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Arbor Day - CALM style

by Tanyia Maxted

ARBOR Day and the week leading up to it was a busy time for CALM staff involved in the annual 'tree fever'.

In June and July, as CALM staff around the State began planting 2600 hectares with native seeds, seedlings and pine seedlings, other staff worked to make the public aware of the Department's aims and activities.

An interactive display was held at the R&I Tower in Perth from June 3-7 as part of the *Greening The West* exhibition, featuring achildren's art session with a guest artist, and a static display about dieback and the *LANDSCOPE*-6WF Arbor Day Poster Competition.

The art session, which attracted two metropolitan primary schools and many more children passing through, was a sequel to the successful Art in the Environment program run in Serpentine National Park during the school holidays by Laiene Maxted, and ranger David Lamont.

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On Arbor Day morning, the winners of the Arbor Day Poster Competition were announced by Ministerforthe Environment Bob Pearce and CALM Executive Director Dr Syd Shea on 6WF's Ted Bull breakfast program

The same morning, CALM Aboriginal projects officer and former dieback interpretation officer Graham Ellis-Smith appeared on Channel Nine's Grant and Cameron Show.

Surrounded by native Western Australian trees, and with native WA seedlings to give away to the audience, Graham talked about Arbor Day and dieback disease.

And at 11.30am, 370 schoolchildren from seven schools gathered on Matilda Bay Reserve, Crawley, for the biggest tree celebration yet.

Attended by Premier Carmen Lawrence and Minister for the Environment Bob Pearce, the celebration saw the reserve come alive with folk dancing to a bush band, balloons, hot dogs, songs from a 90-voice school choir and

more.

Guests included staff from the Australian Heritage Commission, Lands and Forests Commission,

National Parks and Nature Conservation Authority and Forest Production Council.

As well as many CALM staff from Perth, there were CALM national park volunteers and a tree planter from each forest district.

The Premier gave an address highlighting the importance of Arbor Day and the value of trees to the environment and our community.

She then presented the District Governor of Rotary District 946 (Mosman Park to Esperance) with special Dieback Speakers Kits for the dieback public awareness program, being run by CALM and Rotary.

Bob Pearce also addressed the gathering, talking about the role and extent of tree planting in WA.

He then planted a ceremonial tree with the assistance of Elizabeth Carson, a student from the Kim Beazley Special School.

All schoolchildren were presented with a balloon and a tree, and joined other guests with a lunch of hot dogs and drinks.

The Nedlands Primary School Choir, who performed at the IUCN (World Conservation Union) annual conference, sang two songs at the celebration.

Pictures, a poem and more on Arbor Day 1991 see pages 4 and 5



Two of many mile-wide smiles seen on Arbor Day 1991. Photo by David Gough

Wildflower country

wild by a country is the latest release in CALM's best-selling series of nature guide books designed to take a closer look at specific areas of our vast State.

The book covers all the national parks, nature reserves and other natural attractions from Jurien Bay to Shark Bay and inland as far as Meekatharra, with particular emphasis on the region's outstanding flora.

It deals with the history, local attractions, flora and fauna of five areasthe Northern Sandplains, Batavia Coast, Northern Wheatbelt, Murchison and Shark Bay.

Carolyn Thomson and John Hunter from CALM Corporate Relations Division edited the book and Sue Marais worked on the design.

"The book was special in that it was very much a joint effort from a large number of people from all over CALM," Carolyn said.

"We drew heavily on the expertise of people like Steve Hopper and Penny Hussey, who provided valuable botanical advice and wrote some sections of the book," she said.

Other sections were written by CALM's Sue Roberts, Andrew and Penny Hussey.

Caris Bailey, Gil Field, Andrew Brown, and Greg Keighery, while academics Diane Walker and John Huisman co-wrote the section on seagrass.

David Rose and Keith Hockey also helped enormously in the book's preparation by their guidance in the field.

Jiri and Marie Lochman's photography is heavily featured in the book, but many other superb photographs were provided by photographers Michael Morcombe and Robert Garvey and CALM's Steve Hopper, Tony Tapper, Phil Roberts, Andrew Brown and Penny Hussey.

"We were pleased to be able to utilise the outstanding photographic work of CALM staff, which compared well with that of the professional photographers," Carolyn said.

Bob Symons, Ray Lawrie, Cheryl Leonard and Stella Bickmore from Land Information Branch produced the full-colour maps, which help to make the book user-friendly.

Wildflower Country includes a wildflower calendar compiled by Penny Hussey that lists flora species and their colours and localities, according to the season.

