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Seeds ripe for Esperance soils

Encouraging landholders to improve and restore farmland and nature reserves by re-vegetating with native seeds is the focus of a workshop in Esperance on July 12.

The Direct Seeding in Practice workshop is designed to help landholders learn how to germinate native plant seeds through discussion and hands-on demonstrations of soil and seed types, seed germination and storage, weed and pest control, drainage, fencing, site preparation and direct seeding machinery.

WA's leading direct seeding expert Dr Geoff Woodall will take participants through the process on the property of Ken Scholz, on Farmers Road.

Esperance Regional Forum community officer Kathryn Ashy said the workshop would build on an earlier workshop held in February this year, in which sites were identified, species selection discussed, and modifications made to machinery.

"If you've done the theory, you should come along in July and see it put into practice. If you did not attend the workshop in February, you will still get plenty of information and support to start direct seeding," she said.

"We find that if you take the time to germinate seeds rather than planting tube stock plants, the benefits are there in terms of cost and quality of results."

The Direct Seeding Workshop is supported by Esperance Regional Forum and South Coast NRM with funding from the Australian Government's Caring for Our Country program.

For further information or to express an interest in attending, contact Kathryn Ashby on 9076 2212 or 0427 771 996.

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