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General News:

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1 Environment and the Community are the Winners with NRM Funding

The environment and the community are the big winners following the allocation of regional NRM funding, according to South Coast NRM Inc. Alex Campbell Chairman.

The Australian Government has announced that of the \$138m dollars committed nationally for Caring for Our Country regional base level funding, \$4.713m will be allocated to South Coast NRM Inc. each year for the next four years.

'The funding will ensure that we can continue to support and coordinate local level and community projects right across the region,' said Mr Campbell.

'The four year funding will provide stability and certainty to allow us to maintain the momentum of many of our key projects, as we continue to take a planned and strategic approach to making a positive difference to the health and condition of South Coast natural resources and assets,' he said.

2 NEW – South Coast NRM Inc. Biodiversity Newsletter

Go online to the South Coast NRM Inc. website and view the first edition of the new Biodiversity Newsletter. The newsletter aims to provide information that is interesting and relevant to the South Coast community and to raise awareness and interest in our Region's unique biodiversity.

Follow the link below to download the newsletter.

http://www.southcoastnrm.com.au/site/scnrm_assets_biodiversity.htm;

For more information or to provide some feedback about the newsletter, email info@southcoastnrm.com.au.

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Events & Activities including Conferences:

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3 Free Film Preview – 'It Gnow or Never' – 28 February 2009, Albany

A half hour documentary, '*It's Gnow or Never*' produced by the Malleefowl Preservation Group will be shown as a free Perth Festival event

When: 7.00 pm Saturday 28 February 2009

Where: Festival Marquee adjacent to the Albany Library, York Street

BYO picnic, rug or layback chair from 6.30pm

DVD copies available

For further information, contact Project Coordinator, Susanne Dennings phone: (08) 9828 2083 email: sdennings@bigpond.com <<mailto:sdennings@bigpond.com>>

4 "What is a weed?" workshop – Green Skills - 3 March 2009 – King River

How do you control weeds? How can we look after King River?

Find out at a public workshop Tuesday 3 March 2009 7:30pm – 9:00pm at the King River Hall.

Special Guest Weed Expert John Moore, Department of Agriculture will lead a river bank walk from the hall 5:00pm – 6:00pm.

This is a great chance for you to find out better ways to manage weeds on your property. Light refreshments provided.

The workshop is part of a project supported by South Coast NRM to provide small landholders with advice and information to help them better manage their properties. Bookings can be made on 9848 1019 (Green Skills) or call Dorothy on the same number for further information.

5 “Science under threat. Why and what must be done?” – University of Western Australia Lecture – 3 March 2009 - Perth

Dr Doug Edmeades
Managing Director: AgKnowledge Ltd, New Zealand

Tuesday, 3 March 2009 from 5-6pm
Molecular & Chemical Sciences Lecture Theatre (G.33), UWA, (Fairway, Entrance No. 4, Car Park 14 and 21)

“Science is under threat world-wide. Dr Doug Edmeades explores several possible reasons for this touching on modern philosophies (political correctness and New Age fads), politics (monetarism and the ‘free market’), and their impact on science funding policies and the current standards of journalism. He will argue that all of these factors contribute to undermining the importance and value of science in modern society. He asserts that scientists must recognise these dangers and become proactive in explaining, and if necessary defending, the importance of science to society.”

Dr Doug Edmeades commenced his science career in 1977 at MAF Ruakura, New Zealand. Initially his research interests were on soil acidity and liming. In 1985 he was awarded an ANZAC Fellowship and spent a year at the University of Queensland studying the effects of aluminium toxicity on pasture plants. In 1988 he was appointed group leader (Soils and Fertilisers) at Ruakura and in 1991 became the National Science Program Leader (Soils and Fertiliser) in the newly formed AgResearch. After 20 years in his role as a soil scientist at Ruakura, Dr Edmeades left institutional science and established his own science consulting business in 1997. This business evolved to AgKnowledge. His vision for AgKnowledge is clear: its purpose is to bring independent, objective, science-based solutions in the areas of fertilisers, soil nutrient management and environmental compliance to the New Zealand farmer. Dr Edmeades has published 90 scientific papers, several books, booklets and pamphlets and countless popular articles.

