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General News:

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- 1 State Funding Will Protect South Coast Environment**

South Coast NRM Inc. has welcomed the allocation of funds from the Government of Western Australia to help protect and care for our iconic natural resources and assets.

In an announcement by Agriculture and Food Minister Terry Redman, \$6 million is allocated to support the six regional natural resource management groups and to fund immediate, high priority NRM projects.

Mr Redman said the State's natural resources supported a number of important industries, which contributed significantly to the State's economy.

"The agricultural, forestry and fishing industries are all underpinned by a healthy and thriving environment," Mr Redman said.

South Coast NRM Inc. Chairman Alex Campbell applauded the commitment by the Western Australian Government to continue to work in partnership with the community to support existing and ongoing valuable NRM activity.

"The funding will ensure that we can continue our long-term work and make a significant difference to the health and condition of South Coast natural resources and assets," he said.

According to Mr Redman's announcement, of the total figure, \$1.5million will provide support for the ongoing operation of the six regional community Natural Resource Management (NRM) groups. Another \$1million will support the operation of the State NRM office, the State-wide co-ordination of Aboriginal engagement in NRM and a review the State's NRM arrangements.

\$3.5million is available for immediate, high priority projects. For example, projects to address salinity, control invasive weeds or protect threatened species.

Additional funding of up to \$15million has been identified for projects addressing the State's natural resource priorities in 2009. These projects will require full business cases, including scientific evidence and a cost benefit analysis.

Part of the new funding would also be used to review how NRM is delivered across the State. The review will be headed by Garry English, a former Esperance farmer, past South Coast NRM group chair and winner of the national McKell Medal for excellence and achievement in NRM.

## **2 Caring for Our Country Business Plan – Now Available (Repeat)**

Over 100 land carers, NRM professionals and community group representatives attended the Caring for Our Country Business Plan Information Session held in Albany on Monday 15 December 2008. The Business Plan is the overarching document that outlines how the allocated \$2.25billion will be spent over the five years.

The information session focussed on what is required to obtain funds and it is clear that the Australian Government strongly supports the regional groups (such as South Coast NRM Inc.) to manage and facilitate the delivery of NRM outcomes.

The community was encouraged to partner with South Coast NRM Inc. to utilise the expertise of the organisation through its coordinating, strategic planning and administrative function.

Rob Edkins, Chief Executive Officer with South Coast NRM Inc. said there is an excellent opportunity for the community to again come together to develop whole of landscape projects, to obtain a range of outcomes.

It is very clear funding will not be allocated to projects which are not included in the targets outlined in the Business Plan.

South Coast NRM Inc. is currently reviewing the document to gain a better understanding of the type of projects which will meet the targets outlined in the Plan.

Proposals need to be submitted by March 6 2009. South Coast NRM Inc. would like to hear from individuals, community organisations and groups who have project ideas they'd like to see happen in the target areas. For a copy of the Business Plan go to [www.nrm.gov.au](http://www.nrm.gov.au).

Contact Deb Slater, Planning and Evaluation Coordinator on (08) 9845 8537 or email [debs@southcoastnrm.com.au](mailto:debs@southcoastnrm.com.au) if you have ideas or would like more information.

### **3 South Coast NRM Inc. Community Engagement Program (Repeat)**

South Coast NRM Inc., in partnership with six community-based organisations, has commenced a new program to help more people understand the growing need to live and work sustainably within the South Coast Region. This initiative is funded out of the Australian Government's new Caring for our Country Program.

Nine Community Engagement Officers have been employed from Esperance in the east to Denmark in the west and Cranbrook in the north. The Officers will initiate activities with a broad cross section of our community (including businesses, community groups, schools, sporting clubs, urban householders, life stylers and farmers). Their aim is to raise the collective knowledge about this special part of the world and what we can each do to lessen our impact upon it.

This work may include water and energy efficiency; recycling; increasing the establishment of perennial and native plants; reducing the spread of dieback; reducing the amount of nutrient run off from the land; reducing the introduction and impact of weeds; and, managing our small land holdings.

The Community Engagement Officers are each setting a very targeted action plan for operations and welcome your contact and inquiries.