There are also compreform on page 8).

hensive wildflower indexes - almost 200 typical flora species are listed by both common and scientific names - and a location index that lists all the places featured in the book and gives map references to help pinpoint them.

Wildflower Country is ideal for anyone with an interest in Western Australia's flora and is ready just in time for this year's wildflower season.

It is available from major bookstores or direct from CALM for \$19.95.

CALM staff can purchase it for the special price of only \$15.96 (see order form on page 8).

Postcard views

NATIONAL Parks of Western Australia: The Postcard Collection is the working title of a new saleable publication to be produced later this year by CALM.

The book will contain approximately 24 tearout postcards and several pages of text describing the role of national parks and CALM in providing for conservation and eco-sen-

sitive recreation.

The market for the book will include visitors to our parks, schools, and the general public looking for an inexpensive but environmentally friendly gift purchase.

"This publication will generate revenue that will underwrite less commercial communication and education activities and will also help CALM reach a wider, possibly unfamiliar, audience," according

to Ron Kawalilak, Acting Director of Corporate Relations.

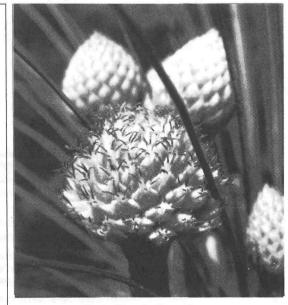
The book will be designed as a prototype for a series which may include WA's endangered flora and fauna

"There are obvious jewels in the national park system, such as Shannon, Geikie, and Purnululu, that will lend themselves to this postcard treatment," Ron said.

"Our first step in developing this project is to compile a list of suitable parks and features."

CALM staff with ideas on parks and park features that should be included in this book are invited to send their suggestions, by August 19, 1991, to:

Postcard Book CALM Corporate Relations Cygnet Hall Crawley.



Kingia. Photo by Steve Hopper

Arbor Day round-u) ...





Tegan's surprise

FIVE-year-old Tegan Station near Meekatharra

Tegan is a pre-primary Pearce on 6WF. Air, and the winner in her ters, flew CALM commu-

To Me - attracted 6745 conservation magazines

Skywest Airlines and nounced by WA Minister Meekatharra Airport long has 70 pupils spread within Westcoast Helicopters. for the Environment Bob enough to be refuelled and a 400 km radius of school pupil from the Skywest, in conjunction baggage loaded and un- Tegan was one of eight Meekatharra School of the with Westcoast Helicop- loaded.

The competition - its present Tegan with her prize family station 140 kms art. theme What Trees Mean - a set of LANDSCOPE south-west of the town.

Poster prize-winner Tegan Sloan. Photo by Tanyia Maxted



a special WA eucalypt for lications was also presented Sloan from Barrambie by Tanyia Maxted her to plant at home. to her schoolteacher, Ro-

It was literally a 'flying chelle Krieg, for the received a surprise re- around Western Australia, visit' as the aeroplane was Meekatharra School of the cently, courtesy of CALM, and the winners were an- only on the ground at Air's library. The school have small amounts of Meekatharra.

primary schoolchildren to It was only the second win prizes in the competiage group of the 1991 nications officer Tanyia time this year that Tegan tion. Three classes were LANDSCOPE-6WF Arbor Maxted from Perth to had travelled to also presented with prizes Day Poster Competition. remote Meekatharra to Meekatharra from the for outstanding works of CALM officers visited

schools in Perth and in the As well as Tegan's prize, entries from 153 schools produced by CALM - and a set of conservation pub- regions to present prizes to other category winners.

Entries for the Arbor Day Poster Competition were received from as far away as the Cocos Islands and Alice Springs. Winning works of art will be printed in the spring edition of LANDSCOPE.

Top left: R & I Bank Display - Is CALM Communications officer Tanvia Maxted demonstrating her artist-tree? Photo by David Gougn

Top right: One of 370 schoolchildren who attended the tree celebration at Matilda Bay, Crawley. Photo by David Gough

Below: Governor of Rotary District 946 Lindsay Archer. Photo by David Gough

Bottom: The man who coordinated the celebration - Rick Sneeuwjagt, Acting Scientific Advisor to the Director of Forests. Photo by David Gough





Pickering ...

teachers and parents from part of the program at the

in rehabilitating an old 2500 seedlings and everywith heaps of enthusiasm. Tree planting over, the

As an important part of

damper and a barbecue at the program, the children the school - then off to were asked to write essays Pickering Brook Sports on the day and its signifi-Club for a spot of tree- cance to the environment.

