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General News:

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1 Draft National Biodiversity Strategy released

A draft of the new national biodiversity strategy has been released for public consultation by the National Biodiversity Strategy Review Task Group.

The new Australia's Biodiversity Conservation Strategy sets a national direction for biodiversity conservation over the next decade.

The strategy outlines the activities that must begin straight away and those that are needed to effect longer-term change with a minimum of 10-year outlook.

All actions sit within a list of six 'priorities for change'. These priorities – building ecosystem resilience, mainstreaming biodiversity, knowledge for all, getting results, involving indigenous peoples and measuring success – reflect the essential changes that we must make urgently to achieve the strategy's vision.

The paper outlines the main threats to biodiversity as:

- Climate change (resulting in conditions such as prolonged drought)
- Invasive species
- Loss, fragmentation and degradation of habitat
- Unsustainable use of natural resources
- Changes to the aquatic environment and water flows
- Inappropriate fire regimes.

Each priority for change is linked to objectives, actions and results which will guide the development of biodiversity conservation approaches for national, state, territory and local governments, and for businesses, non-government organisations and community groups. The listed results are the expected 'onground' consequences of successful implementation of the actions.

The longer-term impacts of the strategy on conserving Australia's biodiversity will ultimately determine its effectiveness. Implementation of the strategy will include the development of a long-term monitoring and evaluation framework and the incorporation of relevant monitoring actions from the strategy into existing well-established systems.

The Natural Resource Management Ministerial Council will monitor the strategy's implementation on a yearly basis and formally review it every five years. Information on trends and condition of Australia's biodiversity will be used to track the performance of the strategy and inform these yearly and five-yearly reviews. The strategy can then be adjusted on the basis of this information.

Public submissions for the draft paper close May 29 2009.

For further information go to <http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/strategy/index.html>

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2 Understanding Grain Marketing UGM I & II Workshops (Repeat)

The "Understanding Grain Marketing Program" UGM is a joint project between NACMAWA, DAFWA and Curtin University, with course content managed by the Training and Education Working Group TEWG.

UGM I Workshop will give an understanding of:

- The fundamental supply and demand principles of international markets and WA's place in it.
- The differences in the risks/rewards of cash market or pooling alternatives.
- The components of price, and price discovery and risk management.
- Contracting principles and dispute settlement mechanisms.

UGM II Workshop will build on the UGM I themes and deliver greater detail on:

- Hedging grain using swap and cash contracts and risks/rewards of both
- Developing a methodology to model and manage crop production and market exposure position risk.
- Developing a methodology to model and manage price volatility and basis risk.

UGM I	UGM II
3/3/2009 Corrigin	20/3/2009 Kondinin
4/3/2009 Cranbrook	24/3/2009 Trayning
5/3/2009 Williams	27/3/2009 Wongan Hills
10/3/2009 Three Springs	31/3/2009 Hyden
17/3/2009 Pingelly	2/4/2009 Quairading
18/3/2009 Merredin	16/4/2009 Newdegate
19/3/2009 Quairading	21/4/2009 Corrigin
25/3/2009 Beacon	23/4/2009 Perth
26/3/2009 Duli Group	28/4/2009 Tambellup
1/4/2009 Dumbleyung	
7/4/2009 Dandaragan	
8/4/2009 Geraldton	
9/4/2009 Binu	
14/4/2009 Cunderdin	
15/4/2009 Perth	
22/4/2009 Narrogin	

Cost: \$440.00 Non-Primary Producers

\$220.00 Primary Producers (including 50% rebate by FarmTraining WA)

Registration 08:00 Finish 17:00 approx. Workshop is fully catered and a course manual is provided.

To register your interest or for more information on either UGM I or UGM II workshops contact Jill Davies on 0437 707 366 or jdavies@agric.wa.gov.au

3 ABC's Sabrina Hahn visits the Cranbrook Show Saturday – 4 April 2009 (Repeat)

ABC radios Sabrina Hahn is the Cranbrook Show's special guest this year. Sabrina will deliver two talks throughout the day. Bring along your gardening questions and a plant or part of one that may need attention and get Sabrina's expertise on how to keep that green thumb. Come along to Frederick Square Oval from 10:00am until 4:30pm entry is free.

