

## Members' Update – Spring 2011



With Summer approaching, things are hotting up at Rottnest Island. As mentioned in the last Update, due to the wonderful rainfall the Island has experienced over the winter, the terrestrial environment is looking great and the Foundation's planting areas are doing well.

### Rottnest Volunteer Breakfast:

Ten Rottnest Conservation Foundation members (2011 tree planters) recently enjoyed a fabulous breakfast served by the Minister for Tourism & Rottnest Island Authority Board members at Aristos Café. The Breakfast was hosted by the Authority to recognise and



thank the many volunteer groups who contribute to the Island over the year, estimated to be a staggering 35,000 hours!

### RCF Rottnest Raffle:

Thanks to all of you who have bought a ticket in the 2011 RCF Rottnest Raffle, not to forget the Rottnet Island Authority and the Rottnest Island Business Community who have generously contributed the great prizes. The Raffle will be drawn on 30 November 2011 and the winner will be notified and published in the West Australian on 7 December 2011. Good Luck!



### West End Boardwalk Upgrade:

As this newsletter goes out, the West End Boardwalk is nearing completion. Built completely from recycled sustainable materials, the new boardwalk and interpretive signage will provide visitors to West End with an opportunity to experience and learn about this wild and spectacular part of the Island. The Rottnest Foundation is proud to have made this project possible through the provision of \$200,000 of funding. The Foundation is now seeking corporate involvement to complete the West End Node of the Coastal Walk Trail.

### RCF Festival of Sail:

Plans are underway for the 2012 RCF Festival of Sail to be held over the weekend 28-29 April 2012. It is hoped to grow the event to 100 yachts, expanding the racing program and providing a spectacle of sail for visitors to the Island. Thanks once again to our major sponsors and supporters, Fremantle Ports, Perth Convention Bureau, Rottnest Express, Rottnest Island

Authority and the Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club. The Festival of Sail boasts the highest prize pool on the WA yachting calendar, not to mention a great destination for the finishing line.

### Rottnest's Ospreys:

Rottnest Island is one of the few places in the World where you can view these beautiful birds atop of their spectacular nests, known as stacks. Rottnest Conservation Foundation Board member, Courtney Wheatley regularly monitors the 14 nests around the Island, recording the number of offspring successfully raised each year. The majority of the young have now fledged the nest and can now be seen exploring their new home.



Wishing you and your family a wonderful Christmas.



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Chairman