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South Coast Natural Resource Management Inc. is the leading regional group for natural resource management in the South Coast region of Western Australia. As an independent not-for-profit organisation, we work with the community to improve the environment by preserving and protecting unique plants and animals, managing land and waterways and sharing knowledge and skills in natural resource management.

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General News:

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- 1 WA Coastal Awards for Excellence finalists**

South Coast NRM would like to congratulate the three South Coast regional finalists of the WA Coastal Awards for Excellence 2009. The awards recognise achievements in planning, management and protection of WA's unique coastal and marine environments. The South Coast finalists are;

Category 2: Community Group Effort

Fitzgerald Biosphere Group / Friends of the Wellstead Estuary Group, for the Wellstead Estuary Project

Category 5: Coastal Planning and/or Management

South Coast Management Group, for *Southern Shores 2009-2030: a strategy to guide coastal zone planning and management in the South Coast Region*

Category 6: Coastal / Marine Research or Education

Marine Futures

Eight individuals/groups/projects from the South Coast were originally nominated for the award in recognition of their hard work and success. Other nominees included Brad Kneebone and Jean Brenton, Lowlands Coastcare Group, and the management of natural and cultural resources in the Recherche Archipelago project.

The awards are coordinated by the Coastwest Program on behalf of the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC). Winners are selected by a judging panel consisting of representatives from the WAPC or the Coastal Planning and Coordination Council (CPCC); coastal and marine natural resource management groups; local government; and the Indigenous community.

All finalists have been invited to attend the WA State Coastal Conference Dinner on Thursday 8 October 2009 where winners will be announced. Well done and good luck South Coast!

2 Hands up for trees at Mt Lockyer Primary School



Mt Lockyer Primary School students received instruction from South Coast NRM in the art of tree planting this week thanks to the generosity of Telstra Business Centre's David Crosby.

About 25 students braved the stormy weather to plant endemic trees such as the Albany Woolly Bush, Astartea, One Sided Bottlebrush, Coastal Banjine and Eucalypts on the school oval's "Learnaterrium".

Mr Crosby, the father of Mt Lockyer student Jai, decided to donate to the school a recent CCI sundowner door prize supplied by South Coast NRM of 200 native saplings in order to neutralise the carbon produced by his car.

South Coast NRM biodiversity officer Wendy Bradshaw, area leader West Dave Broadhurst and Reference Group support officer Pip Tilbrook were on hand to assist the students along with Mt Lockyer deputy principal Steve Faulkner.

Mr Broadhurst said South Coast NRM was keen to talk to other schools about getting their students involved in regular tree planting activities each year.

3 South Coast NRM tour set to launch!

Places are filling up fast for the South Coast NRM celebratory tour of the region. Join us as we highlight and celebrate our achievements with communities at eight destinations on the South Coast. This is your opportunity to hear speakers from South Coast NRM and local community groups outline achievements from projects delivered over the past five years, and reveal plans for the future.

South Coast NRM members, community partners and the general public are welcome to attend these free events. Finger food, wine and beer will be provided.

Please RSVP for catering purposes to Jenelle Carter on (08) 9845 8521 or email jenellec@southcoastnrm.com.au

Please note the following dates and venues;

RAVENSTHORPE Mon 7th Sept

Venue: Ravensthorpe Sporting Complex
Address: South Coast Hwy, Ravensthorpe
Time: 6.30pm start

ESPERANCE Tue 8th Sept

Venue: Esperance Yacht Club
Address: The Esplanade, Esperance
Time: 6.30pm start

BREMER BAY Fri 11th Sept

Venue: Bremer Bay Sports Club
Address: Frantom Way, Bremer Bay
Time: 5.30pm start

CRANBROOK Tue 15th Sept

Venue: Town Hall Supper Room
Address: Great Southern Hwy, Cranbrook (opp. Shire office)
Time: 6.30pm start

ALBANY Thur 17th Sept

Venue: South Coast NRM boardroom
Address: 39 Mercer Road, Albany

Time: 6.30pm start

MOUNT BARKER Mon 21st Sept

Venue: Mt Barker Golf Club
Address: Albany Hwy, Mount Barker
Time: 6.30pm start

DENMARK Wed 23rd Sept

Venue: Denmark Boating and Angling Club
Address: Ocean Beach Rd, Denmark
Time: 6.30pm start

BORDEN Thurs 24th Sept

Venue: Borden Pavillion
Address: Stone St, Borden
Time: 5.30pm start

- Free shuttle buses can be arranged for guests travelling from Jerramungup to Bremer Bay on Friday 11th September and Walpole to Denmark on Wednesday 23rd September, based on demand. Once reserved, details for pick-up and drop-off will be provided.

