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General News:
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- 1 Draft National Biodiversity Strategy released (Repeat)**

A draft of the new national biodiversity strategy has been released for public consultation by the National Biodiversity Strategy Review Task Group.

The new Australia's Biodiversity Conservation Strategy sets a national direction for biodiversity conservation over the next decade.

The strategy outlines the activities that must begin straight away and those that are needed to effect longer-term change with a minimum of 10-year outlook.

All actions sit within a list of six 'priorities for change'. These priorities – building ecosystem resilience, mainstreaming biodiversity, knowledge for all, getting results, involving indigenous peoples and measuring success – reflect the essential changes that we must make urgently to achieve the strategy's vision.

The paper outlines the main threats to biodiversity as:

- Climate change (resulting in conditions such as prolonged drought)
- Invasive species
- Loss, fragmentation and degradation of habitat
- Unsustainable use of natural resources
- Changes to the aquatic environment and water flows
- Inappropriate fire regimes.

Each priority for change is linked to objectives, actions and results which will guide the development of biodiversity conservation approaches for national, state, territory and local governments, and for businesses, non-government organisations and community groups. The listed results are the expected 'onground' consequences of successful implementation of the actions.

The longer-term impacts of the strategy on conserving Australia's biodiversity will ultimately determine its effectiveness. Implementation of the strategy will include the development of a long-term monitoring and evaluation framework and the incorporation of relevant monitoring actions from the strategy into existing well-established systems.

The Natural Resource Management Ministerial Council will monitor the strategy's implementation on a yearly basis and formally review it every five years. Information on trends and condition of Australia's biodiversity will be used to track the performance of the strategy and inform these yearly and five-yearly reviews. The strategy can then be adjusted on the basis of this information.

Public submissions for the draft paper close May 29 2009.

For further information go to <http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/strategy/index.html>

2 The Great Southern at Work Digital Photography Competition

Help the Great Southern Development Commission update its image bank!

They are seeking images which show the region at work and represent the industries, facilities and products which contribute to the economic well-being of the dynamic Great Southern.

Great prizes!! Grab your camera and join in!!

First prize \$400

Second prize \$200

Third prize \$100

Ten encouragement awards of \$30 will also be made.

Enter using the electronic entry form of the Albany Gateway website at www.albanygateway.com.au from 20 April.

Terms and conditions available from the GSDC website at www.gsdc.wa.gov.au from 7 April.

Opening 8:30am 20 April 2009, closing 5:00pm 17 May 2009.

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3 Understanding Grain Marketing UGM I & II Workshops (Repeat)

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 Binnu	
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

4 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

April 18: Invasive Species workshop at Scotsdale Hall (2:00pm-4:00pm)
May 2: Native Plant Propagation workshop in Denmark (9:00am-1:00pm)
May 9: Fungi workshop at Valley of the Giants (9:00am-4:00pm)
May 22: Native Plant Propagation workshop in Denmark (9:00am-1:00pm)
June 6: Fungi workshop Scotsdale Hall (9:00am-4:00pm)
Mid June: Horse Management (Date to be fixed)

5 Fungi Workshop (Repeat)

Green Skills is running two free Fungi Workshops

Saturday 9 May 9:00am to 4:00pm
Valley of the Giants Education Room (near the entrance)

- Local expert Katrina Syme
- Field foray in Karri and Tingle forest
- Learning to identify the fungi found
- Presentation at lunch time
- Morning and afternoon teas provided
- Bring lunch, notebook and pen
- Bring 10x lens if you have one
- Wear suitable clothing

RSVP by Thursday 7 May

Saturday 6 June 9:00am to 4:00pm
Scotsdale Hall

- Local expert Katrina Syme
- Field foray in Harewood Forest
- Learning to identify the fungi found
- Presentation at lunch time
- Morning and afternoon teas provided
- Bring 10x lens if you have one
- Wear suitable clothing

Limited numbers. RSVP by Thursday 4 June.

For bookings for either workshop contact Craig Carter at Green Skills on (08) 9848 1019

6 Native Plant Propagation Workshop (Repeat)

- Local expert Mark Parre
- Growing natives by seed including breaking seed dormancy by smoke
- Producing clones by striking cuttings

- Morning tea provided

Saturday 2 May 9:00am to 1:00pm

Free Workshop

The Shire of Denmark Works Depot Zimmerman Street Denmark

RSVP by 30 April

Friday 22 May 9:00am to 1:00pm

Free Workshop

The Shire of Denmark Works Depot Zimmerman Street Denmark

RSVP by 21 May

For more information and bookings for either workshop contact Craig Carter at Green Skills on (08) 9848 1019

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7 Expressions of Interest – Cultural Reference Group (Repeat)

South Coast NRM Inc. are seeking expressions of interest from people in the Region to be part of our Cultural Reference Group.

The group is being formed to advise and guide the development of strategies for the Cultural Connections theme.

You will provide opinions and Cultural guidance on strategic planning, project development, program logic development and funding applications.

Membership will be based on Cultural knowledge and community standing. Applications must include three (3) references (verbal or written) to indicate widespread community support for eligibility on the group.

Please forward an Expression of Interest stating relevant experience and including references no later than 17 April 2009.

For all enquiries please contact Shandell Cummings, Cultural NRM Facilitator on (08) 9845 8537 or mobile 0428 928 535.

For a copy of the Terms of Reference go to www.southcoastnrm.com.au/site/scnrm_workgroups.htm

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