To contact your nearest Community Engagement Officer please see details below:

- Esperance – Ian Hartley and Rani Stewart, Esperance Regional Forum – (08) 9071 6129
- Ravensthorpe – Jenny Chambers, Ravensthorpe Agricultural Initiative Network – (08) 9838 1018
- Jerramungup and Wellstead – Charlotte Powis, Fitzgerald Biosphere Group – (08) 98351127
- Gnowangerup – Tristan Whiting, Pallinup Landcare Centre – (08) 9828 1086
- Broomehill/Tambellup and Cranbrook Shires – Megan Jones, Gillamii Centre – (08) 9826 1234
- Plantagenet– Murray Hollingworth, Oyster Harbour Catchment Group and Wilson Inlet Catchment Committee - 0427 346 006
- Albany – Dorothy Redreau, Green Skills – (08) 98481019
- Denmark – Craig Carter, Green Skills – (08) 98481019

For general program details, please telephone Louise Hillman at South Coast NRM Inc. on (08) 98458537 or 0419 908418.

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#### 4 South Coast NRM Inc. Caring for our Country Project Planning Workshops

South Coast NRM Inc. is running two project planning and development workshops in January to facilitate broad input from stakeholders, including community in the development of multi-targeted projects under the Caring for our Country program.

You are invited to attend these free workshops to share your ideas and help shape collaborative funding submissions under this program. A light lunch will be provided at each workshop.

RSVPs are essential for planning and catering purposes.

Please forward this invitation to your networks, thank you.

Copies of the business plan will be available to refer to at the workshop, however participants are encouraged to familiarise themselves with this document beforehand. Visit [www.nrm.gov.au](http://www.nrm.gov.au) for a copy of this document.

To assist in your pre workshop planning we will be asking participants to provide project ideas including objectives, methodology, partners, public benefit, etc.

For further information please call Justin Bellanger on (08) 9845 8537.

##### **Esperance**

Date: 13 January 2009

Time: 11am – 2pm

Location: Esperance Yacht Club, Esplanade.

RSVP: South Coast NRM Inc. Office Esperance 9071 6129 or 98458537 or email [info@southcoastnrm.com.au](mailto:info@southcoastnrm.com.au)

##### **Albany**

Date: 16 January 2009

Time: 12noon – 3pm

Location: South Coast NRM Inc., 39 Mercer Road, Albany

RSVP: South Coast NRM Inc. on 9845 8537 or email [info@southcoastnrm.com.au](mailto:info@southcoastnrm.com.au)

#### 5 What does your garden grow? – Train the Trainer workshop – 19 February 2009

Who should attend:

This workshop is designed for all production and retail nursery staff, council or environmental officers, TAFE Teachers, community group leaders, NRM professionals, and staff in Government Departments concerned with the environment etc.

Background:

The nursery and garden industry is playing an important and significant role in educating the public about invasive plants. The **What does your garden grow?** course is a tool to assist in increasing awareness of the huge impact weeds have on our unique Australian environment and to provide basic knowledge of how to deal with weeds in private gardens.

About the workshop:

This workshop aims to provide knowledge and tools to deliver good and informed advice to customers, community groups, and the general public about local, national, environmental, noxious and declared weeds. It will assist you to educate the general public in how to protect their environment as you garden. The resource covers introductory information on where weeds are a problem, how weeds spread and the theory and practice behind control measures. One key topic relates to managing weeds

in our gardens, including suitable alternatives, ensuring they will not have a negative impact on our environment.

When, where and cost:

9:00am to 3:00pm

Thursday 19 February 2009

Esperance – St John Ambulance Centre, 54 Windich Street

Cost

\*\$200 per person including GST

Cost includes resource kit, tuition, lunch and morning tea.

(\*Community Group representatives & volunteers registration cost will be subsidized for the Esperance workshop and Cost will reduce if new funding is made available)

Places in the workshop will be limited to 20, so please register to:

Robyn Cail, Biodiversity Implementation Officer East, South Coast NRM Inc.

Phone: (08) 9071 7685

Fax: (08) 9072 0499

Email: [robync@southcoastnrm.com.au](mailto:robync@southcoastnrm.com.au)

This workshop and information resource has been developed by the Cooperative Research Centre for Australian Weed Management (Weeds CRC), and is supported by South Coast NRM Inc. and the Esperance Weeds Action Group.

[http://www.weedscrc.org.au/education\\_training/what\\_does\\_your\\_garden\\_grow.htm](http://www.weedscrc.org.au/education_training/what_does_your_garden_grow.htm)

## **6 Centre for Sustainable Living – January 2009 Tea Talks & Tours Program**

### **Sunday 11 January**

Forest Ramble

2:30pm to 5:00pm

Meet at Centre for Sustainable Living for a cup of tea with Janice Marshall who will take you for a ramble by the forest, exploring how forests function and sharing their delights.