4 Catchment Detox is back

Creating a healthy catchment in real life is a challenge in itself but try doing it in cyberspace! Yes the Catchment Detox online game is back. The game was launched as an online competition during Science Week last year as a partnership between the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, the eWater Cooperative Research Centre and the CSIRO.

The partners are encouraging schools to get involved in a Catchment Detox competition this year by introducing students to the trade-offs and challenges of managing a water catchment and its environment, on a budget.

Visit www.catchmentdetox.net.au for more information on this innovative educational tool.

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5 Seeing the weeds through the trees

The Denmark Weed Action Group is hosting two informative weed workshops in Denmark during September. The workshops will cover weed identification, removal techniques, hazards and impacts of weeds and current weeding priorities within the Shire. Attendees will also be guided on a walk to nearby reserves to illustrate weeding techniques. The workshops are free and all are welcome to attend.

Workshop One: Saturday 19th September
Venue- Ocean Beach Fire Brigade Shed
Time- 1-4pm

Workshop Two: Tuesday 22nd September
Venue- A-frame at 'The Cove' (off Campbell Rd)
Time- 1-4pm

Please confirm your attendance with Melinda Lyons or Kevina Richardson at the Denmark Shire on (08) 9848 0300 by Wednesday 16th September. Bookings are essential.

6 Institute of Company Directors Course- Albany

Learn what it takes to contribute to organisation governance and gain a thorough knowledge of the role and duties of a board member. The Company Directors Course (CDC) was first delivered in Australia in 1975 and is recognised as the definitive program for company directors.

What you'll learn:

- The role of the Board and the Practice of Directorship
- Director's Duties and Responsibilities
- Risk: Issues for Boards
- Strategy: the Board's Role
- Financial Literacy for Directors
- Driving Financial Performance
- The Board's Legal Environment
- Decision Making
- Achieving Board Effectiveness
- Learning into Practice

Location: Albany

Venue: TBA

Dates: Wed-Fri, 4-6 November 2009

Thu-Fri, 12-13 November 2009

Time: Dependant on flight arrivals

8.30am to 3.30pm or 9.30am to 4.30pm

Registrations close September 22.

For further information, contact the Australian Institute of Company Directors

Tel (08) 9320 1700, Email wa@companydirectors.com.au, Visit www.companydirectors.com.au.

7 Sustainable Landscapes in Local Municipalities and Development Projects

Seminar, Discussion and Workshop for the South Coast region

Everlasting Concepts, an award winning environment and landscape consultancy firm, is hosting a seminar and workshop for the South Coast region.

The morning seminar will focus on creating sustainable landscapes in local municipalities and development projects that integrate bushland features and assets into modified landscapes, connecting them with the existing natural environment. The seminar will run from 8:30am until 12:30pm followed by a networking lunch an afternoon workshop, which will focus on putting these ideas into practice. The workshop will run from 1:30pm until 4:30pm.

Networking drinks will be held at the conclusion of the day.

Date: Tuesday 8 September

Time: Registration from 8:00am-8:30am

Day events run from 8:30am-4:30pm

Venue: Comfort Inn Bay of Isles function room; 23 The Esplanade, Esperance Phone (08) 9071 9000

Seminar relevant for:

- CEO's, Councillors
- Directors, Managers
- Urban designers
- Planners
- Horticulturalists, botanists and arborists
- Property developers
- Landscape architects
- Farmers
- General public

Registration Details

Costs (including GST):

Morning Seminar \$220

Afternoon Workshop \$385

Full Day \$580

Group discount (4 or more people)

- extra \$25 discount off group total

To register, please visit the website at:

www.everlastingconcepts.com.au

and follow the link to the registration page.

