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1 Southern Incentive Grants

There is some funding available through Southern Incentives over the next three months. For Guidelines and Application Forms please go to www.southcoastnrm.com.au or call Pip Tilbrook, Reference Group Support Officer, South Coast NRM Inc. on (08) 9845 8540. Applications close Wednesday 15 July 2009.

2 South Coast NRM Inc. Biodiversity Newsletter

The second issue of the South Coast NRM Inc. Biodiversity Newsletter is now available. Visit www.southcoastnrm.com.au to download an electronic version or contact South Coast NRM on (08) 9845 8537 or info@southcoastnrm.com.au to request a hard copy.

3 Regional Achievement & Community Awards (Repeat)

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

4 Perennial Seeds for Sale (Repeat)

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

5 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.

6 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.

7 Albany Hour 2009

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.

July 24

Jeremy Lemon and Peter Robson

Clients, Customers and Stakeholders – Delivering the Goods!

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.

8 Torbay Catchment Group Speakers

The Torbay Catchment Group is hosting the following speakers at their regular community meetings as follows:

Wednesday 5 August – David Hughes-Owen & Mike Sillifant, Water Corporation.
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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9 Challenges for the Environment and Sustainability in the Great Southern

The UWA Centre of Excellence in Natural Resource Management presents A Symposium:
Challenges for the Environment and Sustainability in the Great Southern
People Land Water

A day of talks highlighting NRM research focussed on the Great Southern including an opening address by the WA Chief Scientist, Prof Lyn Beazley and a plenary discussion of NRM research and funding opportunities.

Tuesday July 21, 9:00am – 5:00pm
Albany Town Hall

Light lunch and refreshments provided; attendance is FREE

RSVP essential: (08) 9842 0838 or cenrm@uwa.edu.au
Reserved seating held until 8:55am

10 Kontiki Tour 2009

Kontiki Tour 2009 for 18 to 30 year olds.

Tour the Albany CBH Port Facility.

Hands-on workshop on accessing aerial photography and mapping of 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 2 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. 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.

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.

11 UWA Albany Skywest Lecture – 27 July 2009

The Sustainability of Global Ecosystems: Re-evaluating the current paradigm.

Professor Michael A. Huston

Department of Biology, Texas State University

Professor-at-Large, UWA Perth

5:30pm Monday 27 July 2009

UWA Albany Centre; Parking available on Proudlove Parade

All welcome; Donations for student scholarships

RSVP essential: (08) 9842 0850

Sustainability results when the removal rate of natural resources is less than or equal to the rate at which those resources are renewed by natural processes.

Professor Huston will discuss how there is an increasing need for the global community to re-evaluate the current paradigm in terms of managing land and sustainable development.

In this lecture, Professor Huston will explore global sustainability and how by understanding world distribution in productivity we can then understand the natural constraints on sustainability.

He will present new data that show that actual global patterns are shifting.

Professor Huston's work involves processes that influence the structure of ecological communities, particularly the spatial patterns and temporal dynamics of plant communities.

His 20 years of research has been an effort to understand and predict patterns of biodiversity, which he addresses primarily from individual species and individual organism perspectives up to the scale of global patterns. He has been involved in disciplines of hydrology, geology, soil science, plant physiology and forest dynamics.

A visiting Professor-at-Large at UWA Perth, Professor Huston serves on many organisation boards as a consultant and has written guidelines and recommendations for the UN Commission on Technology and Development, UNESCO, the Electric Power Research Institute, the US Forest Service, and the US Environmental Protection Agency.

Be active in your community – attend a UWA Albany Skywest lecture (Mentally Healthy WA – Act Belong Commit Campaign)

12 WANTFA Workshops and Seminars (Repeat)

Call for Registrations

WANTFA will be holding half-day seminars in the lower Great Southern region featuring presentations from WANTFA, industry researchers, consultants and local no-till growers. A range of no-till and conservation cropping topics will be covered, including soil health, precision agriculture, livestock management, integrated weed management, seeding systems, stubble management and rotations. These seminars offer a great opportunity to learn about practices that can be implemented to enhance your no-till farming system.

WANTFA is also holding regional workshops in the Great Southern and Central agricultural regions during August and October that will involve on-farm visits. These workshops will provide a forum to interact with other local growers and to have a 'hands on' look at how other growers manage their properties. All these events are free of charge, although due to a number of constraints 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 0427 223 395

One Day Regional Workshops
Central Agricultural Region
From Northam August (TBC)
More workshops will follow in October 2009

Half-Day Seminars
Great Southern Agricultural Region
TBC 19, 20 August

13 WAFarmers upcoming events (Repeat)

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

WAFarmers Zone Meetings
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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

14 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.*

15 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)

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

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