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## **1 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](mailto:wa@awardsaustralia.com) or via [www.awardsaustralia.com/RACA\\_wa.html](http://www.awardsaustralia.com/RACA_wa.html)

## **2 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](mailto:heatheradams@activ8.net.au)

## **3 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](mailto: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.

#### **4 WA Coastal Awards for Excellence 2009 (Repeat)**

On Monday 4 May 2009 the Minister for Planning, Hon John Day announced that nominations are now open for the 2009 WA Coastal Awards for Excellence.

Please see media statement at:

<http://www.mediastatements.wa.gov.au/Pages/WACabinetMinistersSearch.aspx?ItemId=131780&minister=Day&admin=Barnett>

The award categories in 2009 are:

1. Individual contribution.
2. Community group effort.
3. Coastal partnership.
4. Coastal culture.
5. Coastal planning and/or management.
6. Coastal/marine research or education.
7. Coastal development/design.
8. Coastal protection and conservation.

For more information and nomination form please visit the Western Australian Planning Commission, WAPC website, [www.planning.wa.gov.au](http://www.planning.wa.gov.au)

If you know of anyone or any group from the South Coast who may be interested or eligible, please pass on this information to them. The awards acknowledge the remarkable contribution many people and groups across the South Coast make towards looking after our coast line. Without these efforts many important coastal rehabilitation and marine conservation projects may never have begun and been completed. Entering the awards is a great way to showcase strengths, abilities and achievements to the wider community of the many worthy people and groups who protect WA's coastline.

Nominations close Friday 10 July 2009.

If you require any assistance or further information please contact Dylan Gleave, Coastal and Marine Facilitator, South Coast NRM Inc. (08) 9071 7685 or 0427 928 400 [dylang@southcoastnrm.com.au](mailto:dylang@southcoastnrm.com.au)

#### **5 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](mailto: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.

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## **6 Eagles, Environment and the Bigger Picture – 27 June 2009 (Repeat)**

A Community Talk by Simon Cherriman  
Darlington Hall  
Corner Owen Road and Pine Terrace  
DARLINGTON Western Australia  
Saturday 27 June 2009 7:00 – 8:00pm questions afterwards, some light refreshments provided.

"I've been inspired by eagles for much of my life. I've been inspired by my experience here in NZ. I was inspired by some of the youth I dealt with last year; during talks I was asked to give to inspire them! Now I am on a mission to carry this journey forward.  
During my time back in Perth in June, I plan to give a talk about Wedge-tailed Eagles, my experience growing up, what it meant to win the Young WA Environmentalist of 2008 Award, some of the environment talks and involvements I had last year, what I've learnt by coming to NZ, and the bigger picture in general.  
Please come along if you are interested"  
Simon Cherriman

Please RSVP by 20 June 2009 via email – [aquila84@inet.net.au](mailto:aquila84@inet.net.au)

## **7 Climate Change – What does it mean for you?**

An information session to discuss the defining issue of our time.

The South Coast NRM Community is already active in planning for and managing changes to biodiversity, the land, water resources and our coast.

To ensure that our economy and natural resource assets are resilient, we must assess the risks and come up with strategies to address them.

South coast Natural Resource Management Inc. invites you to attend an information session to find out more about the implications of Climate Change in the South Coast NRM Region.

11:00am to 2:00pm Wednesday 8 July 2009  
Bremer Bay Telecentre  
Mary Street, Bremer Bay.

