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General News:
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1 Environment and the Community are the Winners with NRM Funding (Repeat)

The environment and the community are the big winners following the allocation of regional NRM funding, according to South Coast NRM Inc. Chairman, Alex Campbell.

The Australian Government has announced that of the \$138m dollars committed nationally for Caring for Our Country regional base level funding, \$4.713m will be allocated to South Coast NRM Inc. each year for the next four years.

‘The funding will ensure that we can continue to support and coordinate local level and community projects right across the region,’ said Mr Campbell.

‘The four year funding will provide stability and certainty to allow us to maintain the momentum of many of our key projects, as we continue to take a planned and strategic approach to making a positive difference to the health and condition of South Coast natural resources and assets,’ he said.

2 NEW – South Coast NRM Inc. Biodiversity Newsletter (Repeat)

Go online to the South Coast NRM Inc. website and view the first edition of the new Biodiversity Newsletter. The newsletter aims to provide information that is interesting and relevant to the South Coast community and to raise awareness and interest in our Region’s unique biodiversity.

Follow the link below to download the newsletter.

http://www.southcoastnrm.com.au/site/scnrm_assets_biodiversity.htm;

For more information or to provide some feedback about the newsletter, email info@southcoastnrm.com.au.

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3 Home Grown Garden Workshop – 7 March 2009 – Esperance (Repeat)

Green thumbs, avid gardeners and even those having difficulty keeping their plants alive can benefit from this free workshop.

Does your garden pay you back?

Garry Heady and Peter Coppin from the Great Gardens Team are returning to Esperance to help local gardeners create a more attractive, manageable and sustainable garden while saving time and money. Fun and informative, the Great Gardens Team love to dispel popular gardening misconceptions and myths and illustrate how and why gardening in WA requires a different approach.

Tips on how to be Waterwise and Fertilisewise.

Better ways or growing delicious and highly nutritious fruit and vegetables at home despite often challenging Esperance conditions.

There have been whispers for years of Esperance getting a fresh produce market off the ground; this workshop could be your key to a profitable garden.

Proudly supported by Esperance Small Land Owners Group and Esperance Regional Forum – contact Trudy Giles by emailing secretary@eslog.org.au

4 Pastures for Profit - March 2009 (Repeat)

Mt Barker - Tuesday 17 March
District Hall

Dongara - Thursday 19 March
Port Denison Sea Rescue Building

Keynote Speakers

Dr Christine Jones – Soil Scientist, NSW – “Carbon for many reasons”
Dr Rod Manning – Vet and Grower, VIC – “Taking control of your farm business”
Dr John Evans – Seed Researcher, VIC – “Tomorrow’s temperate and tropical pastures today”

Other Topics include

Mt Barker
“Driving profitable production”
“40% lucerne is a wet harvest”
“Plant nutrition for production”

Dongara
“Photosensitivity: a case study”
“Profit from livestock with perennials”
“Strategic nutrition for established pastures”

For more information contact Evergreen Farming on (08) 9475 0753

5 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 17/3/2009 Pingelly 18/3/2009 Merredin 19/3/2009 Quairading 25/3/2009 Beacon 26/3/2009 Duli Group 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	31/3/2009 Hyden 2/4/2009 Quairading 16/4/2009 Newdegate 21/4/2009 Corrigin 23/4/2009 Perth 28/4/2009 Tambellup
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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

6 Best Farms – FREE TRAINING (Repeat)

For Landholders who want to know more about managing environmental issues on their property.

- Work one-to-one with a facilitator to identify environmental impacts on your property.
- Develop an Environmental Farm Action Plan specific for your needs.
- Network with other landholders with similar problems.
- Have a BestFarms facilitator visit your property to assist you on request.
- Gain public recognition for your landcare efforts.
- Be better prepared for funding applications.

These are two day workshops

Katanning

Tuesday 3 March and Thursday 10 March

Williams

Saturday 14 March and Sunday 15 March

Dumbleyung

Monday 8 June and Tuesday 9 June

To register, phone Blackwood Basin Group now on (08) 9765 1555 or visit www.bestfarms.com.au

This project is an initiative of the South West Catchments Council and is funded by the Australian and West Australian Government programs, the Natural Heritage Trust (NHT) and include materials, lunch and refreshments.

