

# NEWS

## OFFICIAL OPENING OF STACK-COOPER RESERVE, MOORA

The Friends of Moora Woodlands have worked hard to rehabilitate the block of very good quality woodland in Moora townsite, vested in the Shire of Moora, now called the Stack-Cooper Reserve. In February, a function was held in the reserve to celebrate the completion of the first stage of rehabilitation - rubbish removal, track ripping and fencing.

The project is a fine example of local residents, Shire, NRM (in this case the Moore Catchment Council) and *LFW* collaborating to achieve a jointly agreed aim.



It was also helped along by receipt of an Envirofund grant from the Australian Government that enabled fencing and other works to be undertaken. Mr Barry Haase, MP for Kalgoorlie, was there to receive the Envirofund report and he also presented a *LFW* sign to representatives of the Friends, Jim Pond and Marie Carter, for attaching to the new fence.

## A NEW NATIVE GRASS SPECIES

For the past 10 years I have been running native grass workshops with the aim of teaching participants to recognise their local native grasses. The most recent workshop was held last November at Katanning Landcare Centre with funding from a Lotterywest grant. An important part of these workshops is the field trip, and most people are surprised to discover how much native grass there is in their own area.

I was even more surprised than usual when one grass I thought looked very interesting and unusual, proved to be a new species! Now safely tucked away in a folder at the WA Herbarium, and even listed on FloraBase, is *Austrostipa* sp. Katanning. While I cannot guarantee a new species to every workshop field trip, it shows how much there is yet to be discovered in areas of remnant vegetation.

*Una Bell*

## NEW WILDLIFE NOTE



DEC has produced a new Wildlife Note *Managing declining bird species on your Wheatbelt property*. It consists principally of notes on the habitat requirements and suggested conservation actions for a number of birds that are in decline in the Wheatbelt. It will be very useful to help plan rehabilitation and restoration work.

If you live in the inland agricultural area and think you would find this useful, contact your *LFW* Officer and a copy will be sent to you. First come, first served!

## WAGIN WOOLORAMA

Once again, Wagin Woolorama was a great success, and the location within the Agriculture pavillion worked well. This event is an opportunity to catch up with people and on this occasion, it enabled several landholders to work with the *LFWOs* to develop Community Environment Grant submissions.

*Avril Baxter*

*Phil Worts talks to a landholder about cockatoos.*



*Avril Baxter with the Blechynden family - Rochelle, with Henry, Elise and Holly - who were successful in the prize draw.*

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