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Biodiversity Funding Opportunities

Dear Rochelle

Welcome to the first Wheatbelt NRM E-News for 2011. We have plenty of great funding opportunities closing shortly along with some interesting courses and news.

If you have a special patch of bush that needs looking after then make sure you check out our [bushcare grants](#) closing 11 February. For those with feral pest problems we have funding to support community participation in the [Red Card for Rabbits and Foxes](#) program. Also closing soon is our [Program Coordinator \(Sustainable Agriculture\)](#) position found below in opportunities.

We hope you all had a great holiday and look forward to working with you in 2011.

Kind regards,

Wheatbelt NRM

Events



Evaluation courses

March 2011

- [Strategic Extension Planning for Impact](#) - Tue 22nd to Thurs 24th – Cost standard=\$590 subsidised=\$322*
- [Planning for Evaluation](#) – Mon 28th to Wed

30th - Cost standard=\$600 subsidised=\$335*

April 2011

- [Adult Learning Course](#) – Mon 11th to Wed 13th –Cost to be advised

May 2011

- [Group Skills Course](#) – Mon 9th to Tues 10th - Cost standard=\$520 subsidised=\$250*
- [Introduction to Program Logic Course](#) – Thurs 19th - Cost standard=\$235 subsidised=\$110*

More information on the AgT program and these courses can be found on the DAFWA web site:

http://www.agric.wa.gov.au/PC_94232.html?s=784777088 or by clicking on the above course names (hyperlinks).



[Red Card for Red Fox](#)

Stockbrands Community Foxshoots 25-27th Feb & 25-27th March – same sponsorship as 2010, so get your registrations forms in!

Hot baiting period 1st March – 15th April – over 25,000 baits were laid in March 2010 by 500 farmers – can we top it this year?

More information can be found in the funding section below.



General News

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[Recognising Women Farmers follow-up](#)

After returning from a study tour of Birchip in Victoria the ladies shared what they learnt about drought management strategies with Wheatbelt women at 9 different functions.

Wheatbelt NRM took the opportunity to learn about what the top environmental concerns of the women were, and how we could best get information to them. The following results seem to reflect the season – from the graph below you can see that although Salinity got the most mentions, Water conservation was actually listed as the highest priority concern. The issues of climate change and decreasing rainfall are on everyone's minds.

[Click here to view the graph of the top environmental concerns](#)

And how do ladies like to get their information? The Farm Weekly scored the highest on the list, and as expected people get their information from a variety of sources. The project had trialed using a BLOG for people to follow the tour on-line. It was very successful with over 800 individual viewings recorded, this didn't however come through in the ladies that were surveyed at our morning teas as 90% of them didn't use the BLOG. This is useful information for WNRM because it has shown us the power of using diverse communications methods. Whoever used the BLOG were a different group of people to who came to our morning teas.

The project as a whole taught us some valuable lessons. 80% of the ladies surveys said they learnt something on the day – while we expected to learn about NRM and sustainable farming the graph below shows that in drought times it is the emotional side of things that we need to focus on. The strongest message I took home from the Victoria farmers was “Maintain Social Contact” and with nearly 200 ladies coming to our morning teas we have help with that.

[Click here to view the graph of what was learnt](#)



Funding

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2011 Red Card for Rabbits and Foxes

As part of the 2011 Red Card for Rabbits and Foxes Program Wheatbelt NRM is pleased to invite application from community groups participating in the program for grant funding to support that participation.

Funding is available for materials, equipment or community engagement activities that assist in increasing community participation in the Red Card Program.

Grants up to \$1000 are available.

Applications close 11 February 2011.

Application forms are available from

www.wheatbeltnrm.org.au or by contacting Rebecca Palumbo or Nathan Heal on 9690 2250 or

info@wheatbeltnrm.org.au



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Bushcare grants

Do you have a special patch of bush that needs looking after?

Wheatbelt NRM wants to help communities and land holders to protect their local natural areas. We recognise the importance of supporting community organisations and individuals to manage and undertake on ground works which will protect remnant vegetation and the conservation of biodiversity values. Grants are available up to the value of \$15,000 for works including fencing of remnant bush and revegetation.

