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Merry Christmas from Wheatbelt NRM

Dear Chris

Welcome to the last E-News for 2010, Wheatbelt NRM would like to thank you Chris for your support of NRM in the Avon River Basin this past year. We look forward to working with you in 2011 managing natural resources in a healthy environment.

In this final issue for 2010 you will find many interesting resources, news and job opportunities including a Sustainable Agriculture Program Coordinator with Wheatbelt NRM. There are also two great funding opportunities for Bushcare grants and Red Card for Fox and Rabbit.

We would also like to remind you that our office will be closed (limited staff) Friday 24th Dec 2010 - 3rd Jan 2011, we will RE-OPEN Tuesday 4th Jan 2011. (Accounts Payable closes Tuesday 7th December 2010 - Tuesday 11th January 2011).

On behalf of the Staff and Board of Wheatbelt NRM we wish you a safe and happy holiday season.

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Events



DAFWA short training for professionals working within the NRM and agricultural industries

AgT is a DAFWA initiative offering professionals working within the natural resource and agricultural industries access to “short”, “sharp” training programs that are relevant, timely and enhance the participants’ ability to achieve their workplace goals and outcomes towards profitable and sustainable farming systems. A number of courses are programmed to run in South Perth next year including:

- Strategic extension Planning for Impact Course - 22nd to the 23rd of March ([Click here to download the flyer](#))
- Planning for Evaluation Course - 28th to the 30th of March ([Click here to download the flyer](#))
- Crop and Pasture Nutrition Course - 5th and 6th of April
- Insect Pest Identification Course - 7th of April
- Adult Learning Course - 11th to the 13th of April
- Group Skills Course - 9th to the 11th of May
- Introduction to Program Logic Course - 19th of May ([Click here to download the flyer](#))

Further information on these courses can be found at the DAFWA website http://www.agric.wa.gov.au/PC_94232.html or by contacting Brigette Lacey on 9690 2128 or email: brigette.lacey@agric.wa.gov.au

General News



Event Recycling

Adrian Price

NRMO Shire of Dowerin

The Shire of Dowerin noticed that too many potentially recyclable items were taken to landfill after sporting and other events.

To address this problem, the Shire purchased a second hand trailer and 12 pale green/yellow top recycling bins. This unit cost a total of \$2,900 and was launched at the Dowerin Field Days in August 2010. It has since been used for two wedding celebrations, local theatre performances and the Movember Ball. The Dowerin cricket and football clubs have shown an interest in using the unit at each of the home matches.

Previous observations of the quantity of rubbish being placed in these bins instead of recyclables was a reason for the commercial recyclers to take the entire contents to the tip. In Dowerin, we have a few volunteers who sort the recyclables from the rubbish, using gloves and tongs, not too bad if sorted within a few hours of being binned, but the odour ripens with age.

A new recycling facility has just been built and is conveniently located across the road from the show grounds and sports areas.

Money raised from Event Recycling is given to the school P&C to help pay for their projects.

A wheelie bin has been dedicated to plastic bags and wrap. Most vehicles going to the tip go past this bin. We do collect this type of plastic for recycling, mainly because if it goes to the tip, it is likely to blow into the adjacent bushland or productive paddocks.



C.Y. O'Connor Institute announces plans for agricultural education to continue at the Muresk Campus.

Following the announcement by Liz Constable, Minister for Education; Tourism, on Wednesday 22 September, C.Y. O'Connor

Institute will commence delivery of education programs at the Muresk campus in 2011.

Institute Managing Director, Mr John Scott, has provided details of what can be expected to occur over the next three years and beyond.

"The Institute is within a few weeks of submitting an application for registration to deliver higher education programs," said Mr Scott. "The process to review the application is expected to take around six months, so we anticipate being in a position to commence delivery of an Associate Degree program in Agribusiness from Semester Two, 2011, subject to Ministerial approval."

As a pathway to the associate degree program the Institute will be offering a Certificate III in Agriculture (or Rural Operations, depending upon student interest), commencing in February 2011, focusing on workplace-based rural skills. This program has been designed to provide students with the practical skills and knowledge needed to run a successful business in the farming industry.

Funding



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, email info@wheatbeltnrm.org.au

or visit www.wheatbeltnrm.org.au/funding/bushcare-grants/



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 of up to \$1000 are available.

Applications close 11 February 2011.

Application forms are available from <http://www.wheatbeltnrm.org.au/funding/red-card/> or by contacting Rebecca Palumbo or Nathan Heal on 9690 2250 or info@wheatbeltnrm.org.au.



\$3 million in Community grants available

The State Government has allocated \$3 million for a community grants component of the State NRM Program in 2010/11. Eligible groups can apply for grants of between

\$10,000 and \$50,000 to take action to help protect and conserve natural resource assets in Western Australia.

Eligible groups include catchment and community groups, industry groups and local governments. Groups must be Incorporated or be able to use an Incorporated Association or equivalent for all financial management.

Government Agencies, Regional NRM groups and individuals are ineligible.

Information about the community grants can be found in the [Guidelines](#) and applications must be made using the [Application Form](#).

