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1 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

2 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.

3 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

4 The Pasture Cropping and No Kill Cropping Two Day Course – March 2009 (Repeat)

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.

5 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 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.

6 Red Card for Red Fox Update (Repeat)

The Red Card for the Red Fox program is in full swing during March, where farmers across the state are baiting and shooting feral pests including foxes, rabbits and feral cats. Over 60 groups are on board now – organizing local activities so that they line up with community issues and priorities. A range of individuals and groups that have stepped up and taken the lead, including landcare and production groups, local governments, sporting associations and local farmers who “just want to see something done”.

The first Stockbrands sponsored foxshoot took place on 20-22 February – with 24 groups culling over 2000 foxes, 120 cats and 700 rabbits – and raising over \$11,000 for the RFDS. A second Stockbrands sponsored foxshoot will be held on 20-22 March. All baiting and/or shooting participants that order Stockbrands Sidney or Strong eartags this year will go in a draw to win a choice of fantastic prizes, including a high calibre rifle.

All farmers are urged to seize this opportunity to work together for maximum impact. Please contact your local coordinator or Central Coordinator, Sally Thomson on 0417 983 356 for more information.

7 EnviroPlanning South Coast Regional Forum (Repeat)

“Integrating Natural Resource Management into Land Use Planning”

The aim of this forum is to provide local government planners, state government officers and NRM professional with an awareness of the EnviroPlanning Project outcomes to date.

Date: Thursday 26 March 2009

Time: 9:15am – 1:00pm

Venue: Albany City Council Chambers 102 North Road, Yakamia

Morning Tea and lunch is provided

Agenda:

9:15am

Registrations

9:30am

Welcome

9:35am

EnviroPlanning Project Overview (Ryan Taylor)

Including:

- Major activities since May 2008
- Introduction to Directions Paper

9:55am

Direction’s Paper – NRM & Land Use Planning Context (Anne Noordermeer)

Including:

- Legislative context
- Roles and Responsibilities

10:25am

Directors Paper – Key Finding/Recommendations (Ryan Taylor)

10:55am

Morning Tea

11:10am

Integrating NRM into Land Use Planning Case Studies and Examples

Including

- Visual Landscape Assessment Guidelines (Stephanie Clegg)
- Local Case Studies of NRM and Planning

12:00pm

Directions Paper Implementation (Anne Noordermeer and Ryan Taylor)

Including:

- Regional approach to NRM and land use planning
- Future of EnviroPlanning

12:40pm

Lunch

Please RSVP by Thursday 19 March 2009

(Please include any dietary requirements)

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8 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

9 Soil Health and Salinity Field Day – 2 April 2009

Thursday April 2 2009

9:30am – 2:30pm

Location – west of Kojonup

Highlights:

Andy Gulliver, Custom Compost – Soil Health in relation to Climate change

Agronomist Deb Archdeacon – Science behind Soil Health

Kirsten Skraha, BestFarms – Systematic approach to soil health

Nicole Reichelt – Salinity Recovery

Lynley Anderson – Landholder story

Practical, easy ways to check soil health

Fieldwalk

Contact Alicia by phoning (08) 9765 1555 or emailing blackwoodbasingroup@westnet.com.au

10 ABC's Sabrina Hahn visits the Cranbrook Show Saturday – 4 April 2009

ABC radio's Sabrina Hahn is the Cranbrook Show's special guest this year. Sabrina will deliver two talks throughout the day. Bring along your gardening questions and a plant or part of one that may need attention and get Sabrina's expertise on how to keep that green thumb. Come along to Frederick Square Oval from 10:00am until 4:30pm entry is free.

For further information contact Julieann on 0428 860 979

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