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The 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 Regional Achievement & Community Awards

Nominate NOW for prestigious Awards!

The statewide regional search has begun for individuals, businesses, environmental groups, leaders, Local Government best practice initiatives and community groups that are making a difference in regional and rural Western Australia through their hard work, dedication and innovation.

We invite you to nominate, or alternatively nominate someone you know that deserves recognition for their commitment and community contribution.

Nominations are now open in the following categories:

- Australia Post Community of the Year Award
- Department of Local Government and Regional Development Local Government Best Practice Award
- Landcorp Sustainability Award
- Curtin University of Technology Regional Service Award
- RSM Bird Cameron Business Enterprise Award
- Department of Indigenous Affairs Indigenous Service Award
- CSBP Environment Award
- Horizon Power Leadership and Innovation Award
- Water Corporation Water Conservation Award

Great prizes are on offer including a share in \$18,000 in Bank Accounts from the Commonwealth Bank.

Nominations close Wednesday 5 August 2009 and winners will be announced at a Gala Awards Presentation Dinner held Friday evening 23 October 2009 at the Perth Convention Exhibition Centre.

For more information or if you have any questions please call the Awards office on (08) 9201 1155 email: wa@awardsaustralia.com or via www.awardsaustralia.com/RACA_wa.html

2 Perennial Seeds for Sale

The Oyster Harbour Catchment Group has some perennial seeds available for sale – Stamina and Croppa 9 Lucerne, and Resolute and Quantum Tall Fescue.

For more information please contact Heather Adams on (08) 9854 1051 or email heatheradams@activ8.net.au

3 Updating coastal structures manual – your input sought (Repeat)

The well-used Coastal Management Specifications Manual is being updated by Green Skills Inc. with assistance of Caring for our Country Community Coastcare 2008-09 funding.

Have you used the Manual? Do you have additions or alterations that you would like made? We welcome your input to louiseduxbury@westnet.com.au or we can phone you so give us a bell on (08) 9848 3310.

The original Coastal Management Specifications Manual was put together by Green Skills Inc. for the South Coast Management Group in 2005. It provides plans, detailed materials lists and photographs for: fencing, shade shelters, BBQs, seating and tables, signage, car parking and bollards, timber boardwalks, stairs, viewing platforms, bird hides and low maintenance toilets. It is downloadable from <http://southcoastmanagementgroup.org.au>

Many groups and organisations have used the Manual to select appropriate structures, get accurate quotes using the materials lists and build structures to high standard.

As part of updating the Manual, Green Skills project manager Louise Duxbury and consulting draughtsman John Piercey have travelled across the south coast to Esperance and Albany to talk to local governments, community members and coastal facilitators to gather input and to visit a range of sites with coastal management structures. Further meetings are planned for Youngs Siding, Denmark and Walpole.

4 WA Coastal Awards for Excellence 2009 (Repeat)

On Monday 4 May 2009 the Minister for Planning, Hon John Day announced that nominations are now open for the 2009 WA Coastal Awards for Excellence.

Please see media statement at:

<http://www.mediastatements.wa.gov.au/Pages/WACabinetMinistersSearch.aspx?ItemId=131780&minister=Day&admin=Barnett>

The award categories in 2009 are:

1. Individual contribution.
2. Community group effort.
3. Coastal partnership.
4. Coastal culture.
5. Coastal planning and/or management.
6. Coastal/marine research or education.
7. Coastal development/design.
8. Coastal protection and conservation.

For more information and nomination form please visit the Western Australian Planning Commission, WAPC website, www.planning.wa.gov.au

If you know of anyone or any group from the South Coast who may be interested or eligible, please pass on this information to them. The awards acknowledge the remarkable contribution many people and groups across the South Coast make towards looking after our coast line. Without these efforts many important coastal rehabilitation and marine conservation projects may never have begun and been completed. Entering the awards is a great way to showcase strengths, abilities and achievements to the wider community of the many worthy people and groups who protect WA's coastline.

Nominations close Friday 10 July 2009.

If you require any assistance or further information please contact Dylan Gleave, Coastal and Marine Facilitator, South Coast NRM Inc. (08) 9071 7685 or 0427 928 400 dylang@southcoastnrm.com.au

5 NACC's 2009 BIO Diverse Photographic competition – Enter Now (Repeat)

Three Categories (including an Under 18 section). Fantastic Cash Prizes.