For further information contact Julieann on 0428 860 979

4 Community Engagement Project Workshops

Green Skills Community Engagement Officer Craig Carter is running several Free workshops over the coming months. For more information, to register or receive a flyer, please ring Green Skills on (08) 9848 1019. Bookings are essential.

You can also email Craig at ccarter@greenskills.org.au

April 18: Invasive Species workshop at Scotsdale Hall (2:00pm-4:00pm)
May 2: Native Plant Propagation workshop in Denmark (9:00am-1:00pm)
May 9: Fungi workshop at Valley of the Giants (9:00am-4:00pm)
May 22: Native Plant Propagation workshop in Denmark (9:00am-1:00pm)
June 6: Fungi workshop Scotsdale Hall (9:00am-4:00pm)
Mid June: Horse Management (Date to be fixed)

5 Fungi Workshop

Green Skills is running two free Fungi Workshops

Saturday 9 May 9:00am to 4:00pm
Valley of the Giants Education Room (near the entrance)

- Local expert Katrina Syme
- Field foray in Karri and Tingle forest
- Learning to identify the fungi found
- Presentation at lunch time
- Morning and afternoon teas provided
- Bring lunch, notebook and pen
- Bring 10x lens if you have one
- Wear suitable clothing

RSVP by Thursday 7 May

Saturday 6 June 9:00am to 4:00pm
Scotsdale Hall

- Local expert Katrina Syme
- Field foray in Harewood Forest
- Learning to identify the fungi found
- Presentation at lunch time
- Morning and afternoon teas provided
- Bring 10x lens if you have one
- Wear suitable clothing

Limited numbers. RSVP by Thursday 4 June.

For bookings for either workshop contact Craig Carter at Green Skills on (08) 9848 1019

6 Native Plant Propagation Workshop

- Local expert Mark Parre
- Growing natives by seed including breaking seed dormancy by smoke
- Producing clones by striking cuttings
- Morning tea provided

Saturday 2 May 9:00am to 1:00pm
Free Workshop
The Shire of Denmark Works Depot Zimmerman Street Denmark
RSVP by 30 April

Friday 22 May 9:00am to 1:00pm

Free Workshop
The Shire of Denmark Works Depot Zimmerman Street Denmark
RSVP by 21 May

For more information and bookings for either workshop contact Craig Carter at Green Skills on (08) 9848 1019

7 Arts in the Biosphere 11-14 April

The Fitzgerald Biosphere Group proudly presents "Art in the Biosphere".

Featuring art by:

- Judy Scott
- Valerie Scott
- Helen Farrington
- Bronwyn Gaze

At the Bremer Bay Telecentre, Mary Street.

Exhibition open over Easter from 11-14 April 11:00am to 5:00pm.

No Eftpos.

You are invited to our opening night event:

6:00pm Good Friday 10 April at the Bremer Bay Telecentre

RSVP by 8 April on (08) 9835 1127, 0427 085 734 or charlottepowis@fbg.org.au

The Fitzgerald Biosphere Reserve is internationally recognised since 1978 as one of the most important Mediterranean ecosystems in the world. Its rich biodiversity and the way the community interact with the environment ensure long term sustainability. Please join us at the exhibition to discover more about the uniqueness of the Biosphere Reserve and to discover how people and nature can flourish together in a sustainable manner.

8 Happy People – Happy Planet – 15 April 2009

An inspiring presentation on how to reduce the chemicals in our lives will be held at the Centre for Sustainable Living on Wednesday 15 April.

Come along and find out how commonly used chemicals, affect your health and well-being and how to avoid them. There are many things that we can do to stay clean, control pests and grow food that don't rely on chemicals, loosely they are termed "organic".

Organic systems rely on a modern and scientific understanding of ecology and soil science, with traditional methods of crop rotations to ensure fertility, weed and pest control.

Organic based ingredients have been shown in a number of studies to contain more vitamins, nutrients and cancer-fighting antioxidants than non-organic ingredients.

