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working with the community to manage our natural resources

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Round three of Soil Conservation Incentives Program Grants now open!

Dear Chris

Wheatbelt NRM has recently opened round three of the **Soil Conservation Incentives Program** to farmer groups or individuals in the Avon River Basin.

\$5 000 - \$50 000 is available for implementing recommended farm management practices that protect the soil resource from wind erosion.

Also Caring for our Country 2010-11 **Community Action Grants** are now open helping community groups take action to conserve and protect their natural environment. Wheatbelt NRM is offering assistance by auspicing non-incorporated bodies who wish to apply for these grants. Please contact Natarsha Woods, Operations Manager for more information on 9690 2250 or nwoods@wheatbeltnrm.org.au

The **Recognising Woman Farmers initiative** was well received with over 30 applications applying to visit Birchip Cropping Group in Victoria to talk about how they have managed with 10 years of drought. The calibre of all applications were impressive and we have pleasure in announcing the successful candidates as: Jane Mauritz (Hyden), Shauna Stone (Quairading), Ern Turner (East Pingelly), Sarah Miller (Beverley), Joanne Fulwood (Cunderdin) and Suzanne Sprig (Mukinbudin).

And a final reminder to those in Northam this Friday with **the unveiling of the Burlong Pool signage** taking place from 9.30am at Burlong Pool.

Kind regards,

Wheatbelt NRM

Events



Burlong Park signage unveiling

morning tea at

Dear Chris please join us for the official unveiling of the Burlong Pool signage during a Burlong Park.

In the last few years a number of committed individuals and organisations have undertaken works at Burlong. The refuse has been cleared, and the site opened up which allowed for thousands of trees to be planted. Pathways have been created and linked to the Dornjt Koorliny walking track allowing people to traverse from the pool to the town center. Carparks have been fashioned and resting stations created for people that wish to visit the site and walk along the path with the 12 interpretive panels.

When: Monday 19th July

Time: 9.30am - 11.00am

Where: Burlong Pool, Burlong Road NORTHAM

RSVP: Nathan Heal on 08 9690 2250, 0428 969 096 or email nheal@wheatbeltnrm.org.au

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Drought Pilot Information Sessions

Chris you are invited to an information session explaining drought reform measures being trialled in Western Australia.

The session will include attendance by representatives of the Australian and Western Australian Governments.

This is an opportunity for you to hear about, and ask questions on, the measures which are designed to support farmers, their families and communities to manage and prepare for drought and future challenges.

The information sessions will cover details of individual pilot measures, eligibility criteria and the application process. Government representatives will be on hand to answer your questions and discuss what the pilot means for you.

The session will include presentations on the pilot by senior officers from the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF), the Department of Agriculture and Food Western Australia (DAFWA) and Centrelink representatives.

Please [click here](#) for information session locations and times.

RSVP: Monday 19 July, 2010

Contact the Drought Assistance Hotline - Ph: 13 23 16

The event will be a great opportunity to engage directly with departmental representatives and other local stakeholders about the measures designed to assist farmers, their families and rural communities.

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General News



Mick Hayden - Nyungar Budjar Carer update

By Nathan Heal, Aboriginal NRM Officer

Our Nyungar Budjar Carer, Mick, based in Merredin has been working with the Kellerberrin Work Camp on a recent project at Hines Hill Nature Reserve in Merredin. The Department of Environment and Conservation has been working on this site for a number of years culminating in a recent planting of over 5000 trees.

Beginning some three years ago Mick and other staff collected local provenance seed from the area which has been germinated at Windbreakers Nursery in Mukinbudin and a number of species were planted to ensure a level of diversity. Species planted include *Acacia colletioides*, *Acacia hemiteles*, *Melaleuca pauperiflora* and *Acacia merrallii*, *Acacia tratamiana*, *Eucalyptus moderata*, *E. salmonophloia*, *E. salicola*, *Melaleuca latiflora* and *Melaleuca altroviridus*.

Prior to planting the site was mechanically ripped using a contractor's bulldozer and then the all the trees were planted by hand using with poti putki seedling planters. The goal of the rehabilitation project was aimed at increasing the long term habitat area by increasing the size of the vegetated area of the reserve through the use of native plant species. Other benefits anticipated are an increase in ground water utilization to help protect existing riparian vegetation and to provide a buffer for existing remnant vegetation from the effects of agriculture such as weed incursions and fertilizer and chemical drift.