Walpole ...

held by the Walpole Pri- about planting the seeds

followed by an afternoon for native plants. tree-planting exercise.

Quality of life

ity of life for humans and ease itself. animals alike.

packets of native eucalypt of town.

mary School in conjunc- and a questionnaire for tion with CALM have once completion and return to more been a resounding Walpole Primary School. The older children learnt

Morning information about dieback disease and and activity sessions were its far-reaching implications

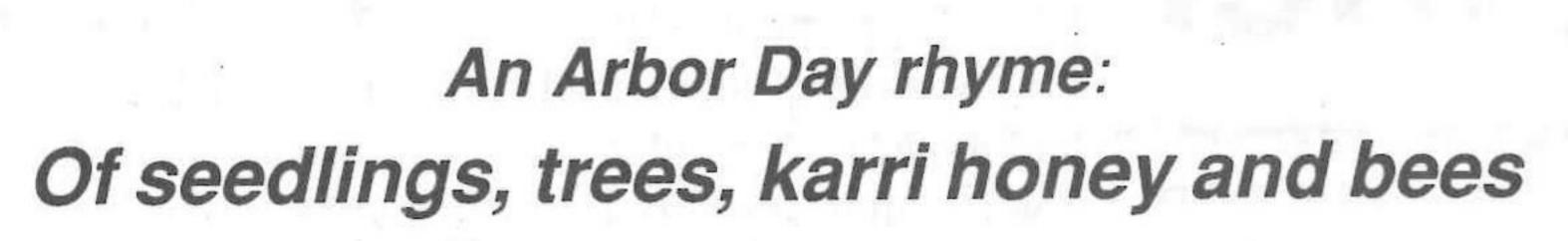
The lesson was brought home to the children by having them play "Die-Children from grades back Dodgers" in which one to three discussed the they each took part as a role trees play in the qual- plant, a vehicle or the dis-

The final exercise, tree-This was followed by planting, was supervised the release, at the town oval, by forest workers at the of helium-filled balloons Walpole Country Club and to which were attached a rehabilitation site just out

Top right: Schoolchildren from Shark Bay Primary helped to beautify the homestead at Peron National Park, on Arbor Day. Photo courtesy of Shark Bay Primary School

> Bottom left: Two young boys amid the balloons. Photo by David Gough

Bottom right: Derelict buildings on Peron Station (Shark Bay), demolished to make way for a car park and trees. Photo courtesy of Shark Bay Primary School



'Twas the day of trees, Arbor Day and all through the land CALM planted little seedlings by machine and by hand the nurseries were full of seedlings for farms all the sites were ploughed and ready and the soil scientists armed the rains would continue to fall throughout June so the small armies of planters tramped out whistling a tune for they knew how important their toil it be and with each step planted a life-giving tree and so today on Arbor Day as we're sowing those seeds think ahead a few years - past watering and weeds and there you will see something wonderful: a tree! its flowers food for insects its boughs home for birds and bees

by Tanyia Maxted

the taste of sweet karri honey

the musty smell of damp eucalypt leaves;

take a walk through the forest

and stand in awe of our trees.

Peron planting

FIFTY schoolchildren and 20 parents celebrated Lindsay Brown, is currently Arbor Day at the pro- stationed in the proposed posed Peron National park. Park in Shark Bay.

trees around the old sta- especially as we have been tion homestead, which will able to achieve so much in provide shelter for a planned such a short time," he said. carpark and information bay and shield the workshops from the public.

bush games such as cow two months been dispat throwing.

Most of the people who been achieved in the area ference." since then.

clean up with a bulldozer. summer to remove them.

A mobile ranger,

"It is a real honour to The children planted 200 be the first ranger here,

Prior to Lindsay's arrival, Peron was stocked with 16 500 sheep. Derelict Afterwards there was a buildings near the homebush barbecue with billy stead and many kilometres tea and the children played of fences have in the last

"With the removal of attended had not visited the stock and with the re-Peron since CALM took cent rains, the area's acaover the management of cia shrublands are looking the proposed park in Octo- quite green and lush," said ber, so the event was a Lindsay. "I think that many good chance to show the of the locals were pleaslocal community what had antly surprised at the dif-

However, there is still a About 30 years of rub- great deal of work to be bish had previously been done. About 1 000 sheep accumulated around the and 2 000 goats still rehomestead, and this had main in the park, and a big taken about 65 hours to effort will be launched this



















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