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A day on the farm with Esperance Small Landowners Group

Would you like to learn how to maximise perennial pasture coverage on your property and help our precious wetlands recover?

Then don't miss the Esperance Small Land Owners Group's Small Farm Day on Sunday August 30th 2009 at Lot 6, Helms Drive in Esperance.

The event, supported by Esperance Regional Forum and South Coast Natural Resource Management, will assist landholders looking to develop their properties by demonstrating fencing, perennial pasture in deep sands, bore drilling and how best to keep hooved animals on small farmlets.

A team from Waratah fencing products will be on hand to build a portion of fencing suitable for horses and establishing good perennial pasture cover.

Join the festivities from 10am for the demonstration of horse fencing followed by a presentation by Department of Agriculture and Food research officer Kira Tracey, where she will explain how perennials can be established on difficult sandy soils.

Local resident Rob Jose will also be on hand to provide advice on drilling a bore on your property

South Coast NRM's Lake Warden project officer Cindee Hage said funding was still available to anyone interested in planting perennial pastures, if their property was located in the catchment.

"Healthy ground cover with either perennial pastures or woody perennials is vital to protect our wetlands, but most small landowners find this task difficult with lack of the necessary equipment, time or money," she said.

"The Small Farm Day is designed to assist people with ideas on how to succeed whilst still being able to keep horses or other farm animals."

The day will end with a barbecue lunch and a plenty of time to network.

RSVP's are essential if you would like to join the barbecue. The lunch will attract a small fee of \$10 for non-members and \$5 for members.

For further information or to RSVP, please contact Cindee Hage by Wednesday 26th of August on (08) 9071 6129 or 0429 831 154.

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