It is only in the last hundred years that chemicals have become endemic and that we have moved away from organic growing and therefore organic products. We have seen a dramatic increase in illness through exposure to chemicals.

Our bodies absorb significant amounts of what we put on our skin. With Certified Organic food once again being recognized as the healthy option, then organic makes good sense for all areas of our lives.

One third of all personal care products contain one or more ingredients classified as possible human carcinogens. Come along and find out how to identify them in the products you use. You are welcome to bring them along with you. The presentation is from 2:00-3:00pm followed by afternoon tea. A business opportunity will be outlined at the end of the presentation, which is optional. Please RSVP to Green Skills on (08) 9848 1019.

This activity is funded through South Coast Natural Resource Management Inc. – supported by the Australian Government and the Government of Western Australia

9 Workshop to Help Landholders Source Support – 16 April

Landowners that live in the Two Peoples Bay, Manypeaks and King River areas are invited to a workshop at 7:00pm on Thursday 16 April at the King River Hall on Millbrook Road near Dymesbury Lodge.

At the workshop participants will hear some ideas on how to improve productivity and sustainability on their property. Details of fencing subsidies and support for wetlands and waterways work, revegetation and weed management will be explained.

The free workshop will last about 2 hours. At the workshop landowners in the catchments may request a free visit from Green Skills staff to help develop a plan for waterway or wetland conservation on their properties. A light supper will be provided along with lots of information and experienced advisers.

Speakers for the evening will include Dorothy Redreau, Regional Community Engagement Officer and Kerry Logan, Wetlands Project Manager.

Call (08) 9848 1019 to book your place. Further information is available from Dorothy Redreau at Green Skills, phone or email Dorothy@greenskills.org.au

This workshop is supported by South Coast NRM Inc. through the Community Engagement Project and the Wetland Implementation Project

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10 Expressions of Interest – Cultural Reference Group

South Coast NRM Inc. are seeking expressions of interest from people in the Region to be part of our Cultural Reference Group.

The group is being formed to advise and guide the development of strategies for the Cultural Connections theme.

You will provide opinions and Cultural guidance on strategic planning, project development, program logic development and funding applications.

Membership will be based on Cultural knowledge and community standing. Applications must include three (3) references (verbal or written) to indicate widespread community support for eligibility on the group.

Please forward an Expression of Interest stating relevant experience and including references no later than 17 April 2009.

For all enquiries please contact Shandell Cummings, Cultural NRM Facilitator on (08) 9845 8537 or mobile 0428 928 535.

For a copy of the Terms of Reference go to www.southcoastnrm.com.au/site/scnrm_workgroups.htm

11 Aboriginal NRM Support Officer – South Coast NRM Inc.

This is a short term contract – 3 month part-time (.5FTE) – salary \$45,271pa (pro-rata)

An opportunity exists with South Coast NRM Inc. to join the Aboriginal NRM Team. Main duties include engagement and support of Aboriginal communities in NRM planning and processes, Aboriginal NRM school's workshops, respond to needs of the Aboriginal community.

The ideal applicant must have experience in coordinating Aboriginal community activities, exposure to school based programs would be well regarded, good communication skills.

There is a possibility that there may be a short term extension to the three month contract.

Closing date for applications are Friday 3 April, 4:00pm.

JDF is available on the website – www.southcoastnrm.com.au/site/scnrm_opp_jobs.htm

Please contact Mark Jeffree for all enquiries on (08) 9845 8517

12 Administration Officer – South Coast NRM Inc.

Six month fulltime contract - \$43,898 pa (pro-rata)

South Coast NRM Inc. seeks the services of a committed and enthusiastic person to join the Albany Administration team.

Your main duties will be to provide administration support for the office, maintain accounts payable process, enter financial data into MYOB accounting system.

You must have MYOB experience, financial administration experience, attention to detail and good communication skills.

The JDF is available on the website www.southcoastnrm.com.au/site/scnrm_opp_jobs.htm

For more information about the position contact Mark Jeffree on (08) 9845 8517. Closing date Friday 3 April, 4:00pm.

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