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**State NRM Conference – Geraldton – Call for Presenters – 29-30 October 2009 (Repeat)**

*Changing Environments – new Challenges for the Living Country*

NACC (Northern Agricultural Catchments Council) will host 'Changing Environments - New Challenges for the Living Country' Conference, the State Natural Resource Management conference, from Oct 27 - 30 this year in Geraldton.

We are seeking presenters on a range of topics which address the theme of Changing Environments across the quadruple bottom line of environment, economics, culture and society.

There are various fora within the conference for different information:

Plenary (up to 40 minutes) - on any subject which fits the theme.

- The "Can We help" Panel - technical and broad based useful knowledge
- Poster Parade - an avenue of posters will feature projects across the state and be complemented by short presentations from the project managers. (ten minutes)

DO YOU KNOW AN INTERESTING SPEAKER? Or if you've got a specific topic you want addressed. Contact Jackie Gill at NACC.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM TO DATE (note: subject to change)

Tues Oct 27	Welcome Event
Wed Oct 28	Discovery Day Sundowner
Thurs Oct 29	Plenary and "Can We Help" Conference Dinner
Fri Oct 29	Plenary and Poster Parade Afternoon Wind Down

The Conference is being organised in partnership with the City of Geraldton Greenough with support from the Midwest Development Commission.

Contact Jackie Gill, NACC Communications on (08) 9964 9774 or 0409 886 982

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**2 Evergreen Farming Field Day – 11 February 2009**

Wednesday 11 February 2009  
Rob Rex's property  
3199 Beaufort Road (east off Albany Highway, 3.5km down a gravel road) Arthur River

Time: 1:00pm to 5:30pm

Farm visits:

Rob and Caroline Rex – Arthur River  
Perennial grasses on Waterlogging, salt and frost prone valley floors

Nick and Jane Trethowan – Kojonup  
High yielding crops sown over lucerne on well drained cropping paddocks

This is a great chance to share experiences and learn more about what others are doing around this area and strengthen the growing Evergreen network.

The afternoon will finish at the Black Cockatoo Café where Evergreen invites you to join the committee for dinner.

Non members: \$20 donation (members no charge)

RSVP to Charlene at Evergreen on (08) 9475 0753 or admin@agvivo.com.au

### **3 Beaufort Flats Walk and Talk – 19 February 2009**

Beauforts Flats Pasture Improvement Group Woodanilling  
Thursday 19 February 2009. 2:00pm onwards.

Come along to have a look at what's been happening on the flats recently and talk to Ballard Seeds on site.

Pickford's, 2:00pm, meet at the first gate on the left on Reshke Road off Robinson Road, Lucerne, veldt grass and evergreen mix.

- Tom Bailey – Lucerne Growers Association Gradyn Wilcox property, Roby Road
- John Paul Collins – DAFWA 'livestock production on saline land' – saltbush trail
- Allen Herbert – DAFWA Economist
- Graydn Wilcox – planning and grazing management
- Neil Ballard – Ballard Seeds 'getting the right mix'
- followed by discussion and windup drinks in the paddock.

Please RSVP to Danielle on (09) 9861 2222

### **4 Pastures for Profit - March 2009**

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

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 Binnum	
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](mailto:jdavies@agric.wa.gov.au)

## 6 Best Farms – FREE TRAINING

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](http://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 Introduction to Sustainable Living Workshops**

*"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](mailto:majones@agric.wa.gov.au) (08) 9826 1234

OR

Tristan Whiting Community Engagement Officer at Pallinup Landcare Centre  
[pallinup@westnet.com.au](mailto:pallinup@westnet.com.au)

## **8 Pasture Cropping Workshop – Kojonup - 23-24 March 2009**

23-24 March 2009  
Kojonup Lesser Hall  
Delivered by the Australian Pasture Cropping Company  
For more information contact Craig Baru  
(08) 9831 1066  
[nrmo@kojonup.wa.gov.au](mailto:nrmo@kojonup.wa.gov.au)

## **9 Red Card for the Red Fox – 2009 Autumn Effort**

*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 a 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.

## **10 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](http://www.conservationwa.asn.au) or contact Jessie Cochrane on 08 9420 7266 or [clo@conservationwa.asn.au](mailto:clo@conservationwa.asn.au)

## **11 What does your garden grow? – Train the Trainer workshop – 19 February 2009 (Repeat)**

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)

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