For more information phone (08) 6488 4717

6 Sustainable Living Workshop – 4 March 2009 - Esperance

Wednesday 4 March 2009
Shire of Esperance Civic Centre
6:00pm
Free Entry

After the outstanding success of the Sustainable House Day Bus Tour, feedback gathered on the day reflected the community need for ‘more information’.
In response to this, the newly formed group Sustainable Living Esperance together with Esperance Regional Forum and Horizon Power are hosting an information evening on Sustainable Living. Featuring guest speakers on housing design, climate change and our Esperance climate.

Relevant local groups and businesses are invited to come along and provide information on their services. Business Stand; \$30.00 Non Profit Groups; Free.

For more information or to register your interest please contact Rani (08) 9071 6129 or email ranis@southcoastrnm.com.au

7 Home Grown Garden Workshop – 7 March 2009 - Esperance

Green thumbs, avid gardeners and even those having difficulty keeping their plants alive can benefit from this free workshop.

Does your garden pay you back?

Garry Heady and Peter Coppin from the Great Gardens Team are returning to Esperance to help local gardeners create a more attractive, manageable and sustainable garden while saving time and money. Fun and informative, the Great Gardens Team love to dispel popular gardening misconceptions and myths and illustrate how and why gardening in WA requires a different approach.

Tips on how to be Waterwise and Fertilisewise.

Better ways of growing delicious and highly nutritious fruit and vegetables at home despite often challenging Esperance conditions.

There have been whispers for years of Esperance getting a fresh produce market off the ground; this workshop could be your key to a profitable garden.

Proudly supported by Esperance Small Land Owners Group and Esperance Regional Forum – contact Trudy Giles by emailing secretary@eslog.org.au

8 Pastures for Profit - March 2009 (Repeat)

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

9 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 Binu	
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

10 Best Farms – FREE TRAINING (Repeat)

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

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.

11 Grain Marketing Workshop – 11 March 2009

Were you disappointed with your grain prices in 08/09?

Were you confused when selling?

If so come along to the Kojonup “Understanding Grain Marketing” workshop.

To be held on 11 March 2009 at Kodja Place at 8:00am to 5:00pm

The workshop (presented by NACMAWA, DAFWA & Curtin University) will:

- 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 settlement mechanisms.

Cost \$220 Primary Producers (including 50% rebate by Farm Training WA)

Registration 08:00. Finish 17:00 approx. Workshop is fully catered & a course manual is provided.

We need 15 people to run this workshop, so please reply ASAP with numbers to Kojonup Ag Supplies on (08) 9831 1022

12 Introduction to Sustainable Living Workshops (Repeat)

“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 (08) 9826 1234

OR

Tristan Whiting Community Engagement Officer at Pallinup Landcare Centre
pallinup@westnet.com.au

13 The Pasture Cropping and No Kill Cropping Two Day Course – March 2009

This course is for those who wish to encourage natural ecological processes to produce crops within grasslands rather than replacing grasslands.

The course covers these topics and much more:

- Grasslands – function & components
- Soil Health – encouraging biology
- Grazing Management Principles
- Pasture Cropping Principles
- No Kill Cropping Principles
- Regenerative Principles
- Making the transition
- Economic Analysis
- Field Visit

This is a “hands on” workshop designed to give all participants a thorough grounding in the theory and practice of successful Pasture Cropping and No Kill Cropping.

Presented by Colin Seis, Bruce Maynard and Angus Maurice who are the inventors and developers of both systems. Participants are provided with a 200 page training manual and full catering.

Kojonup Shire Hall
23 – 24 March 2009
9:00am – 4:30pm

Geraldton DAFWA
26 – 27 March 2009
9:00am – 4:30pm

For booking contact Charlene on (08) 9475 0753 or email admin@agvivo.com.au
Bookings are essential as places are limited. FarmTraining WA is available for both courses.

14 Red Card for the Red Fox – 2009 Autumn Effort (Repeat)

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.

15 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 or contact Jessie Cochrane on 08 9420 7266 or clo@conservationwa.asn.au

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