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South Coast Natural Resource Management Inc. is the leading regional group for natural resource management in the South Coast region of Western Australia. As an independent not-for-profit organisation, we work with the community to improve the environment by preserving and protecting unique plants and animals, managing land and waterways and sharing knowledge and skills in natural resource management.

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General News:
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1 South Coast shines in Coastal Awards

The winners of this year's WA Coastal Awards for Excellence, coordinated by the Coastwest Program on behalf of the WA Planning Commission, were announced at the 5th WA State Coastal Conference in Fremantle last week.

The Fitzgerald Biosphere Group and Friends of the Wellstead Estuary Group received a *Community Group Effort Award* for the Wellstead Estuary Project; South Coast Management Group brought home the *Coastal Planning and Management Award* for the Southern Shores 2009-2030 regional coastal strategy; and the *Coastal / Marine Research or Education Award* went to the Marine Futures Project Team for the Securing WA's Marine Futures project (2006-2008).

Winners were commended by Planning Minister John Day and received a framed certificate and glass trophy made by South West-based artist Rick Cook.

South Coast NRM chief executive Rob Edkins said the awards were indicative of the exceptional talent and achievements of these groups and their projects.

"The awards are fantastic recognition for the remarkable work that these groups carry out across the South Coast region and the state. Their achievements prove that communities can manage large projects and set the benchmark for natural resource management practices in WA," he said.

WA Coastal Awards for Excellence 2009 winners:

<http://www.planning.wa.gov.au/Plans+and+policies/Statewide+planning/WA+Coastal+Awards/default.aspx>

Media Statement from John Day, Minister for Planning; Culture and the Arts, 09/10/09:

<http://www.mediastatements.wa.gov.au/Pages/WACabinetMinistersSearch.aspx?ItemId=132593&minister=Day&admin=Barnett>

2 Restoring Connections up for Landcare Award

Our Restoring Connections project is a finalist in the first ever West Australian People's Choice Award and we need your vote to make sure that it wins.

This award is part of the 2009 West Australian Landcare Awards and will honour the nominee that you and all the people of Western Australia feels is most deserving.

Restoring Connections is a highly innovative community-driven project that involves Noongar communities across the South Coast in identifying, protecting and restoring culturally significant places at risk of degradation.

Voting has commenced online at <http://wa.landcareheroes.com> <<http://wa.landcareheroes.com/>> and closes on **November 30, 2009**.

3 Kalgan River scene of "Pine Party"

The Kalgan River pine removal project is now complete with double the expected amount of invasive pine trees removed from the banks of the river.

About 40 people celebrated the achievement with a sundowner on the riverbank hosted by South Coast NRM at Alan James' cottage last Friday. Matt Benson MP was among the attendees.

Five years in the planning, South Coast NRM delivered the \$120,000 state government-funded project in collaboration with the City of Albany, DEC, Oyster Harbour Catchment Group, local landholders and volunteers.

South Coast NRM invasive species coordinator Matthew Kennewell said the pine trees had been replaced with 1,450 native endemic seedlings and extensive weed removal work in the area was ongoing.

Mr Kennewell said some of the larger pines removed along the Kalgan River were up to 40 metres high and were preventing sunlight from reaching the riparian zone (riverbank) and stopping native vegetation from getting established.

4 Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme seminar

Some 90 guests attended the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme seminar in Mount Barker on October 7 to hear a diverse range of speakers discuss the science and policy emerging from climate change.

South Coast NRM delivered the event in partnership with the Great Southern Development Commission, Albany Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Shire of Plantagenet, University of Western Australia's Centre of Excellence in Resource Management, Southern Link VROC, Timber2020 and Regional Development Australia.

The seminar brought together a broad range of organisations and individuals that are climate change-conscious and already planning to capitalise on the new “cap and trade” economy. The seminar also explored the implications of the CPRS scheme on farming and business in the Great Southern and South Coast regions.

Congratulations to South Coast NRM business innovations coordinator Len van der Waag and the Great Southern Development Commission for coordinating the successful event.

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5 Our Living Rivers presentation- Tues 20 October 2009

National Water Week is coming to Albany with a presentation on the ecological values of South Coast rivers next week.

South Coast NRM, in conjunction with The Department of Water and the UWA Centre of Excellence in Natural Resource Management, wish to invite you to this event on Tuesday 20 October 2009 at the South Coast NRM boardroom, 39 Mercer Rd Albany, from 2pm.

The presentation by Dr Barbara Cook will provide an ecological snapshot of 31 rivers in the region based on a significant study by CENRM. Undertaken for the first time, the study uncovered species new to science and other species in areas they were not thought to exist.

It is hoped this information will help the community and government agencies better manage our rivers into the future.

Please RSVP to Jenelle Carter on (08) 9845 8521 or jenellec@southcoastnrm.com.au

The presentation will be followed by afternoon tea.

For a copy of the rivers report, visit www.livingrivers.southcoastwa.org.au/

For more information on National Water Week, visit www.nationalwaterweek.org.au

6 Fitzgerald Biosphere Group final field tour and celebration

The FBG is hosting a Fitzgerald River catchment demonstration initiative on Tuesday 20 October. The final field tour will visit highlights of the project including a CSBP potassium small plot trial and the unveiling of the Fitzgerald River CDI monument.

A ceremonial dinner will be held at the Jerramungup Sports Club from 7pm. Buses will depart from the FBG office in Jerramungup at 1.30am, and T&A Ross' property at 12pm. Afternoon refreshments will be provided. RSVP to 9835 1127 or Julie@fbg.org.au by Friday 16 October.

