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South Coast Natural Resource Management Inc. (South Coast NRM Inc.) is the regional group for natural resource management in the South Coast Region of WA, funded through the Western Australian and the Australian Government.

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General News:

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1 Kalgan River pine trees a threat to biodiversity

An infestation of introduced pine trees along Albany's pristine Kalgan River will be removed and the area's biodiversity restored as part of a new project coordinated by South Coast Natural Resource Management.

The \$120,000 project is funded by the State Government and will be delivered by South Coast NRM in collaboration with the City of Albany, Oyster Harbour Catchment Group, local landholders and volunteers.

About 120 pine trees, some reaching up to 40 metres high and with 25 metre canopies, will be cut down over the next two months while significant native re-vegetation and weed spraying efforts get underway.

South Coast NRM invasive species coordinator Matt Kennewell, City of Albany reserves manager Mark Ford and landowner Alan Jones met with members of the media on site this week to discuss the project.

Local landowner Dick Walker was acknowledged for driving the coordinated effort.



OPEN BOOK: Matt Kennewell and Alan Jones determine the age of pine tree stump.

2 Job well done for South Coast Management Group

The Denmark Tavern hosted members of the South Coast Management Group last weekend as they celebrated the finalisation of their project with South Coast NRM and the review of the regional coastal strategy, Southern Shores.

South Coast NRM acting CEO Lee Sounness and coastal and marine implementation officer Sheryn Prior joined the festivities.



END OF THE ROAD: The South Coast Management Group take stock of their achievements

3 South Coast NRM Regional Roadshow

Several South Coast NRM staff are hitting the road in September for a series of presentations across the South Coast region. Eight towns have been chosen to host an evening presentation and celebration in which South Coast NRM and community speakers will outline their environmental and cultural achievements over the past two years.

South Coast NRM members, partners, friends and the general public are welcome to attend these free events. Light supper and refreshments will be provided. **RSVP IS ESSENTIAL.**

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

Please RSVP your attendance to Jenelle Carter on (08) 9845 8521 or email jenellec@southcoastnrm.com.au by 5pm Friday, August 28th. Numbers are strictly limited.

- Free shuttle buses are being arranged for guests travelling from Jerramungup to Bremer Bay on Friday 11th September and Walpole to Denmark on Wednesday 23rd September. Seats are limited so please be quick. Once reserved, details for pickup and drop-off will be provided.

NOTE: Official invitations for the Regional Roadshow are in the process of being sent.

4 Esperance Regional Forum: Stokes Inlet Foreshore Vegetation Assessment Project

The Stokes Inlet Foreshore Vegetation Assessment Project brief is now available for download. Visit www.southcoastnrm.com.au and follow the links on the left of page.

5 Nominations now open for NACC Board of Directors

Are you interested in guiding the Northern Agricultural Catchments Council (NACC) into the future? Nominations for the NACC Board of Directors close on 10 August 2009.

There are three positions open on the board and nominees should have skills in one or more of the following areas: governance, community engagement, finance, corporate investment, natural resource management and auditing.

If you are aware of anyone who may be a potential candidate, please encourage them to nominate for the director positions. Contact Tracy Antrobus for an application pack and nomination forms on (08) 9964 9774, mobile 0418 939 166 or ea@nacc.com.au <<mailto:ea@nacc.com.au>>

NACC is the peak body for the environment and natural resource management in the Northern Agricultural Region and is currently seeking nominations for directors of the board. It is a not-for-profit organisation which develops and maintains projects and administers funds for groups which provide on-ground environmental and climate change adaptation programs in the Midwest and Northern Agricultural Region.

The board election will be conducted via postal ballot, closing 5pm 9 October 2009. All current members are eligible to vote. People interested in becoming members have until 18 August to register. Go to <http://www.nacc.com.au/About-Us/NACC-Board/Operational-papers.aspx> <<http://www.nacc.com.au/About-Us/NACC-Board/Operational-papers.aspx>>

AGM

The Annual General Meeting will be held at 4pm on Tuesday 27 October in the Wedge Room at the WA Museum—Geraldton. This will be followed by the Welcome Sundowner for the 2009 WA State Natural Resource Management Conference for the "Changing Environments" which will be hosted by NACC and the City of Geraldton-Greenough with support from the Mid West Development Commission and Caring for our Country from Wed 28 October to Fri 30 October 2009.