Light Lunch provided. Please RSVP to Melanie Price by Monday 6 July on [melanie\\_price@coffey.com](mailto:melanie_price@coffey.com) or (08) 9892 6400

Objectives:

- Outline the possible impacts for the South Coast's biodiversity, land and coastal areas.
- Discuss risks associated with Climate Change
- Identify how we can adapt to changes

## **8 WANTFA Workshops and Seminars**

Call for Registrations

WANTFA will be holding four 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 four regional workshops in the Great Southern and Central agricultural regions during June, 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](mailto:kaye@wantfa.com.au) or 0427 223 395

One Day Regional Workshops

Great Southern Agricultural Region

From Kojonup 30 June 2009

Central Agricultural Region

From Northam August (TBC)

More workshops will follow in October 2009

Half-Day Seminars

Great Southern Agricultural Region

Gnowangerup 1 July (2:00pm – 5:00pm)

Southern Agricultural Region

Katanning 2 July (9:00am – 12:00pm)

Great Southern Agricultural Region

TBC 19, 20 August

## **9 WAFarmers upcoming events (Repeat)**

23 July

WAFarmers Annual Dairy Conference/AGM

Abbey Beach Resort 9:30am

WAFarmers Zone Meetings

2 July

Albany Zone

Mt Barker Plantagenet Hotel 5:00pm

3 July

Merredin Zone

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](http://www.wafarmers.org.au)

### **10 Achieve the good life – Adapting management to a changing environment – July 2009 (Repeat)**

This exciting Winter Workshop, to be held in Bridgetown will assist small landholders to successfully respond to declining rainfall, and increasing temperatures and costs.

Practical presentations and ideas to answer your questions.

Maintain your wellbeing as Small Landholders... the wellbeing for your lands, crops and livestock... and the wellbeing of WA agriculture.

Register now and save 20%  
Registration from only \$60 (single) and \$100 (couple) for the full event.

Own, or thinking of purchasing a small landholding? Be There.

10 – 12 July 2009

For full program, information on pricing or to register call Christine Hewitt (08) 6262 4958 or visit [http://www.agric.wa.gov.au/content/fm/small/goodlife\\_flyer.pdf](http://www.agric.wa.gov.au/content/fm/small/goodlife_flyer.pdf)

### **11 State Environment and NRM Conference Western Australia 27-30 October 2009 (Repeat)**

Expressions of interest for registration OPEN NOW!! [ea@nacc.com.au](mailto: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](http://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.*

### **12 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)

Perth training dates: 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 25, 26 June

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](mailto:myeomans@greenskills.org.au)

### **13 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](mailto:ccarter@greenskills.org.au)

September: Horse Management (Date and venue to be fixed) contact Craig to register your interest.

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### **14 Birdlife study required for Culham Inlet, Hopetoun WA – RAIN (Repeat)**

Ravensthorpe Agricultural Initiative Network (RAIN) are looking for a suitably qualified consultant to undertake a long-term study of birdlife populations in and around the Culham Inlet. Culham Inlet is a large shallow inlet located approximately 7km west of Hopetoun on the south coast of Western Australia and sits within the Fitzgerald Biosphere.

No comprehensive birdlife study has been completed for the inlet to consider its role in the region and how it is used. The survey should consider species present, abundance and habitats. The study could also consider threats to the birds such as motorised boats and degradation of habitat through flooding, fires, bees, and will provide management recommendations. It is expected that the first survey would commence within the next couple of months.

For more information and to express your interest, please contact Rodger Walker at RAIN on (08) 9838 1018 or [rodgerwalker@westnet.com.au](mailto:rodgerwalker@westnet.com.au)

### **15 Consultant required for foreshore vegetation condition assessment of Culham Inlet, Hopetoun WA – RAIN (Repeat)**

Ravensthorpe Agricultural Initiative Network (RAIN) are looking for a suitably qualified consultant to undertake a foreshore vegetation condition assessment of Culham Inlet. Culham Inlet is a large shallow inlet located approximately 7km west of Hopetoun on the south coast of Western Australia and sits within the Fitzgerald Biosphere.

To date, a comprehensive assessment of the inlet's foreshore vegetation has not been completed. The assessment will cover the inlet and estuarine reaches of the Phillips and Steere rivers to determine vegetation type, distribution, condition, weed invasion and optimal environmental conditions. The assessment is expected to focus on the eastern side of the inlet mostly. The report will make management recommendations. It is expected that the survey will commence within the next couple of months or sooner. Budget is approximately \$10,000 excluding GST.

