and tagged 32 new plants (seedlings with secondary leaves) and 22 seedlings (not tagged but marked). 930 seeds collected and sent to TSSC.

Translocation site -

90% survival. Plants look healthy. Chariup block recently burnt off an exclusion track creating a 200m buffer around the site. Plantings to replace dead plants and in-fill to be undertaken end of May.

Second potential translocation site has been found on Great Southern Plantation remnant vegetation adjacent to proposed NP

# Kennedia glabrata

2 populations surveyed with very low numbers of small plants.

#### Meziella trifida

4 populations monitored and surveyed. 3 new populations recorded.

#### Rhacocarpus rehmannianus var webbianus

Nil action

#### Reedia spathacea

1 Mt. Chudalup population surveyed post prescribed burn. Lignotubers intact.

## Verticordia densiflora var. pendunculata

Nil action

# **Priority Flora**

Approx 40 new populations recorded

128 known populations priority flora surveyed including:

Bossiaea sp. 'Frankland' P1- mapped extent of population, notified GSP and ITC

Scaevola ballajupensis P1 - monitored Caladenia erythrochila P2 - new population recorded. 1 population surveyed post prescribed burn Calytrix sp. 'Tutunup' P2 - population surveyed Diuris heberlei P2 - population verified with a RFRF requires surveying Kunzea micrantha ssp. hirtiflora P2- 3 new populations recorded Leptinella drummondii P2 - 7 new populations recorded Cyathochaeta stipoides P3 - fire response plots monitored Stylidium leeuwinense P3 - fire response plots monitored Synaphea decumbens P3 - fire response plots monitored Acacia oncinophylla ssp patulifolia - fire response plot installed				
Assessment of progress towards meeting criteria for success (from Recovery Plan)				
Assessment against criteria for failure (from Recovery Plan)				