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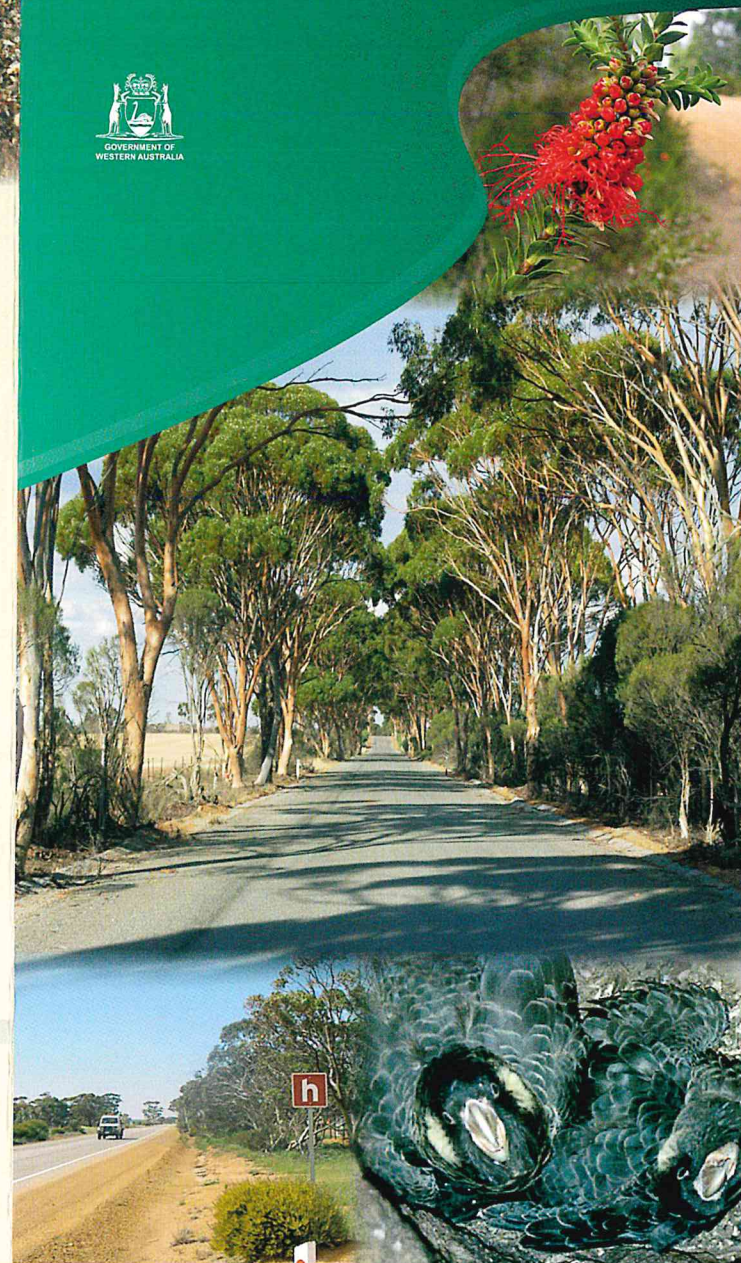
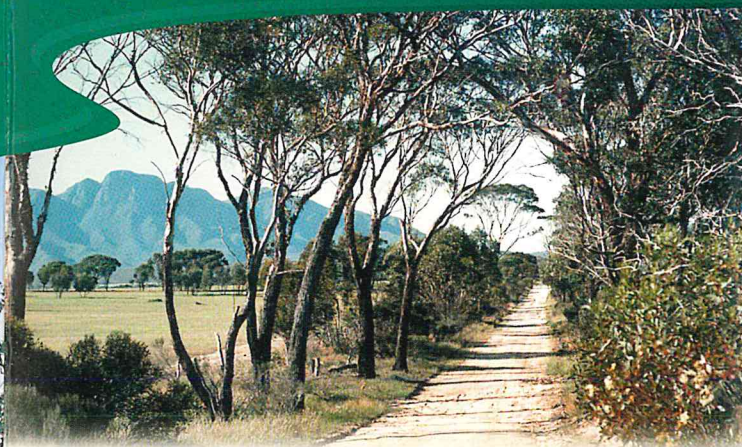
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Roadside Conservation Committee

The following groups are represented
on the RCC:

- Department of Environment and Conservation
- Main Roads WA
- WA Local Government Association
- Conservation Council
- Wildflower Society
- Western Power
- WestNet Rail
- Department of Agriculture and Food WA
- Fire and Emergency Services Authority
- WestNet Energy
- Telstra





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In 1985 the Roadside Conservation

Committee (RCC) was formed in Western Australia in response to concern expressed by local communities, the tourism industry and the conservation movement over the conservation of roadside vegetation.

The RCC aims to:

'coordinate and promote the conservation and effective management of rail and roadside vegetation for the benefit of the environment and the people of Western Australia'.

The RCC provides guidance on how to best manage land within road reserves to achieve a balance between conservation and road safety.

Native vegetation on rail and roadsides is at risk from a range of human induced and natural degrading impacts, such as clearing, weed invasion and inappropriate fire regimes.

Roadside vegetation plays a vital role in the conservation of WA's unique flora and fauna. It provides essential habitat for rare and threatened species, forms corridors that facilitate species movement, and in many areas comprises a significant part of the remaining native vegetation.

Roadsides are also the window through which tourists and residents look at the land, experiencing the State's varied and unique natural features, and creating a sense of place.

The RCC provides a number of services and products to land managers and the wider community including:

- Roadside Conservation Value Mapping
- Vegetation Management Plan Development
- Training in effective management of roadside vegetation
- Assessment and registration of Flora Roads
- Research issues for roadside conservation
- Various publications

If you are interested in more information on any of these products or services please contact the RCC's Executive Officer.