For more information and to express your interest, please contact Rodger Walker at RAIN on (08) 9838 1018 or [rodgerwalker@westnet.com.au](mailto:rodgerwalker@westnet.com.au)

## **16 Natural Resources Management Officer – Temporary Position – Shire of Denmark**

The Shire of Denmark seeks a Natural Resource Management Officer for a temporary (maternity leave) employment position for a period of 6 months (with the possibility of extension) from 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2009 – 29<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

The dynamic position requires training and expertise in natural resource management (NRM), environmental management and biodiversity conservation, as well as a high degree of personal motivation, good communication, public relations and grant writing skills.

The position is situated under the Directorate of Planning and Sustainability and involves working closely with Shire staff, government agencies, NRM facilitators, and local community groups active in natural resource management activities within the Shire of Denmark.

Conditions of employment will be in accordance with the Local Government Officers' (Western Australia) Award (1999) Level 7-8, dependent upon experience (\$48,611-\$54,660) pro-rata.

Flexibility of days and times is permitted based on 48 hours/fortnight, Monday to Friday 8am-5pm.

Further information can be obtained by contacting Yvette Caruso on (08) 9848 0300, or email [nrm@denmark.wa.gov.au](mailto:nrm@denmark.wa.gov.au)

To download a Position Description including Selection Criteria go to <http://www.denmark.wa.gov.au/situations%20vacant/documents/nrmopdandselectioncriteria>

Written applications addressing the Selection Criteria, is to be forwarded to Dale Stewart, Chief Executive Officer, by 4pm on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2009.

## **17 Principal Environmental Health Officer – Shire of Denmark**

Are you looking for a lifestyle change and a continued career path? Denmark will give you both.

Bordering the Southern Ocean some 400 kilometres south east of Perth and just 50 kilometres from Albany, Denmark is the focus of a vibrant tourist industry, with the Valley of the Giants Tree Top Walk being of international significance and many local wineries being major attractions and is central to the hamlets of Nornalup, Bow Bridge and Peaceful Bay in the Walpole-Nornalup National Park.

Council is seeking to appoint an energetic person to the challenging role Principal Environmental Health Officer.

The position involves all health duties including caravan park inspections, inspecting food premises, water sampling, domestic wastewater treatment and other statutory environmental health responsibilities.

Salary offered is within the level 8/9 range (\$52,144 to \$59,420), dependent on qualification and experience, names of two recent referees and expressing a passion for the job, should reach Dale Stewart, Chief Executive Officer, by 4pm on Wednesday 8 July 2009.

To download the Position Description go to <http://www.denmark.wa.gov.au/situations%20vacant/documents/pehopd>

For further information please contact Mr Gregg Harwood, Director of Community & Regulatory Services or downloaded from Councils web site.

**18 Regional Community Engagement Officer – FBG**

The Fitzgerald Biosphere Group Inc. requires a Regional Community Engagement Officer.

This full time position is available for 3 months, with the possibility of a further 12 months depending on future funding.

Based in Jerramungup Western Australia, the Fitzgerald Biosphere Group is a grower group with a strong focus on our local region. Grower driven and managed, the group aims to achieve economic, social and environmental sustainability for the region.

The Regional Community Engagement Officer (Fitzgerald Biosphere West Region) will work with both South Coast NRM Inc. and the Fitzgerald Biosphere Group to implement community engagement activities within the surrounding region, as well as the management of various small, on ground projects.

As the Community Engagement Officer you will

- Coordinate NRM & Community Engagement Activities
- Assist in project development and management
- Prepare written reports
- Contribute as part of the Fitzgerald Biosphere Group & South Coast NRM Inc. team, working with staff and management
- Interact with farmers daily
- Access funding to assist the group to prosper.

The position has a salary range of \$45,000 to \$52,000 PA depending on qualifications and experience.

Please contact Peta Trevaskis at [petatrevaskis@fbg.org.au](mailto:petatrevaskis@fbg.org.au) or (08) 9835 1127 for further information, job description and selection criteria.

Applications close Tuesday 7 July 2009

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