Applications must be received by 5pm Friday 7 January 2011, either

electronically to barbara.morrell@agric.wa.gov.au or by post to Mrs Barbara Morrell, State NRM Office, Locked Bag 4 Bentley DC, 6983

For further information contact Mrs Barbara Morrell by phone on 08 9368 3177 or by email barbara.morrell@agric.wa.gov.au

Opportunities



Wheatbelt NRM Program Coordinator (Sustainable Agriculture)

Fulltime, 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: www.wheatbeltnrm.org.au/employment or by contacting Rochelle Horlin at: rhorlin@wheatbeltnrm.org.au or telephone (08) 9690 2250

Applications close 5.00pm WST



Acting Environment Officer

Shire of Quairading

(Acting positions - maximum 12 months)

The Quairading Community is seeking a highly motivated and enthusiastic person to take up the challenging and rewarding position of Environment Officer with the Quairading Shire for a period of up to 12 months during the Incumbent Officer's Maternity Leave commencing February 2011. The successful applicant should possess a relevant degree / diploma or demonstrate equivalent qualifications and experience. The person is expected to have a sound understanding of dryland farming and rural communities.

It is desirable that the person have experience in Local Government and / or Regional Service delivery in the NRM field. The Officer will be required to also work within the SEAVROC Region.

The Quairading Shire is ideally located just 166km east of Perth in the Central Wheatbelt region. Quairading has a district hospital, full time doctor and chemist. Other facilities include excellent educational, shopping, sporting and recreational facilities.

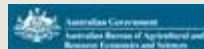
The cash salary offered will be negotiable. A salary package including superannuation, usage of motor vehicle, rental

accommodation and other benefits will be negotiated with the successful applicant.

Interested persons are encouraged to obtain a duty statement by contacting Mrs Janice Clemens at the Shire of Quairading on (08) 96451001 during office hours or by emailing gshire@wn.com.au

Written applications including details of qualifications, experience and contact details of three referees must be submitted to the undersigned by 5.00pm on Wednesday 22nd December 2010.

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2011 Science and Innovation Awards for young people in Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Does science + innovation + a smart
idea = your thing?

If you're aged between 18 and 35, here is your chance to apply for up to \$55,000 in the 2011 Science and Innovation Awards.

Applications close 5pm (AEDT) Friday 7 January 2011

Visit the ABARES website and access further information
www.abares.gov.au/scienceawards

Questions? Contact the Science Awards Manager on 02 6272 2260
or scienceawards@abares.gov.au



Call for papers - State NRM Conference ISDE7, WALIS FORUM 2011 AND THE STATE NRM CONFERENCE 23 - 25 August 2011 CALL FOR PAPERS

The 7th International Society for Digital Earth (ISDE7) Symposium is being held in conjunction with WALIS Forum 2011 and the State Natural Resources Management (NRM) Conference.

Share your knowledge, experience and vision with over 1000 delegates by presenting a paper at the Conference. We are now inviting submissions of abstracts for both oral and poster presentations. Presenters are given the opportunity to present their complete and work-in-progress projects.

Abstracts should be no more than 250 words and are to be submitted via email. Details of the submission process, including an abstract template and guidelines are available at
http://www.isde7.net/call_for_papers

A brief biography of the presenter is to be submitted with the abstract. In order for delegates to gain maximum value from each presentation, we request that abstracts include examples of how the information can be used and clearly communicates the value of your experience. Please indicate in your abstract if you would like your paper peer reviewed.

Please submit abstracts and biography online via melissah.johnston@walis.wa.gov.au or walis@walis.wa.gov.au by 28 February 2011.

Publications



Our Future World: An analysis of global trends, shocks and scenarios

This report describes the outcomes from a CSIRO global foresight project. It presents five megatrends and eight megashocks (global risks) that will redefine how the world's people live.

[Click here to download the report from CSIRO](#)



Wheatbelt NRM Newsletter (Djilba - Kambarang)

Contents:

- Wheatbelt NRM spring update
- Successful Yilgarn/ Westonia Field Day
- Traying workshop focuses on building better soils
- Wheatbelt Woman Farmers
- Healthy Bushland Officer profile
- Spring fax baiting urged
- New philosophy when using discs
- New! Guide to Writing Case Studies
- Wheatbelt NRM AGM featuring Annie Macbeth

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Wheatbelt NRM Annual Report 2009/2010

[Click here to download the Annual Report](#)
(including full financial notes)

Focus On

Blue Squill

The Blue Squill is a perennial herb with blue flowers from July to December.

Did you know:



- The Blue Squill is a small plant, easily overlooked, until its bright blue flowers appear.
- It dies off to tuber when its flowers are finished and hot weather starts, with fresh leaves appearing with the first heavy rains of the year.
- It is often prolific around granite outcrops, especially in damp areas at the bottom of granite rocks where water collects.
- The "Blue Squill" name is after a popular garden plant (related) grown in the Northern Hemisphere, famous for bright blue displays.



Wheatbelt NRM 2011 Calendar (Rocks of the Wheatbelt)

The above information on the Blue Squill has been taken from the 2011 Wheatbelt NRM Calendar. Featuring the 'Rocks of the Wheatbelt' the calendar also has information on Wheatbelt flowers and comes in an innovative format integrating the six Nyungar seasons.

If you would like a copy a don't receive yours in the mail by Friday 17 December please contact Di Robinson on 9690 2250 or email

info@wheatbeltnrm.org.au



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