A selection of images from the entries will go onto this year's NACC Calendar and all the images will be displayed at the State Environment and NRM Conference "Changing Environments" in Geraldton from October 27 – 30. Then the exhibition will tour the region. The 2008 BIO Diverse exhibition has been travelling and it's been extremely well received.

Enter at <http://www.thegreenerlife.com.au/Competitions.aspx> (If the competition form plays up please email bma@nacc.com.au for an emailed version)

Newsflash! Winning Youth Pix Get Prestigious Role at Landcare Awards.

What an honour! Images taken by the entrants from the Under 18 section will feature at the Gala State Landcare Awards in Geraldton on October 28.

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Events & Activities including Conferences:
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6 Improving Soil Health the role of Biology and Carbon – 17 June 2009

Free Public Seminar
Assoc. Prof. Daniel Murphy
Also featuring a short presentation of soil health projects across the south-coast.

7:00 – 9:00pm Wednesday June 17 2009
Department of Agriculture and Food WA
444 Albany Highway ALBANY
For more information phone (08) 9892 8533

Dr Murphy leads the Soil Biology Group and is the deputy leader of the Integrated Land and Water Management Program within the Institute of Agriculture at the University of Western Australia. His research activities address a range of issues relating to the development of sustainable management practices for agricultural, natural and mine-site rehabilitated systems. His current research interests focus on: sustainable agricultural systems, soil carbon, biochar, greenhouse gas emissions, soil quality, arctic ecosystems and how micro-organisms interact with soil and plants.

Light refreshments will be provided after the talks.

7 An Information Session – Climate Change – What does it mean for you? – Denmark, 18 June 2009

The South Coast NRM community is already active in planning for and managing changes to biodiversity, the land, water resources and our coast. To ensure that our economy and natural resource assets are resilient, we must assess the risks and come up with strategies to address them.

South Coast Natural Resource Management Inc. invites you to attend an information session to find out more about the implications of Climate Change in the South Coast NRM Region.

Objectives:

- Outline the possible impacts for the South Coast's biodiversity, land and coastal areas.
- Discuss risks associated with Climate Change.
- Identify how we can adapt to changes.

6:30 – 8:30pm Thursday 18 June 2009

Shire of Denmark Council Chambers
South Coast Highway
Denmark WA 6333

To attend please RSVP to Melanie Price on (08) 9892 6412 or melanie_price@coffey.com by Wednesday 17 June.

8 Notice of Meeting – Friends of the Western Ground Parrot – 24 June 2009 (Repeat)

The Friends of the Western Ground Parrot will hold a meeting on Wednesday, 24 June 2009 from 2 – 4pm

The meeting will be held at the Girl Guides Hall, 19 Parker Street, Lockyer, Albany.

The group will decide at this meeting whether to adopt a more formal structure and become an association. The association will have the power to open and operate a bank account and enter into contracts. The association will be incorporated.

The objectives of the Friends of the Western Ground Parrot will remain unchanged:

- To raise awareness about the Western Ground Parrot
- To assist with the recovery of the species to a sustainable population level.

Membership is open to anyone supporting these objectives.

The association would be run by a committee consisting of a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer as well as a minimum of two additional committee members.

If you would like to assist the Western Ground Parrot by serving on the new committee, and if you are unable to attend the meeting, please let us know so that we can include you in the election process.

For more information contact:

Brenda Newbey (08) 9337 5673 wgparrot@westnet.com.au

Anne Bondin (08) 9844 1793 albanybirds@hotmail.com

9 Eagles, Environment and the Bigger Picture – 27 June 2009

A Community Talk by Simon Cherriman

Darlington Hall

Corner Owen Road and Pine Terrace

DARLINGTON Western Australia

Saturday 27 June 2009 7:00 – 8:00pm questions afterwards, some light refreshments provided.

“I’ve been inspired by eagles for much of my life. I’ve been inspired by my experience here in NZ.

I was inspired by some of the youth I dealt with last year; during talks I was asked to give to inspire them! Now I am on a mission to carry this journey forward.

During my time back in Perth in June, I plan to give a talk about Wedge-tailed Eagles, my experience growing up, what it meant to win the Young WA Environmentalist of 2008 Award, some of the environment talks and involvements I had last year, what I’ve learnt by coming to NZ, and the bigger picture in general.

