



E-Newsletter

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Welcome to the Gascoyne Catchments Group's E-news. This newsletter will provide you with updates on what is happening in the Gascoyne region from workshops and field days to projects and local news.



A CACTUS FIELD DAY will be held this **Friday the 14th of November** at **Winning Homestead** at **9am**. The field day is funded by State NRM through their cactus eradication project.

The program includes an overview of the cactus project with Kim Forrester, GPS mapping with Jim Miller from DAFWA and chemical safety and application with Jim Dorrell from Mia Mia.

Monitoring App

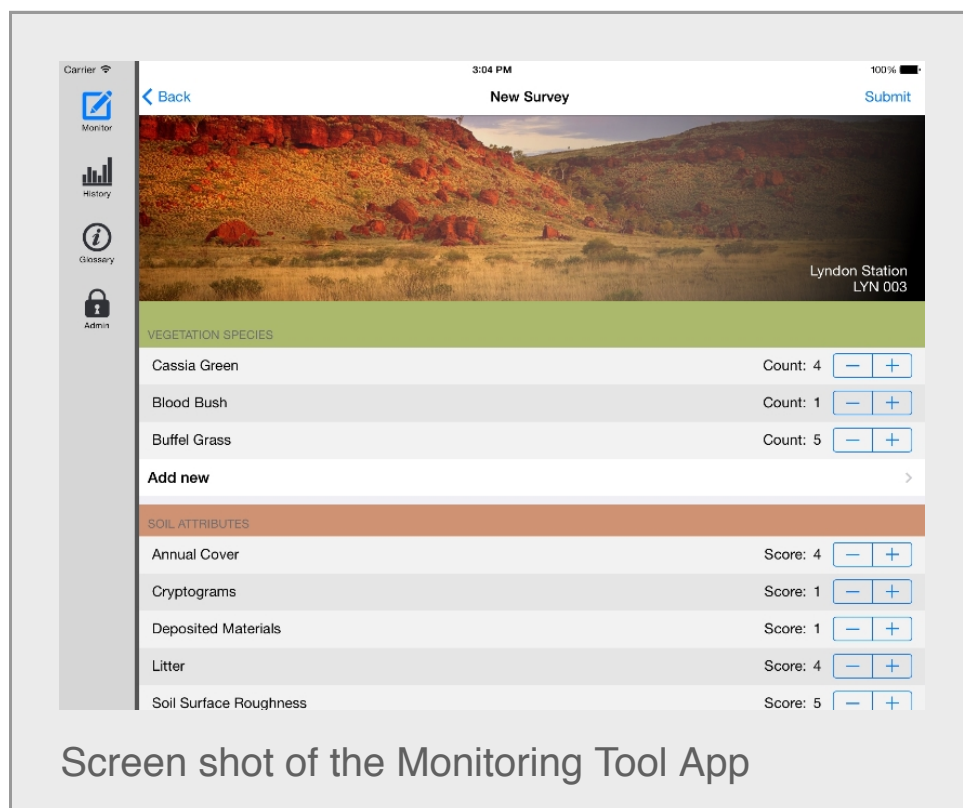
The GCG Monitoring Tool project is progressing well with Phase 1 nearing completion. Phase 1 includes the development of the iPhone and iPad Application. This app allows you to monitor plant and grass species at a selected site, upload site photos and establish a site stability index. This index is your benchmark for the next time you monitor that site. There is also additional scope to enter in soil attributes and erosion that has occurred in that site to get an overall picture of the the health of the area.

Phase 2 of the Tool will include looking at livestock capabilities and carrying capacities of the land systems. Phase 1 is due to be completed by the end of the year with Phase 2 to then be developed.

The accompanying glovebox guide for the Monitoring Tool will be in the form of the 'Arid Shrubland Plants for WA' book which is currently being reprinted by UWA Press and will be due for sale in mid December.

SEMINARS on **DROUGHT ASSISTANCE** available to farm businesses are being held on Wednesday

Stay tuned for more on this!!



Screen shot of the Monitoring Tool App

Fire management

From the 1st of November if you wish to burn off on your property you will need a permit from the Shire of Carnarvon (or your relevant Shire). In the [attached link](#) is some interesting information about burning your bush before it bites back. It provides some interesting insight into when is the best time to use fire as a management tool.

Branding Project

Are you interested in branding your beef (and possibly other stock)? The GCG is working with the Gascoyne Food Council to look at alternative market opportunities, involving the regional branding of produce. Rangelands NRM are supporting this initiative and if you would like to be involved please email Alex at eo@gascoynecatchments.com.au

Pastoral Water Grants Scheme

This scheme provides up to 50% of approved expenditure (max \$20,000) for a range of approved water supply works and water conservation activities to overcome demonstrated water supply deficiencies.

the 19th November from 12.30 to 2.30pm at the Fascine Lodge in Carnarvon or Hamelin Station homestead on Thursday the 20th November from 10am to 12pm.

For more information please [view the flyer here](#).

The **Wooramel LCDC** has received funding from State NRM to look at the effects of vertebrate pests on total grazing pressure through a camera trial on water points. 30 cameras will be set up to monitor and record, in particular, the effects of kangaroos on TGP.

The **Upper Gascoyne LCDC** is completing a Forage Resource Evaluation project to provide information on pasture quality and deficiencies to Gascoyne land managers. It includes free soil testing and dung analysis. [More information here](#).

Santa is coming to Bullara station for the **Winning Bush Xmas Party** on Saturday the

Our local contact is Jim Addison on 9088 6017 or [email](#). More information is [available here](#).

13th of December.
RSVPs are required
by the 29th of
November. Contact
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