To make an enquiry please contact Kate from Everlasting Concepts

Unit 4 Bedford Fair

72 Walter Road (PO Box 2049)

BEDFORD WA 6052

Phone (08) 9371 3004

Fax (08) 9371 3006

Email admin@everlastingconcepts.com.au

8 Seed Collecting, Plant Propagation & Revegetation Workshop

Free Workshops

Saturday 19 September or Wednesday 23 September

1:00pm – 5:00pm

Elleker Hall – Hassell Street, Elleker

Presenters: Keith Smith & Mark Parre

Learn about the concept of Provenance seed collection & plant propagation, suitable local species to cultivate from seed & cuttings, collecting and processing seed and revegetation techniques from two experts in this area.

Afternoon Tea provided

For bookings please RSVP to Lesley Hart on (08) 9841 0119 or email Lesley.hart@water.wa.gov.au

This workshop has been funded by South Coast Natural Resource Management and generously supported by: Department of Water & the Elleker Progress & Sporting Association

9 Make your own Biodiesel Seminar

Date: Saturday 19 September 2009

Time: 9:00am – 1:00pm
Location: St Johns Centre Esperance
Upstairs, 54-56 Windich Street
Cost: \$22.00 (inc GST), includes morning tea.
Speaker: Jonathon Thwaites, University of WA and the Alternative Technology Association WA
<http://www.sustainability.fm.uwa.edu.au>

Make your own Biodiesel for 29c per litre.

To register contact Rani Stewart at Esperance Regional Forum
Phone: (08) 9071 6129 Email: ranis@southcoastnrm.com.au

Jonathon Thwaites has a wide ranging expertise in sustainable energy and alternative technologies. He is a founder of the Perth Sun Fair, which is aimed at introducing the people of Perth to sustainable living concepts, technology and lifestyles. Major themes of the fair include renewable energy, energy efficiency, environment conservation and natural living. For more detail on the Sun Fair, follow the above the link.

Jonathon has been running biodiesel workshops for 6 years and provides training courses for Bioworks, one of the a few Australian companies establishing regionalised biodiesel factories for local industry and reactors suitable for backyard or farmyard use. bioWorks promotes the decentralised production and distribution of renewable fuels. Renewable fuels offer communities the ability to own and manufacture their own fuel supplies.

<http://www.bioworks.com.au>

The aim of the course is to show how easy it is to manufacture biodiesel and how biodiesel fits into the future of alternative energy.

Course outline:

Biofuels and Biodiesel Introduction
Biodiesel Demonstration, making a 2 litre batch in class, Safety
Morning tea and Discussion
Theory on Biodiesel chemistry and testing
Finish Biodiesel Lab
Legal Aspects, Future of Biodiesel, Conclusion

For more information visit <http://www.sustainability.fm.uwa.edu.au/welcome/biodiesel> or email Jonathon Thwaites at jthwaites@admin.uwa.edu.au

10 Plant Propagation Workshop

A free hands-on plant propagation workshop will be held at the Paddy Coyne Centre on Saturday morning 19 September from 9:00am until 12:00noon. This workshop is suitable for anyone wanting to grow native plants at home and to learn about local endemic species that grow well in the area. An added bonus is that local plants are better for local native wildlife.

Find out how to grow your bush favourites, from seed, cuttings and division. Growing your own plants will give you endless pleasure and a continuous source of plants for your property, garden and friends. Denmark Shire nurseryman Mark Parre will show you how and you can have a go yourself. Whether you are experienced or a novice you will learn something new.

Refreshments will be provided but numbers are limited so please book through Green Skills on (08) 9848 1019 or email Dorothy@greenskills.org.au. The Paddy Coyne Centre is on the corner of Serpentine Road and Hanrahan Road. The workshop is part of the South Coast NRM Community Engagement Program, funded by the State and Federal Governments.

11 Healthy Pastures = Healthy Horses (Repeat)

Want to know how to transform your sick and tired paddocks into a healthy, nutritious oasis for your horse? Then this free field day is for you...

Presented by Chris Ferreira.