7 AICD Succession Planning seminar- Thursday 22 October

Increasingly, business owners are being encouraged to think long, hard and strategically about his/her successor to ensure that there is a smooth continuation of the business once he/she retires or leaves the company for whatever reason.

Without proper succession planning, the future success of the business is left to chance once that leader is gone.

So where do you begin with succession planning? What are the benefits? How do you perform an appraisal of family wealth? What preliminary work do you need to do with your accountant before commencing on the succession plan? How do you plan for retirement? How do you plan and manage asset transfers?

Listen to an experienced panel of local directors provide answers to these questions and share their experiences. You will also have the chance to meet fellow directors and network with others from the business community and local organisations.

Guest speakers:

Mr Gary Chappell, Regional Director WA, RSM Bird Cameron
Mr Bill Webb FAICD, Chairman, First Steps Pty Ltd
Mr Tony Fitzpatrick MAICD, Director, Skill Hire Pty Ltd
Mr Peter Michael, Principal, Private Client Services, Allion Legal

Venue: UWA Albany Centre, 35 Stirling Tce Albany

Time: 5.15pm to 7.30pm

Cost: \$44 members, \$55 non-members

RSVP: Please contact Kirsten Graham, member relations Executive on 08 9320 1700 for further information.

For information on panel members please visit

www.companydirectors.com.au/Events/WA

8 Mt Barker Research Station Field Day – 20 October 2009

Department of Agriculture and Food is holding a Mt Barker Research Station Field Day on Tuesday 20 October 2009. At 299 Eulup Manurup Road, Mt Barker, approx. 15kms west of Mt Barker town site – follow the signs off Muir Highway.

9:00am-12:00pm

Alternatives to Surgical Mulesing

Field experiences with un-mulesed sheep

Rob Woodgate

Optimum Time to Measure different Traits

John Karlsson

Relationship between breech strike and the different indicator traits

Tony Schlink

Genetic Parameters of the Breech Strike Resistance Traits

Johan Greeff

Inspection of Sheep & Exhibits

Demonstration of scoring on 'Indicator Traits'

Inspection of 2007 born progeny groups

Lunch and Listening

Wrestling with Ryegrass

1:15pm-4:30pm

Cropping

Canola – seed treatment and in-crop fungicide trial work

Ravjit Khangura

Variety trials – oats and barley (Intergrain and CVT)

Ron McTaggart and Reg Lance

Tedera – a new pasture option, chemical tolerance and grazing

Richard Snowball, Chris Oldham and Daniel Real Ferreiro

How much N does a 6t crop need and can you afford it?

Ross Brennan

Lunch is free, drinks are available for purchase

For further information contact Sue-Ellen Shaw (08) 9892 8451
RSVP for catering and bus seats on (08) 9892 8444

9 Introduction to Permaculture

Introduction to Permaculture with Geoff Tonkin, Permaculture teacher and consultant.

2 day course
8:30am-4:00pm each day
Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 October

Permaculture is an integrated design process, which focuses on solutions for a sustainable future.

Topics include Permaculture principles and elements, plants and animals, building designs and structures, organic gardening and more.

Some refreshments and organic fruit will be provided.
You will need to bring your own lunch.
Numbers are limited, bookings essential.
Cost \$50 per person.

To book call Rani (08) 9071 6129 or email community@esperanceregionalforum.org.au
Or for more information you can contact Geoff (08) 9071 3126

10 Torbay Catchment Group Speakers (Repeat)

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

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

11 Grazing Systems Analysis (GSA) Project Field Day – 10 November 2009

Department of Agriculture and Food is holding a Grazing Systems Analysis (GSA) Project Field Day on 10 November 2009. 2pm-5pm at the Mt Barker Research Station.

Interested in Lamb Production?
Interested in perennial pastures?
Interested in making sheep profitable?

Then come along to the Field day and see the 2009 lambs and hear the results from last years lambs and wool.

You will have the opportunity to walk over the two GSA farmlets (one farmlet is annual pastures only and other contains both annual and perennial pastures) and talk with those managing the project.

Topics for discussion at this years' field day include:

- A pasture production summary for 2009
- Contribution of Lecerne and Kikuyu to meat production
- Marketing plans for 2009 lambs

Register your intent to attend with Joanne on (08) 9892 8444

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12 Advert- Project Officer X 2 (Esperance Based) – South Coast NRM Inc. (Repeat)

South Coast Natural Resource Management Inc. in collaboration with Esperance Regional Forum Inc. is seeking two experienced Project Officers.

- The **Stokes Inlet Project Officer** is responsible for overseeing NRM project investment in the Stokes Inlet catchment and for implementing the Stokes Inlet Management Plan.
- The **Regional Project Officer** is responsible for overseeing NRM project investment and implementing project works across a range of priority areas in the Esperance region.

Project Officers liaise with and support landholders, community groups and key stakeholders to raise awareness of, and engagement with, sustainable natural resource management practices.

The roles require knowledgeable individuals with strong communications skills and on-ground experience in a Natural Resource Management field or equivalent field.

You will be able to show that you can take project initiatives from concept to successful implementation. You will fit the role if you are resourceful, self-motivated and can manage competing interests and deadlines.

The JDF and Selection Criteria for these positions can be found at www.southcoastnrm.com.au

If you require further information, contact Kylie Bishop, Area Leader East, on 0448 896 836.

Applications close at 5pm, Friday 16 October 2009

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