

2010 Fungi surveys *By Roz Hart*



PUBF project and community volunteers surveying fungi at Talbot Road Reserve. Photo – Jeff Langley

In winter 2010, Neale Bougher from the Perth Urban Bushland Fungi Project (PUBF) and experienced fungi volunteers carried out 10 non-public surveys at Kings and Bold parks. PUBF also teamed up with bushland friends groups to conduct three public fungi surveys in local bushland.

Sixty people gathered at Talbot Road bushland following winter rains earlier in the week. Talbot Road bushland is a special area of rare Ridge Hill Shelf bushland and it was wonderful to have such a good range of fungi fruiting in the five different vegetation types. The Friends group arranged a very welcome barbecue lunch. Several of the fungi have been vouchered for permanent record in the WA Herbarium

In July we teamed up with the City of Joondalup and the Friends of Craigie bushland. Although heavy rains deterred some people, 35 took part in a search

for fungi in the recently fenced Craigie bushland, behind the leisure centre. The City of Joondalup is hoping to re-introduce native animals. The rain stopped once we entered the tuart woodland and we recorded a good range of fungi.

We also led a fungi foray with the Friends of Lake Gwelup. A total of 43 people took part and a good range of different fungi were encountered.

Funding provided by the WA Naturalists' Club and from member donations was crucial to the project and enabled PUBF to conduct these events in 2010. The Fungilab, including PUBF facilities and operations, will be moving to the new Western Australian Conservation Science Centre at Kensington when the WA Herbarium moves, probably in December 2010. We hope to continue PUBF in 2011 with the support of the WA Naturalists' Club, Urban Bushland Council and DEC. Visit www.fungiperth.org.au.

Local biodiversity conservation efforts recognised

By Renata Zelinova

Winners of the 2010 Local Government Biodiversity Conservation Awards were announced recently at the 2010 Local Government Convention in Perth. The awards, introduced this year to mark the International Year of Biodiversity, extended our existing biodiversity milestone awards program.

Winners of the new award categories were:

- **City of Belmont** for progressive revegetation of local natural areas in the *Excellence in Local Biodiversity Management* category;

- **City of Armadale** and **City of Cockburn** for *Excellence in Community Engagement to Support Local Biodiversity Conservation*. Both local governments demonstrated long-term commitment and continuous improvement to their programs encouraging biodiversity conservation on private land.

The **Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale** received a special commendation in recognition of its new stewardship program *Healthy Habitats*.

Eight local governments were presented with a Biodiversity Milestone Award for their progress in the local biodiversity