7 Grain Marketing Workshop – 11 March 2009 (Repeat)

Were you disappointed with your grain prices in 08/09?

Were you confused when selling?

If so come along to the Kojonup “Understanding Grain Marketing” workshop.

To be held on 11 March 2009 at Kodja Place at 8:00am to 5:00pm

The workshop (presented by NACMAWA, DAFWA & Curtin University) will:

- 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 settlement mechanisms.

Cost \$220 Primary Producers (including 50% rebate by Farm Training WA)

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

We need 15 people to run this workshop, so please reply ASAP with numbers to Kojonup Ag Supplies on (08) 9831 1022

8 "Getting more value from your inputs naturally" seminars – 16 March 2009

Best TM21 the simple biological system.

Free information seminars.

Monday 16 March 2009

9:00am start.

Mount Barker Recreational Centre

CSIRO research demonstrates:

- Active and diverse soil microbes significantly improve soil health and crop yields
- Stubble retention and cropping intensification with adequate nutrient inputs can increase soil microbial activity and biomass.
- Trials show increased soil microbial activity can improve crop nutrient supply and efficiency, stabilise soil and suppress plant disease.

BEST is an Australian company with proven products that help to reduce our high rates of nutrient and pesticide use on cropping and pasture land. Farmers using TM21 have observed outstanding results including higher yields, reduced compaction, increased disease resistance, better stress tolerance and many other outcomes which in many cases have resulted in a more profitable and sustainable cropping system.

BEST TM21 is an easy to apply liquid that stimulates the natural organisms within the soil. It can be applied with normal knockdown herbicides or on its own through standard boom sprays. Suitable for crops, pasture and horticulture.

"You have probably heard that the new microbes that change wheat and other crops into nitrogen fixers like legumes.

We don't make those kinds of claims about our products but we do claim that by stimulating the soils biological capacity you can reduce the requirement for chemical inputs and reduce your risk.

Our products can help in improving plant tolerance to poor conditions including moisture stresses, frost, low nutrient availability and poor soil structure."

To learn more about how these systems work from people who are using this technology successfully we invite you to come to a free farmer discussion and information session at Mount Barker Recreation Centre 9:00am on 16 March 2009.

Contact Barry Portor on 0439 899 967 or John Partridge on 0419 432 703 for more information.

9 South West Marine Conference 2009 – 17 March 2009

South West Catchments Council

Tuesday 17 March 2009
 9:00am – 5:30pm
 Abbey Beach Resort, Busselton

The “South West Marine Conference” highlights the vast array of estuarine, coastal and marine projects and initiatives that are currently underway in the South West NRM Region. The conference will feature several concurrent sessions with speakers providing presentations on a range of themes including: Marine research, aquatic/marine issues, estuarine research, Ecosystem Based Fishery Management and marine education. It aims to assist best management practices in the South West Marine and aquatic environments through the sharing of information and networking opportunities.

Objectives

1. Present South West Catchments Council marine investment and projects in the South West region.
2. Highlight recent marine, estuarine and coastal research in the South West and Western Australia as well as contemporary issues affecting the South West coastal and marine environments.
3. Increase our understanding of the South West marine and estuarine environments and associated communities.
4. Provide an opportunity to exchange information to help future coastal, estuarine and marine research needs and guide future management approaches.

Who should attend?

Scientific researches, marine industry representatives, development and extension officers working in the marine and coastal sector have been invited to present their projects at the event. The community, local governments, government agencies, NGO’s, students, marine researchers and those with a general interest in the South West Marine Environment are invited to attend.

For more information and to register online go to www.swccevents.com.au

10 South West NRM Success Forum 2009 – 18 March 2009

South West Catchments Council
 Wednesday 18 March 2009
 9:15am – 5:00pm
 Abbey Beach Resort, Busselton

Help celebrate delivering \$40 million worth of funding to Natural Resource Management (NRM) in the South West over the past two years. The South West NRM Success Forum is a day to highlight and celebrate NRM and South West Catchments Council funded projects. The day will feature project managers sharing their stories, discussions on how climate change is affecting the South West environment, guest speakers and a panel discussion. The Success Forum also invites the community to celebrate with a sausage sizzle, live music, displays and interactive activities for children.

