

LFW NEWS

GREEN CORPS SOUTH COAST BIODIVERSITY PROTECTION PROJECT

IN December, a new team of ten young, enthusiastic landcare trainees has begun work on some of the south coast *Land for Wildlife* properties as part of their six month Landcare Traineeship. Members of the Green Corps team receive formal training from the Certificate 11 in Land Conservation and Restoration. Their field activities will include:

- building nest boxes,
- building a bridge over a wetland area as part of a nature trail
- seed collecting for provenance revegetation
- fencing off remnant bushlands
- weeding
- sedge and rush propagation
- small mammal fauna surveying
- recording bird sightings for the Bird Atlas project
- water testing and invertebrate surveying in wetlands
- flora surveying.

By the end of the course the trainees will have developed good field observation skills and gained a more in-depth understanding of complex ecology in the south coast landscape. They will also have had the unique opportunity to work on some very special *LFW* properties with a diverse range of vegetation habitats extending from the south coastal fringes inland to the Stirling Ranges and north east to the southern Wheatbelt. It is a cooperative project between different conservation programmes bringing benefits to all parties. The group will also do works for the CALM Macro Corridor project, Water and Rivers Commission, Coastcare, Shire of Denmark and many other community and agency groups. Having to work over the summer months will test the stamina of the 'Green Corps Hard Corps', as they like to be known.

Good luck to the group and thank you to all the *LFW* members who responded with 'on ground' projects.

Sylvia Leighton



Team leader David McNamara, surrounded by ten muddy trainees after spending an afternoon making mud bricks at the Wollery Community Farm, west of Denmark. As part of the Ecoskills 1 Unit, the group learnt about solar passive house design from community resident John Piercey (far left in front row).

Green Skills Inc.

New Landcare Support Program



Green Skills is now able to offer teams of volunteers to assist with landcare and biodiversity work in the Great Southern region.

Have you got a project we can help you with?

A variety of tasks can be undertaken

Planting & fertilising trees, fencing, pruning, seed collection, weed removal, seed propagation, herbarium preparation and flora & fauna surveys.

We provide volunteers and an experienced supervisor, transport and basic tools. You would need to provide materials and accommodation (similar to shearers' quarters) if the location is further than 1 hours drive from Albany.

For further information and an application form contact:

The Green Skills office in Denmark 9848 1019

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