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General News:
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1 Updating coastal structures manual – your input sought

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 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.

2 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

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

3 RabbitScan (Repeat)

To coincide with the 150 year anniversary of the wild rabbit being introduced into Australia the national Rabbit Management Advisory Group has requested assistance from around Australia with the implementation of their new initiative – RabbitScan.

RabbitScan is a nation-wide challenge for community and schools to help scientists map where rabbits are, by asking people to 'scan' their landscape (school, farm, parkland, roadside reserves, ovals etc.) for signs of rabbits and their damage, and to register and load their results online. Registration is available now and results can be loaded from the beginning of RabbitScan Month in May 2009.

It is important for planning, implementing and assessing the effectiveness of management of invasive species over time that land managers and government authorities have up to date information on the distribution and abundance of rabbits within Australia. It is also very important to record where rabbits are not found to understand the full extent of their distribution and factors that may influence this.

For background and further information on RabbitScan and to register, please refer to the RabbitScan web site at www.rabbitscan.net.au or go to the link on the DEC website at <http://www.dec.wa.gov.au/animals/rabbits/index.html>

4 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.

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.

Public submissions for the draft paper close May 29 2009.

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

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 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 INFFER Presented by Professor David Pannell – 10 June 2009

INFFER is a framework designed to assist with decision making about public investment in the environment and natural resources. The aim of INFFER is to help environmental and natural resource investors to achieve the highest value NRM outcomes that are possible with the available resources.

INFFER was the only tool suggested for use on the Caring for our Country website. It has been adopted by 15 NRM bodies across 3 states and the WA government is currently considering how INFFER should fit into the state's NRM system.

10 June 2009
South Coast NRM Inc.
39 Mercer Road ALBANY

8:30 – 10:30am
Introduction and background to INFFER
10:45 – 12:30pm
Working through an example

If you are interested please RSVP to Pip Tilbrook on (08) 9845 8540 or pipt@southcoastnrm.com.au

7 Organic Viticulture Workshop – 13 June 2009

Green Skills in association with South Coast Natural Resource Management is hosting a series of workshops on organic viticulture to help vineyard owners and manager plan and operate their vineyards with the minimum of environmental impact.

The first of these workshops will be held on Saturday June 13 9:00am – 4:00pm at Oranje Tractor Wines, Link Road, Albany. Later in the year people in Denmark will be offered an opportunity to participate in a similar workshop in their area.

The workshops will cover all aspects of vineyard operations, including advice on site and grape variety selection, trellising and canopy management to promote light penetration and airflow, use of appropriate fertiliser regimes to improve overall soil and vine health, cover crops and weed suppression, holistic approaches to controlling insect pests and fungal diseases.

Apart from reducing ecological impact, the benefits of using basic organic principles in the vineyard include better long term soil health, better fruit quality and the marketing opportunity that goes with the 'clean, green' image of the Great Southern Region.

Workshop presenters Pam Lincoln and Murray Gomm have been operating Oranje Tractor Wines on organic principles from the outset and have recently attained certification for their efforts. They will take workshop participants through the history of their endeavors and the current, ongoing challenges of running an organic vineyard.

The workshop includes wine tastings and lunch and will be of interest to anyone in the wine industry who wants to produce a great product in an ecologically responsible manner.

Places for the workshops are limited and bookings through Green Skills are essential.

CONTACT: Dorothy Redreau: 9848 1019 dorothy@greenskills.org.au

8 Free Mega Workshops – Green Skills

A series of free mega workshops on gardens and small property management is heading for the south coast in June. Three well-known presenters will take participants through a fun and inspiring afternoon with audiovisual presentations, displays and demonstrations, there will be giveaways and prizes.

The combined Great Gardens and Heavenly Hectares workshop shows how to improve soil, reduce water and fertilizer use, choose plants for local conditions and design a windbreak that doubles as a wildlife corridor. The workshops are presented by Green Skills Inc and South Coast NRM.