### **Monday 12 January**

Introduction to Life Writing and Journaling

9:30am to 12:30noon

Join Nicola le Brenton for a nourishing morning of shared stories and creativity. Discover how small stories can come alive on the page and give you insights into the bigger picture of your life.

Make your own Sourdough Bread

1:30pm to 3:30pm

The art of making Sour Dough Bread, demonstrated by Louise Duxbury, with samples to taste and starter to take home.

Tour of the Centre for Sustainable Living

3:30pm to 4:30pm

Enjoy this guided tour with Louise, packed with interesting facts about on-site waste water management, solar space heating, passive solar design, constructed wetlands and more.

### **Tuesday 13 January**

Historical Tour of Denmark

2:30pm to 4:30pm

Meet at Centre for Sustainable Living for a cup of tea with local historian, Bev McGuinness, who will take you on a tour of some of Denmark's most interesting historical landmarks.

**Wednesday 14 January**

Circle Dancing

10:00am to 12:00noon

Join Lee Joyce for some fancy footwork in the ancient tradition of circle dancing. Young and old are welcome to join for exercise, socializing and good fun. (School aged children only)

**Thursday 15 January**

Know your Soils

9:00am to 11:00am

Mark Hackleton will discuss pH testing, compost making, organic soil additives, weeds, pests, potting, lifting soil, biodynamic growing and more in the TAFE Certified Organic Garden.

**Friday 16 January**

Caring for Native Animals

9:00am to 11:00am

Tina Smith will explain how to recognize and when to help injured or orphaned animals and birds. This talk includes a short walk to Tina’s own wildlife sanctuary and hands on experience.

**Saturday 17 January**

Energy Efficient Homes Tour

2:30pm to 5:30pm

Meet Louise at Centre for Sustainable Living then carpool to our local sustainable community: The Wolery. Includes discussion of sound design principles with John Piercey solar draftsman and visits to solar designed houses.

**Saturday 24 January**

Getting the Most out of your Small Property

10:30am to 12:30pm

Meet Craig Carter at Centre for Sustainable Living; discuss soil improvement, water management, horse care, caring for bushland and environmentally friendly gardening. Includes question and answer session, and what assistance is available to you.

**Wednesday 28 January**

How Life Writing changes the subject

3:30pm to 4:30pm

Christina Houen, PhD candidate in Life Writing, will discuss life writing as a powerful means of recreating and releasing old selves, illustrated with examples from her own life and writing.

Where: Centre for Sustainable Living, South Coast Highway, Denmark

Cost: Fees range from \$5-\$20, family prices and concessions available.

To Book: Phone (08) 9848 3310 Email [csl@denmarkcsl.com.au](mailto:csl@denmarkcsl.com.au)

[www.denmarkcsl.com.au](http://www.denmarkcsl.com.au)

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**7 Organisational Development Specialist – South Coast NRM Inc.**

Part Time 0.8 FTE - We are seeking an experienced OD/HR practitioner to join our fast growing organisation. This role has a strong operational component, working closely with the CEO and line managers to ensure that OD and HR practice translates into business outcomes. You will be responsible for the ongoing management of all systems, policies and procedures that underpin and guide the HR practice of the organisation. In addition, you will manage and/or contribute to various projects including corporate planning, business development, change management, performance

management, learning and development, with the overarching responsibility of ensuring transparency and compliance in the administration and operation in all aspects of this role.

For more information about the role, contact Lee Sounness (08) 9845 8537 or for JDF see website [www.southcoastnrm.com.au](http://www.southcoastnrm.com.au). Closes Monday 12 January 2009.

**8 Request for Tender. PFC: 01/2008 – Impact of Climate Change on Natural Resource Management in the South Coast - Revised Closing Date (Repeat)**

South Coast Natural Resource Management Inc. invites tenders for this project to identify the potential risks and impacts of climate change and seasonal variability on Natural Resource Management (NRM) in the South Coast Region. The analysis performed under this project will assess the vulnerability to climate change of NRM assets in the Region and enable the development of actionable first steps and sensible priorities in responding to these challenges.

Contact Helen Tasker for tender pack (08) 9845 8505 or email [helent@southcoastnrm.com.au](mailto:helent@southcoastnrm.com.au)

Specification enquiries to Neil Blake 0427 928 525 or [neilb@southcoastnrm.com.au](mailto:neilb@southcoastnrm.com.au)

**Tender closes at 2:00pm (WST) 15 January 2008.**

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