Learn how to:

- Select pasture to suit you soil type and stock
- Establish perennials and nutritious clovers
- Manage grazing and manure and break the worm cycle
- Reinvigorate degraded pastures and bare areas
- Water and fertilise wisely
- Control weeds
- Caring for your horses and keeping them happy

Saturday 12 September
WA College of Agriculture (Denmark)
South Coast Highway
10am to 1pm

Sunday 13 September
Albany Racecourse
Roberts Road
1pm to 4pm

For registration or further details go to www.greatgardens.info , phone the hotline on 1300 369 833 or contact Craig Carter at Green Skills on (08) 9848 1019

12 Women Leading Change (Repeat)

The Wheatbelt Area Consultative Committee is hosting a 'Women Leading Change' - Regional Conference in Northam on September 9 and 10, 2009. This event provides an opportunity for networking and professional development among regional women. Men are also welcome to participate.

The Wheatbelt ACC has secured a range of talented presenters and workshop facilitators including, *Dr Carmen Lawrence, Dr Peter Dingle, Matt Hern, Shelley Taylor-Smith and Ros Worthington*. The conference is supported by the Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

Registration forms must be returned by fax, post or email by Friday 28th August 2009 - unless sold out beforehand (please be advised that due to limited seats available and interest shown to date, payment will be requested to confirm registration and issue tickets). If you would like further information telephone 9575 1888, Mobile 0428 372 178 or email admin@wheatbeltacc.com.au

13 2009 Environmental Management Systems Conference & Awards (Repeat)

15-17 September 2009, Bunbury WA

Sponsored by: JAS-ANZ, Custom Composts, Baiada Poultry, drumMuster, Ecosure and the Department of Agriculture & Food WA

You are invited to attend the 2009 Environmental Management Systems Conference in WA in September. This is a great opportunity to increase your knowledge of EMS and contribute to its development and use in Australia. Many large industries, government agencies, small businesses and land managers are using an EMS to improve their financial performance and business sustainability

The conference features a range of presenters speaking in formal and informal sessions on:

- Specific environmental issues being addressed with the EMS process
- Use and application of Standards
- The need for rigorous assessment and reporting of outcomes
- Needs and ways to embed improved performance into sustainable business practices
- Bridging the gaps between managers, regulators, consumers and customers

Conference registration fees are \$550 for members of Best Farms and EMSA and \$660 for non-members.

Student and single day registration available. Group bookings to attend one day of the conference and field trip costs \$330.

The full program can be viewed on the website: <http://www.ems.asn.au/events/2009/>

Conference Workshops

Pre and Post Conference Workshops can be booked independently of the Conference. Follow the same process as if registering for the Conference and choose the Workshop Only option. There is an administration fee of \$25 plus the workshop cost.

Monday 14 September - Fundamentals of EMS

A full day workshop for EMS novices and those wanting to brush up on their knowledge and use of an EMS. The workshop will be conducted by Genevieve Carruthers, Environmental Systems Specialist NSW DPI and Mick Dawes, Manager, Environmental Management Unit, Medicare on behalf of the EMS Association.

Cost: \$165 (inc GST)

Friday 18 September - An Easy Small Steps Process to an Effective Environmental Management System

A full day workshop presented by Jean Cannon who has been helping businesses implement ISO 14001 EMS systems for 11 years. If you're concerned about our planet, worried about how your business is going to cope with climate and legislative changes, and you are wondering what you as a business owner can do to not only help the planet but also save money into the bargain, then this workshop is the most important you have ever attended.

Cost: \$220 (inc GST)

EMS Awards

The 2009 EMS Awards will be presented at the Conference Dinner on Wednesday 16 September. Why not be recognised for your efforts in developing and using an EMS? **Entries are open for small businesses, farmers and local governments until 31 July.** All winners will receive free registration to the 2009 EMS conference and the dinner. Premier winners in the farmer and small business categories will be supported to travel to Bunbury. More information:

<http://www.ems.asn.au/awards/index.htm>

Registration and more information - <http://www.ems.asn.au/events/2009/>

EMS Association
P: 02 4369 6006
E: contact@ems.asn.au

14 Torbay Catchment Group Speakers (Repeat)

The Torbay Catchment Group is hosting the following speakers at their regular community meetings as follows:

Wednesday 16 September: Keith Smith on Native Orchids – Hidden Treasures of Torbay.
Wednesday 28 October: Dr Paul Close – Environmental Water Requirements of Marbellup Brook and Torbay Inlet.

All meetings are held in the Elleker Hall on Hassell Street, Elleker and start at 7:30pm. All welcome. For further information please call Lesley Hart on (08) 9841 0119 or email Lesley.hart@water.wa.gov.au

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