The workshops are full of humour and dispel many myths, replacing them with practical, successful techniques using a fraction of the current cost and other resources. The three presenters have a wealth of knowledge to share to benefit gardeners and landholders alike whether beginners or experienced.

Weed control, pasture and lawn management and tips for growing fruit and vegetables will all be covered. Peter Coppin has extensive experience with fruit and nut crops, John Mc Williams is a landscape consultant specializing in sustainable gardens and roses and Chris Ferreira specializes in horse and small property management with more than ten years of dynamic presentations under his belt.

In Albany the workshop will be followed by a Synergy Energy Efficiency Workshop from 6 – 9pm. This new and exciting workshop will show you how to slash your power bills and save money giving you loads of cheap and easy steps to keep your house naturally comfortable. There will be ideas on design for sustainability as well as energy smart tips as well as advice on renewable energy for your home, improving your home's sustainability inside and out. Remember to book this workshop too if you are coming to Albany.

Great Gardens/Heavenly Hectares will be at the Walpole Community Hall on Wednesday June 10th: at the Denmark Civic Centre on Thursday June 11th: at the Dog Rock Convention Centre on Friday June 12: All workshops run from 1pm to 5pm. Please register at the Great Gardens Website <http://www.greatgardens.info/registrationhh.php> or 1300 369 833 or contact Craig Carter or Dorothy Redreau at Green Skills on 9848 1019.

9 Notice of Meeting – Friends of the Western Ground Parrot – 24 June 2009

The Friends of the Western Ground Parrot will hold a meeting on Wednesday, 24 June 2009 from 2 – 4pm

The meeting will be held at the Girl Guides Hall, 19 Parker Street, Lockyer, Albany.

The group will decide at this meeting whether to adopt a more formal structure and become an association. The association will have the power to open and operate a bank account and enter into contracts. The association will be incorporated.

The objectives of the Friends of the Western Ground Parrot will remain unchanged:

- To raise awareness about the Western Ground Parrot
- To assist with the recovery of the species to a sustainable population level.

Membership is open to anyone supporting these objectives.

The association would be run by a committee consisting of a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer as well as a minimum of two additional committee members.

If you would like to assist the Western Ground Parrot by serving on the new committee, and if you are unable to attend the meeting, please let us know so that we can include you in the election process.

For more information contact:

Brenda Newbey (08) 9337 5673 wqparrot@westnet.com.au

Anne Bondin (08) 9844 1793 albanybirds@hotmail.com

10 WAFarmers upcoming events

5 June 2009

Beekeepers AGM and State Conference
Swan Valley Oasis – all day

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

11 Achieve the good life – Adapting management to a changing environment – July 2009

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

12 State Environment and NRM Conference Western Australia 27-30 October 2009 (Repeat)

Expressions of interest for registration OPEN NOW!! 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

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.*

13 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

14 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

June 6: Fungi workshop Scotsdale Hall (9:00am-4:00pm)

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

15 Fungi Workshop (Repeat)

Green Skills is running a free Fungi Workshop

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

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16 Communications and Public Relations Coordinator – South Coast NRM Inc.

Full time - \$63,621

South Coast NRM Inc. seek an experienced and enthusiastic Communications and Public Relations Coordinator.

Your role is to raise community and stakeholder awareness of South Coast NRM Inc. and our initiatives. You will use your knowledge of media and public relations strategies and channels to ensure we communicate effectively with the community and our target audiences.

You will also help to optimise the internal communication channels, ensuring staff are able to access, disseminate and share information effectively. The role will suit an individual who is adept at multi-tasking, can manage competing deadlines and who enjoys diversity.

This is a hands on role that involves a wide range of responsibilities from the production of media releases and publications, assistance with events and workshops, attendance at community engagements, website development through to logo and brand management. You will be interested in the environment and will be an excellent communicator, enthusiastic, a team player and self motivated.

Contact Mark Jeffree, HR Coordinator for more information about the role on 9845 8517. Applications close 5pm Friday 5 June 2009.

For the JDF please visit www.southcoastnrm.com.au

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