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General News:

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- 1 Draft Southern Shores 2009 – 2030 – Opportunity to Comment**

The South Coast Management Group (SCMG), with support from South Coast NRM Inc., the Western Australian and Australian Government, would like to invite you to provide comments on 'Draft Southern Shores 2009 – 2030'.

This document is the product of a review of Southern Shores 2001 – 2020 and allows the South Coast community to recognise achievements in coastal management over the last eight years and identify the future needs of the coastal zone. This review will contribute to the maintenance of our natural assets and lifestyle values and promote development that is carried out in a sustainable manner, so that the coast is protected for current and future generations to enjoy.

The review process has included:

- A SCMG forum;
- Community consultation meeting in Esperance, Hopetoun, Bremer Bay, Albany and Denmark;
- Meetings with Agencies, organisations and other stakeholders;
- Site visits to coastal locations managed by Local Government and the community; and
- Preparation of a draft document for public comment.

Southern Shores 2009 – 2030 is available for public comment from 20 April 2009 to 18 May 2009 (4 weeks). There are two documents to download from the South Coast Management Group website: <http://southcoastmanagementgroup.org.au>

1. Southern Shores 2009 – 2030 (DRAFT)
2. A Review Proforma to be used for submissions (all submissions must use this Proforma)

Submissions must to be emailed (melanie_price@coffey.com) or posted to 61 Duke Street ALBANY WA 6330 by close of business on Monday 18 May 2009.

If you have any enquiries regarding the document or the submission process, please contact Melanie Price on (08) 9892 6400

2 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>

3 The Great Southern at Work Digital Photography Competition (Repeat)

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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4 Green Skills Professional Home Sustainability Assessment Training

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

5 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

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)

6 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

7 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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8 Request for Tender - Sustainability Indicators for the Great Southern Tourism Industry

Tender number G001/2009

South Coast NRM Inc. invites applications from suitably qualified consultants to tender for the Establishment of Sustainable Indicators for the Tourism Sector in the Region. The Indicators will be developed using appropriate economical, social, cultural and environmental measures to help monitor tourism performance

This project forms part of a larger plan to achieve a sustainable tourism industry in the Great Southern and South Coast Region. Tender specifications can be obtained by contacting Helen Tasker on (08) 9845 8505 or helent@southcoastnrm.com.au. For further information about the project contact Karl Hansom (08) 9845 8516. Tenders close 2pm 14 May 2009.

This project is jointly funded by the Great Southern Development Commission, Great Southern Employment Development Committee, Denmark Visitor Centre, Shire of Plantagenet and South Coast NRM Inc.

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