Programme Outline (subject to change)	
9:15am Registration	
9:45am Welcome and keynote address on Climate Change	
11:00am Presentation of Schools Projects – Geographe Primary, Narrogin Primary, Dunsborough Primary, Busselton Senior High and Nyindamurra Family School.	
11:50am Damien Postma – Local Government Water Efficiency	
12:30pm Lunch Break: includes sausage sizzle, live music and kids activities on the lawn.	
Afternoon Session – Stream 1	Afternoon Session – Stream 2
Leonie Offer <i>Trees South West</i> – Improving Landholder Capacity to Adopt Agroforestry in the low to medium Rainfall Zone of the SWCC Region	Joanna Hughes-dit-Ciles <i>Leschenault Catchment</i> – Water Sensitive Urban Design
Ned Crossley <i>Department of Agriculture and Food</i>	John McKinney <i>Geographe Catchment</i> – Peppies

WA – Progressing Adoption of Perennial Pastures in the Medium Rainfall areas within the SW Western Australia	for Possums
Rebecca Heath <i>Department of Agriculture and Food WA</i> – Setting Resource Condition Targets for Dryland Salinity	Joel Hall <i>Department of Water Water Science Branch</i> – Modelling of the Leschenault Catchment
Ella Maesepp <i>Katanning Landcare</i> – The Upper Coblinine Catchment Demonstration Initiative	Sally Clifton-Parks <i>Geocatch</i> – Draft Water Quality Improvement Plan for Vasse Wonnerup
Amanda Willmott <i>Peel Harvey Catchment Council</i> – Peel Yalgorup Action Plan and Goerup Black Lakes Management	Jen Mitchell & Richard Olive <i>Ribbons of Blue</i> – Caring for Catchments
3:30pm Guest Speaker – Peter Lane <i>Geologist</i> – Management of the Yarragadee and other Aquifers	
4:00pm Guest Speaker – Glen Albrecht <i>Prof Sustainability Murdoch University</i> – Perceptions of a Resilient Region	

For more information and to register online visit www.swccevents.com.au

11 Introduction to Sustainable Living Workshops (Repeat)

“Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could only do a little” E. Burke

Want to save money and help our environment? Then this workshop is for you

Learn some practical tips for improving your bank balance and our environment. Our one day “Introduction to Sustainable Living” Workshops will cover the three major topics of interest:

- Sustainable Energy Use
- Sustainable Water Use
- Gardening for Biodiversity and Production

The day will also include information regarding the latest Government Rebates. Come along, catch up with friends and learn some tips and tricks to saving your families \$\$\$\$

Date: Thursday 19 March 2009

Venue: Cranbrook Hall

Time: 9:30am to 2:30pm

Date: Thursday 26 March 2009

Venue: Gnowangerup Training Centre

Time: 9:30am to 2:30pm

Lunch and Morning tea is provided. RSVP to your Community Engagement Officers by Friday 13 March 2009

Megan Jones, Community Engagement Officer at Gillamii Centre Cranbrook

majones@agric.wa.gov.au (08) 9826 1234

OR

Tristan Whiting Community Engagement Officer at Pallinup Landcare Centre

pallinup@westnet.com.au

12 The Pasture Cropping and No Kill Cropping Two Day Course – March 2009 (Repeat)

This course is for those who wish to encourage natural ecological processes to produce crops within grasslands rather than replacing grasslands.

The course covers these topics and much more:

Grasslands – function & components
Soil Health – encouraging biology
Grazing Management Principles
Pasture Cropping Principles
No Kill Cropping Principles
Regenerative Principles
Making the transition
Economic Analysis
Field Visit

This is a “hands on” workshop designed to give all participants a thorough grounding in the theory and practice of successful Pasture Cropping and No Kill Cropping.

Presented by Colin Seis, Bruce Maynard and Angus Maurice who are the inventors and developers of both systems. Participants are provided with a 200 page training manual and full catering.

Kojonup Shire Hall
23 – 24 March 2009
9:00am – 4:30pm

Geraldton DAFWA
26 – 27 March 2009
9:00am – 4:30pm

For booking contact Charlene on (08) 9475 0753 or email admin@agvivo.com.au
Bookings are essential as places are limited. FarmTraining WA is available for both courses.

13 Red Card for the Red Fox – 2009 Autumn Effort (Repeat)

Working together for maximum impact

Over 350,000 fox baits have been laid by 8000 farmers since 2004 - will you join the 45 groups currently involved in our 2009 autumn effort at giving the Red Card to the Red Fox?