More information at www.changingenvironments.com.au <<http://www.changingenvironments.com.au/>>

6 Women Leading Change

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

7 2009 Environmental Management Systems Conference & Awards

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

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8 Albany Hour 2009 (Repeat)

This is series of seminars on specific Fridays at 3:30pm, Department of Agriculture Albany Conference Room. Please contact Sally Peltzer on (08) 9892 8504 for more details and note that the seminar dates will be subject to change.

August 7

Ruhi Ferdowsian

August 21

Svetlana Micic
Integrated Pest Management and the implications for broad acre cropping.

September 4

Peter Dawson
Developing strategic alliances to foster potato exports (or – taming a national team, not to mention the Indonesians)

October 16

David and Rachel Low
Mapping and other things.

9 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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10 Weeds Workshop

Thursday 25 August or Saturday 29 August (Repeat workshop, two dates to choose from)

1:00pm – 4:30pm
Elleker Hall, Hassell Street, Elleker

Presenters:
Diane Harwood – Denmark Weed Action Group (Tuesday and Saturday)
John Moore – Department of Agriculture and Food (Tuesday only)

Learn about the common weed species found in Torbay Catchment, including how to identify and best control them.
The workshop includes a one hour practical component in the field demonstrating some weed control techniques.

Attendance at the workshop is free and afternoon tea will be provided.
For bookings please RSVP to Lesley Hart on (08) 9841 0119 or email Lesley.hart@water.wa.gov.au
This workshop has been generously funded by South Coast Natural Resource Management Inc.

You don't have to live in the catchment to attend this workshop and the weeds that will be discussed are relevant throughout the region.

11 Kontiki Tour 2009 (Repeat)

Kontiki Tour 2009 for 18 to 30 year olds.

Want to tour the Albany CBH Port Facility?

This is a hands-on workshop on accessing aerial photography and mapping your property from your home computer.

Visit the farm of perennial and Saltland pastures Guru Ian Walsh, see surface water management in action and find out what the Farm Water Grants scheme means for you.

Spend two days networking with other young people in agriculture and much more.

Departing Katanning 8:30am Tuesday 25 August Returning to Katanning 5:30pm Wednesday 26 August.

Only \$35 and includes accommodation in Albany, food, transport, a jam-packed program and the sort of fun only a Kontiki Tour can provide.

The Australian Government is footing most of the bill- hoorah!

To register, contact Carly at Dumbleyung (08) 9863 4225, Ella at Katanning (08) 9821 4327 or Danielle at Wagin-Woodanilling (08) 9861 2222 Landcare Centres.

Registrations close 19 August.

12 WANTFA No-Till Workshops

Workshops will be held throughout the Great Southern during August to provide a forum to learn about practical no-till farming ideas.

This is a great way to interact with other growers and industry.

All events are free of charge, although bookings must be made prior to the event.

To register for the event or to make an enquiry please contact Kaye Phillips-Webb at kaye@wantfa.com.au or phone 0427 233 395.

13th August – Kojonup Boscabel Hall 1-4pm
Join us on the 13th for drinks and a BBQ \$10 per farming enterprise.

Speakers:

Rodger Mandel (Muresk Institute), precision agriculture
Garry Hine (no-till grower), farm management
Alex Douglas (DAFWA), weed control
Ashley Herbert (Agrarian Management), sheep management

Held in conjunction with the North Stirling Pallinup Group and the North Kojonup Production Group

19th August – Cranbrook Town Hall 1-4pm
20th August – Jerramungup Telecentre Conference Room 9-12pm

Speakers

Dan Carter (DAFWA), stubble management
Mike Ashworth (WANTFA), disc seeders
Frank Boetel/Tim Tresize (Farmanco), rotations and break crops
Brad Wood (no-till growers), farm management

27th August – Kojonup Tourist Bureau, Kodja Place (Full Day)

Workshops funded by GRDC and Caring for Our Country

13 WAFarmers upcoming events (Repeat)

WAFarmers Zone Meetings
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August 7
Central Great Southern
TBA

October 1
Albany Zone
Mt Barker Plantagenet Hotel 5:00pm

For more information please contact the WAFarmers head office on (08) 9486 2100 or visit www.wafarmers.org.au

14 Green Skills Professional Home Sustainability Assessment Training (Repeat)

Green Skills is offering two courses for the price of one!
Training includes the Professional Home Sustainability Assessment course (need to apply to become an assessor in the DEWHA Green Loans Program) and the nationally accredited short course in Home Sustainability Assessment (21854VIC)

Denmark training dates: August 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 13, 14, 2009.

This course presents good value for money with seven days face-to-face training at a cost of only \$1,500. For enrolment information contact Michelle Yeomans (08) 9360 6667 or email myeomans@greenskills.org.au

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