Applications close 18 February 2011

For more information and the application form please contact Rebecca Palumbo or Nathan Heal on 9690 2250 or visit our website at <http://www.wheatbeltnrm.org.au/funding/bushcare-grants/>



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Regional Grants Scheme 2010-11 funding round now open

Communities in regional Western Australia will benefit from individuals and

organisations receiving a share in up to \$9million in the latest round of the State Government's Royalties for Regions' Regional Grants Scheme (RGS), aiming to improve economic and community infrastructure and services in regional Western Australia.

The contestable grants program would allow each of the nine development commissions to make up to \$1million available for applicants within their region. The applications for contestable grants have opened and will close on March 10, 2011.

Mr Grylls also announced an additional \$38.7million to be made available in 2010-11 through two rounds of the Regional Strategic Projects (RSP) component of Royalties for Regions. This funding will be overseen by the Regional Development Council which will play a pivotal role by providing advice to the Minister on projects to receive RSP funding. Further information on RSP will be made available in the near future.

A list of Regional Development Commission contacts is available on the Department of Regional Development and Land's website: <http://rdl.wa.gov.au/Content/RD/Commissions.aspx> or by phoning 9217 1400.



Opportunities



Program Coordinator (Sustainable Agriculture)

Wheatbelt NRM

Northam, Western Australia

Salary range \$70,037 to \$83,332

Full-time, temporary contract (12-month parental leave vacancy) to 28 February, 2012

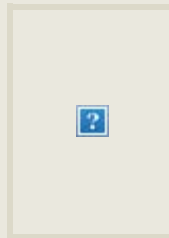
An exciting opportunity exists to be part of a reputable team of natural resource management professionals. The position will be responsible for increasing the wheatbelt farming community's participation in initiatives aimed at the adoption of sustainable farm practices. An ability to communicate with a variety of stakeholders and willingness to travel throughout the region will be highly regarded. Ideally the applicant will have 5+ years experience in a related field, an understanding of wheatbelt farming systems, knowledge of project / contract management and the capacity to guide the strategic direction of NRM investment. Wheatbelt Natural Resource Management is a non-profit organisation working in partnership with community, industry and government to provide regional leadership and direction for sustainable land use and the conservation of natural resources in the Avon River Basin of Western Australia. To apply for this position you will need to

provide a covering letter and resume. Position documentation is available at: <http://www.wheatbeltnrm.org.au/employment> or by contacting Rochelle Horlin at: rhorlin@wheatbeltnrm.org.au or telephone 08-9690-2250.

Applications close 5pm WST Friday, 21st January 2011.



Publications



Oil Mallee Association best practice fact sheets

OMA Best Practice Fact Sheet 1:
BACKGROUND AND OVERVIEW
Oil Mallee Association

OMA Best Practice Fact Sheet 2: PLANNING AND
SITE SELECTION

OMA Best Practice Fact Sheet 3: SITE ESTABLISHMENT

OMA Best Practice Fact Sheet 4: WEED CONTROL

OMA Best Practice Fact Sheet 5: SEEDLING SUPPLY, PLANTING
AND PEST CONTROL

OMA Best Practice Fact Sheet 6: ONGOING MANAGEMENT OF
MALLEE PLANTINGS



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David Grasby

Project Manager (Sustainable
Agriculture)

Wheatbelt NRM

David Grasby lived the first five years of his life in Northam and by assuming the role of Project Manager (Sustainable Agriculture) with Wheatbelt NRM, returns to his roots in the heart of the Western Australian Wheatbelt. With a PhD in Rural Sociology and a diverse employment background that has taken him from Rockhampton to Toowoomba to Mildura and now to WA, David brings a broad range of experiences and skills to his position. In partnership with his two brothers, David co-owns and operates a small farming property near Wundowie where some of the sustainability strategies recommended by Wheatbelt NRM have been implemented. In the course of occupying his new position, David looks forward to meeting the many farmers and other stakeholders who help to make Western Australia's Wheatbelt a great place to live.



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