Fox control can be a low cost, low key but highly effective activity when we all band together to do our bit, which is what the Red Card for the Red Fox programme is all about. Every autumn since 2004 has been dedicated to fox control by increasing numbers of farmers, agencies and Local Governments keen to make the biggest dent possible on fox numbers across the agricultural landscape. It's also great timing for controlling rabbit populations using 1080 poison oats, as a poisoned rabbit has flow-on benefits by acting as fox bait.

With agreement that a good fox is a dead fox, we are calling all landowners to get involved in baiting and shooting of foxes and rabbits in March across the agricultural region. Farmers should contact local coordinators from Landcare groups and/or Local Governments, who are organizing activities in line with community priorities. Furthermore, Stockbrands Co. has offered to a bounty for each fox and cat shot on specific weekends, as well as holding a raffle for all farmers participating in shooting/baiting activities that are 2009 Stockbrands clients – with fantastic prizes on offer!

Everyone should be interested in becoming involved and anyone wanting further information should contact Central Coordinator, Sally Thomson on 9861 2222.

14 Red Card for Red Fox Update

The Red Card for the Red Fox program is in full swing during March, where farmers across the state are baiting and shooting feral pests including foxes, rabbits and feral cats. Over 60 groups are on board

now – organizing local activities so that they line up with community issues and priorities. A range of individuals and groups that have stepped up and taken the lead, including landcare and production groups, local governments, sporting associations and local farmers who “just want to see something done”.

The first Stockbrands sponsored foxshoot took place on 20-22 February – with 24 groups culling over 2000 foxes, 120 cats and 700 rabbits – and raising over \$11,000 for the RFDS. A second Stockbrands sponsored foxshoot will be held on 20-22 March. All baiting and/or shooting participants that order Stockbrands Sidney or Strong eartags this year will go in a draw to win a choice of fantastic prizes, including a high calibre rifle.

All farmers are urged to seize this opportunity to work together for maximum impact. Please contact your local coordinator or Central Coordinator, Sally Thomson on 0417 983 356 for more information.

15 EnviroPlanning South Coast Regional Forum

“Integrating Natural Resource Management into Land Use Planning”

The aim of this forum is to provide local government planners, state government officers and NRM professional with an awareness of the EnviroPlanning Project outcomes to date.

Date: Thursday 26 March 2009

Time: 9:15am – 1:00pm

Venue: Albany City Council Chambers 102 North Road, Yakamia

Morning Tea and lunch is provided

Agenda:

9:15am

Registrations

9:30am

Welcome

9:35am

EnviroPlanning Project Overview (Ryan Taylor)

Including:

- Major activities since May 2008
- Introduction to Directions Paper

9:55am

Direction’s Paper – NRM & Land Use Planning Context (Anne Noordermeer)

Including:

- Legislative context
- Roles and Responsibilities

10:25am

Directors Paper – Key Finding/Recommendations (Ryan Taylor)

10:55am

Morning Tea

11:10am

Integrating NRM into Land Use Planning Case Studies and Examples

Including

- Visual Landscape Assessment Guidelines (Stephanie Clegg)
- Local Case Studies of NRM and Planning

12:00pm

Directions Paper Implementation (Anne Noordermeer and Ryan Taylor)

Including:

- Regional approach to NRM and land use planning

- Future of EnviroPlanning

12:40pm
Lunch

Please RSVP by Thursday 19 March 2009
(Please include any dietary requirements)

Ms Brianna Sharp

Graduate Officer

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16 Conservation Week 2009 – 28 March-5 April (Repeat)

Conservation Week 2009 – Connecting Community and the Environment – March 28- April 5

There will be a statewide “Conservation Week” between Saturday 28th March and Sunday 5th April 2009. This week celebrates our unique environment and promotes awareness and action towards a sustainable future. It aims to connect the community and the environment as well as celebrate the work of conservation organisations, community groups and individuals across the state. Community groups, environment organisations, schools, local businesses and individuals are invited to participate by registering an event already happening during the week or consider organising a special event to communicate the importance of the environment to host during the week. It's a great opportunity to showcase the fantastic work being done to protect the environment in your local community. To find out how to get involved visit www.conservationwa.asn.au or contact Jessie Cochrane on 08 9420 7266 or clo@conservationwa.asn.au

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