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Western Bowerbird caught on camera trap!

By Phil Lewis, WWF

Just recently I caught by camera trap a 20 second video clip of a Western Bowerbird *Chlamydera guttata* near my home at the old town site of Korrelocking.

This is an extraordinary recording as this species mainly inhabits open riverine woodlands, shrub thickets, rocky gorges and ranges in our arid zone. Its known distribution is the mid-central inland and semi-arid areas of Western Australia as well as Central Australia.

Historical records in the WA Museum Handbook do mention a record near Geraldton by E. Ashby in 1921, one 16 kms south of Mullewa in 1986 and a tentative record by A.F Crossman in 1909 near Narembeen. This is one of those sightings that even I would have doubted my own eyes if I had seen it in the bush, but to have it on video I could not deny what I had captured.

These simple to use little cameras are a great way to monitor your bushland and catch glimpses of what might be living there. I have clips of many bird species, Dunnarts, Kangaroos and Echidnas. To see the Western Bowerbird and other camera trap clips I have captured at Korrelocking and while on holidays go to <http://www.youtube.com/user/ThePhillewis>

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Funding



Round three of Soil Conservation Incentives Program Grants open now!

Round 3 of the Soil Conservation Incentives Program has now opened to farmer groups or individuals in the Avon River Basin.

\$5 000 - \$50 000 is available for implementing recommended farm management practices that protect the soil resource from wind erosion.

Two main categories of project are available from which management strategies can be selected:

- Integrating tree crops into farm systems
- Recommended cropping & grazing management practices

Applications will be assessed on the suitability of proposed works and the applicant's commitment to sharing skills and knowledge about the project with their local community.

Projects will be supported up until the end of 2012 to maximize learning about the costs and benefits of incorporating the practice into a farm enterprise.

Applications close 30 August 2010

[Application Form \(Cropping & Grazing projects\) \(MS Word 2.22MB\)](#)

[Application Form \(Cropping & Grazing projects\) \(PDF 385kb\)](#)

[Application Form \(Tree projects\) \(MS Word 1.96MB\)](#)

[Application Form \(Tree projects\) \(PDF 500kb\)](#)

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Caring for our Country Community

Action Grants

Applications for Action Grants are the Caring for our Country 2010-11 Community now open.

Community Action Grants are the small grants component of the Australian Government's Caring for our Country initiative that aims to help community groups take action to conserve and protect their natural environment.

Information on how to apply is available via the link below:

[Community Action Grants Applications](#)

Please note that if your organisation is not incorporated and you wish to apply to the Community Action Grants, Wheatbelt NRM is offering to auspice funding for non-incorporated bodies. Please contact Natarsha Woods Operations Manager for more information on 9690 2250 or email nwoods@wheatbeltnrm.org.au

Opportunities



FAAW Image Competition

Entires closing 25th July 2010

The Foundation for Australian Agricultural Women (FAAW) is currently running an image competition. They are seeking images to companion their new three year strategic plan entitled A Strong Cup of Coffee. Representation of this theme is open to artistic interpretation and all rural and regional creatives are invited to participate.

The underlying aim of both the series and the competition is about women becoming leaders within self, community, industry, trade, and policy: having voice and presence in rural Australia.

The competition has two components:

Section 1: A photo image of "Rural and regional Australian women by Australian women" of which 10 that best represent the diversity of Australian rural and regional women will be selected to be included in their Strategic Plan 2010 - 2013 and your image entered into the FAAW Gallery.

Section 2: Cover design for their Strategic Plan, which is entitled A Strong Cup of Coffee. This document will be a key promotional piece for the Foundation over the next three years.

You are encouraged to use your imagination and creativity in interpreting what each of these mean to you. There are no limits.

For entry details and requirements, phone 0431 457 927 or email admin@faaw.org.au

[Click here to download the entry form](#)

[Click here to download the conditions and procedures](#)

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Conservation Officer

This is an exciting opportunity to work for conservation organisation in Australia's only Hotspot. Birds Australia is a not-for-profit organisation whose aim is the conservation of Australia's native wildlife through the generation and sharing of knowledge about our native birds and their habitats.

The Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo Recovery Project is seeking a suitably qualified conservation officer to engage a broad range of stakeholders and implement key recovery actions across through the wheatbelt region of south west Western Australia.

Duties include: identification and prioritisation of Carnaby's Black-Cockatoo potential breeding sites and key habitat, engaging with various community, landholders, NRM and landcare agencies and developing communication materials.

This is a full time position, available immediately and is for a period of 15 months. Extension of the project beyond this time is dependent on future funding.

Salary range: \$49,000-52,600 + 9% super.

Applications addressing the selection criteria and with a recent resume should be sent to Raana Scott by Monday 19th July. r.scott@birdsaustralia.com.au. A full job description can be downloaded from: <http://www.birdsaustralia.com.au/our-people/employment.html>

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Putting It Back,

Expressions of groups or groups

Seeking farmers and catchment groups for - Together

Interest are now open to interested catchment of neighbouring farmers to apply to work with Men of the Trees on the 'Putting it back, together' project. Men of the Trees Revegetation Officers will work with the successful applicants to ensure that plantings fit in with the landscape and with each farmer's production system. Plantings can be block or belts of tree crops or biodiversity plantings depending on each project and need. Buffers around remnant vegetation, living bridges, creekline revegetation projects – all will be valid.

None of these plantings are tied to carbon covenants – the trees will belong to the individual farmer. The farmer's only commitment is to ensure a good survival and look after the trees in the long term – a pledge for the future.

Men Of The Trees team will work with successful applicants to create a project that will:

- Halt wind and water erosion to keep valuable top soil in place;
- Utilise excess ground water to halt salinity and water logging; and
- Act as living bridges so that native fauna can move across the landscape.

For the initial project, they are looking for a group located within two hours of Perth and to expand on this range as the project develops. Planting will start across several farms in 2011.

If you are interested in working with Men Of The Trees over several years to make a difference to your land, please fill in the expression of interest form at www.menofthetrees.com.au

For more information visit the website at www.menofthetrees.com.au or call 9250 1888.

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Aboriginal NRM

(re-advertised)

Salary range:
contract (General
Calling available).

Facilitator vacancy at Wheatbelt NRM

Northam, Western Australia

\$48,730 to \$83,322; Full-time, fixed-term
Calling level 2, 3, 4 or 5 with Specified

To be eligible for this position you must be of Aboriginal or Torres Straight Islander descent (having reference to Section 51(d) of the Equal Opportunity Act 1984).

Working closely with the Avon catchment stakeholders and community, the role will be responsible for implementing the

Aboriginal Natural Resource Management program, including activities to facilitate the integration of traditional ecological knowledge into Natural Resource Management in the Avon River Basin.

For more information on Wheatbelt Natural Resource Management refer to the website listed below.

To apply for this position you will need to provide a covering letter and resume, as well as provide a written respond to three questions.

Position documentation is available at:
<http://www.wheatbeltnrm.org.au/about-us/employment> or by contacting Liz Kington at: ekington@wheatbeltnrm.org.au or telephone: (08) 9690 2250.

Applications close 5pm WST Friday, 16th July 2010.

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Publications



Tamarix species - how to tell the difference

From the National Athel Pine Management Committee

There are three species of Tamarisk in Australia - Athel pine (*Tamarix aphylla*), Tamarisk (*T. ramosissima*) and Smallflower tamarisk (*T. parviflora*). Each of these weed species has distinctive characteristics which are detailed in this fact sheet.

[Click here to download the factsheet](#)

For more information please contact:

National Athel Pine Coordinator
Phone: 0427 186 153
www.weeds.org.au/WoNS/athelpine

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Kokerbin Nature Reserve Desktop Fauna Assessment

J. Turpin, M. Griffiths and P. Lewis

Kokerbin Nature Reserve is located approximately six kilometres north-west of Kwolyin, 15km north-east of Yoting and 40km north-west of Bruce Rock, within the Wheatbelt area of Western Australia. M Griffiths and P Lewis Fauna Consultants were commissioned by the Wheatbelt NRM Inc. to undertake a fauna assessment of Kokerbin Nature Reserve. The fauna assessment comprised a desktop review, site inspection, targeted fauna search and assessment of significant fauna habitats occurring in the Kokerbin Nature Reserve. This report comprises the results of the Desktop Review.

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