Please come along if you are interested”

Simon Cherriman

Please RSVP by 20 June 2009 via email – aquila84@inet.net.au

10 WAFarmers upcoming events (Repeat)

23 July
WAFarmers Annual Dairy Conference/AGM
Abbey Beach Resort 9:30am

WAFarmers Zone Meetings
2 July
Albany Zone
Mt Barker Plantagenet Hotel 5:00pm

3 July
Merredin Zone
Narembeen (tbc)

22 July
Miling Zone
Venue and time – to be advised

23 July
North Midland Zone
Northam Cropping Centre Lunch at 12pm. Meeting from 12:45 – 4:30pm

7 August
Central Great Southern
TBA

1 October
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

11 Achieve the good life – Adapting management to a changing environment – July 2009 (Repeat)

This exciting Winter Workshop, to be held in Bridgetown will assist small landholders to successfully respond to declining rainfall, and increasing temperatures and costs.

Practical presentations and ideas to answer your questions.

Maintain your wellbeing as Small Landholders... the wellbeing for your lands, crops and livestock... and the wellbeing of WA agriculture.

Register now and save 20%
Registration from only \$60 (single) and \$100 (couple) for the full event.

Own, or thinking of purchasing a small landholding? Be There.

10 – 12 July 2009

For full program, information on pricing or to register call Christine Hewitt (08) 6262 4958 or visit
http://www.agric.wa.gov.au/content/fm/small/goodlife_flyer.pdf

12 State Environment and NRM Conference Western Australia 27-30 October 2009 (Repeat)

Expressions of interest for registration OPEN NOW!! ea@nacc.com.au

Changing Environments: New Challenges for the Living Country

TUESDAY OCTOBER 27 – FRIDAY 30 - Geraldton, West Australia

For program details, go to www.changingenvironments.com.au

The Conference is being organised by Northern Agricultural Catchments Council (NACC) in partnership with the City of Geraldton Greenough with support from the Midwest Development Commission. *NACC is supported by the Western Australian Government and the Australian Government's Caring for Our Country Program.*

13 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 (needed to apply to become an assessor in the DEWHA Green Loans Program) and the nationally accredited short course in Home Sustainability Assessment (21854VIC)
Perth training dates: 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 25, 26 June
Denmark training dates: 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 13, 14 August
It is an excellent value for money with 7 days face to face training at a cost of only \$1500
For enrolment information contact Michelle Yeomans (08) 9360 6667 or email myeomans@greenskills.org.au

14 Community Engagement Project Workshops (Repeat)

Green Skills Community Engagement Officer Craig Carter is running several free workshops over the coming months. For more information, to register or receive a flyer, please ring Green Skills on (08) 9848 1019. Bookings are essential.

You can also email Craig at ccarter@greenskills.org.au

September: Horse Management (Date and venue to be fixed) contact Craig to register your interest.

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15 Birdlife study required for Culham Inlet, Hopetoun WA – RAIN

Ravensthorpe Agricultural Initiative Network (RAIN) are looking for a suitably qualified consultant to undertake a long-term study of birdlife populations in and around the Culham Inlet. Culham Inlet is a large shallow inlet located approximately 7km west of Hopetoun on the south coast of Western Australia and sits within the Fitzgerald Biosphere.

No comprehensive birdlife study has been completed for the inlet to consider its role in the region and how it is used. The survey should consider species present, abundance and habitats. The study could also consider threats to the birds such as motorised boats and degradation of habitat through flooding, fires, bees, and will provide management recommendations. It is expected that the first survey would commence within the next couple of months.

For more information and to express your interest, please contact Rodger Walker at RAIN on (08) 9838 1018 or rodgerwalker@westnet.com.au

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To date, a comprehensive assessment of the inlet's foreshore vegetation has not been completed. The assessment will cover the inlet and estuarine reaches of the Phillips and Steere rivers to determine vegetation type, distribution, condition, weed invasion and optimal environmental conditions. The assessment is expected to focus on the eastern side of the inlet mostly. The report will make management recommendations. It is expected that the survey will commence within the next couple of months or sooner. Budget is approximately \$10,000 excluding GST.

For more information and to express your interest, please contact Rodger Walker at RAIN on (08) 9838 1018 or rodgerwalker@westnet.com.au

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