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### Farewells, welcomes and congratulations

Dear Chris

**Wheatbelt NRM would like to thank Merrilyn Temby who has been our deputy Chair** the last eighteen months and has recently concluded her tenure. Merrilyn was our dedicated outgoing Chair and stayed on the past eighteen months as deputy to support the new Wheatbelt NRM Board.

On behalf of Board and staff we wish to thank Merrilyn for all her hard work and dedication. Merrilyn's contribution to the governance of Wheatbelt NRM has been appreciated by all, and she will stay on as our Yilgarn sub-region director until our AGM later this year.

**Taking over Merrilyn's role is Wendy Dymond** and we welcome her as our new Deputy Chair.

We would also like to **thank Di Lovell, our Aboriginal NRM Facilitator who leaves this week.** Di has been with us since January 2007 and contributed a great deal to our programs and projects, particularly the coordination of Indigenous NRM in the region.

On behalf of the board and staff of Wheatbelt NRM we sincerley thank Di and offer our best wishes in her new role working with Northam Senior High School.

**Congratulations also to our Board member and Avon sub-region director Sue Middleton** who was the national winner of the 2010 RIRDC Rural Women's Award for more information please [click here](#).

Also a quick notice that we will soon be calling-out for **prospective Board members** so if you would like have input in the peak NRM body for the Wheatbelt we would love to hear from you.

Kind regards,

**Wheatbelt NRM**

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## Events



Planning conservation to achieving restoration: A conference for everyone involved in conserving Australia's unique flora and native vegetation

**Australian Network for Plant Conservation Inc (ANPC)  
8th National Conference  
28 September to 1 October 2010, Perth, WA**

This conference is for practitioners, researchers, governments, community groups, non-government organisations and anyone else interested in plant conservation. We aim to provide updates on the latest, most relevant information, and opportunities to link up with other people working to conserve our native flora.

One-day field trips during the conference, and a three-day field trip after the conference, will give you a chance to be guided by experts through one of the world's richest and most diverse floras in the international biodiversity hotspot of South-West Australia.

Conference themes include:

- Conservation planning
- Seeds and genes for restoration
- Engaging with industry
- The role of taxonomy
- Soil health and restoration
- Planning for climate change

Early bird registrations are open until 28 July 2010

Call for abstracts, posters and workshops are open until 16 July 2010.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available:

<http://www.anpc.asn.au/conferences/2010/sponsorship.html>

Further information can be found on the ANPC website:

[www.anpc.asn.au/conferences/2010/](http://www.anpc.asn.au/conferences/2010/) or contact the ANPC office 02 6250 9509

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## General News

### How well is your land functioning?

Greening Australia recently arranged for an introductory training session on a method of monitoring called 'Landscape Function Analysis' or LFA, developed by David Tongway, distinguished retired CSIRO scientist.

LFA provides a practical way of monitoring how well a system is functioning in the landscape. It can be used:

- Prior to mining or before an intervention takes place to provide valuable baseline information
- To assist in designing restoration activities, including prioritising where to begin, what types of activities are needed and how much it will cost
- During rehabilitation, to measure how well the system is functioning and whether it is succeeding or failing, providing much more detail than seedling survival.
- To provide evidence to funding bodies for accountability
- To examine the functional role of key species in a system, including for culturally significant species.

LFA uses 11 simple visual indicators to assess how well an ecosystem is working and can be applied to a wide variety of landscape types and uses. It has been used to monitoring the WA Rangelands since 1994, and has been used across Australia, as well as in South Africa and New Guinea. For more information on LFA, visit the Wheatbelt NRM website at <http://www.wheatbeltnrm.org.au/projects/monitoring-and-evaluation/>

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## Feedback sought on the State Government's draft strategy for NRM in WA

The office of the Hon. Terry Redman MLA Minister for Agriculture and Food has released a draft NRM strategy and is seeking feedback on the document.

Wheatbelt NRM are currently reviewing the strategy and would like to include your input. All NRM groups and organisations should take a look at the strategy and have their say. To be included in Wheatbelt NRM'S response please send your comments to us by 18th June or you can respond straight to the Ministers Office by the 30th June.

### 1. Strategy for Managing and Using Western Australia's Land, Water and Ecosystems

(click to download)

### 2. Investment Priorities for 2010/11 – 2013/14

(click to download)

### What is the Strategy?

This strategy is important as it sets out how the State will direct its effort and resources into key renewable natural resource areas and align its investment with other government and private sector funding, as well as the efforts of those in the community that want to be involved in management of natural resources. This strategy is a draft and this is your chance to influence the direction of NRM in WA. The draft statement of program investment priorities for 2010/11 - 2013/14 is also available for comment for the same period.

### How do I submit my feedback?

To submit your feedback and comments using our easy online form please [click here](#).

Alternatively you can email your feedback / comments to Natarsha Woods, acting CEO, Wheatbelt NRM on 9690 2250 or email [nwoods@wheatbeltnrm.org.au](mailto:nwoods@wheatbeltnrm.org.au)

If you would like to discuss any elements of the document you may contact Mr Ian Rotheram, Policy Officer Forestry & NRM, Office of the Minister for Agriculture & Food; Forestry; and Minister Assisting the Minister for Education at [Ian.Rotheram@dpc.wa.gov.au](mailto:Ian.Rotheram@dpc.wa.gov.au)

You can also submit your feedback and comments via the State NRM Office at [snrmo@agric.wa.gov.au](mailto:snrmo@agric.wa.gov.au)

**The closing date for Feedback and Comments is 30th June 2010 unless submitting for collation with Wheatbelt NRM in which all feedback and comment will need to be received by this Friday 18th June 2010.**

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The 2010 National June with Government

### The 2010 National Landcare Awards

Landcare Awards voting closes on the 23rd of June with Wheatbelt NRM a finalist in the Australian Landcare NRM Region Award.

Wheatbelt NRM has been nominated for its work in developing networks and projects to promote sustainable agricultural land management in the Avon River Basin, and we are encouraging everyone to participate in the Awards by voting for your favourite finalist in The People's Choice Award on [www.landcareonline.com.au](http://www.landcareonline.com.au)

**Voting close 12am EST 23rd June 2010.**

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## Funding



### Recognising Woman Farmers funding opportunity closes this week!

To support women in their decision making within farming families, Wheatbelt NRM will fund a group of women to visit the Wimmera

Mallee region of Victoria to talk to the Birchip Cropping Group's women's agronomy group, and the authors of "Critical Breaking Point" about how they have managed 10 years of drought.

Wheatbelt NRM will provide return flights to Victoria, car hire and arrange 4 night's accommodation (with meals) for the successful applicants. We want to hear from the women who are making important farming decisions around the kitchen table, without knowing it. This includes women who aren't from farming backgrounds, but now find themselves living on a farm.

For further information please contact Natarsha Woods, Operations Manager on 9690 2234 or email: [nwoods@wheatbeltnrm.org.au](mailto:nwoods@wheatbeltnrm.org.au)

[Click here to download an application form](#)

**Applications forms must be in by this Friday June 18th 2010**

For more information go to: [www.wheatbeltnrm.org.au/funding/rwf](http://www.wheatbeltnrm.org.au/funding/rwf)

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## Community Action Grants

The Community Action Grants are a small grants component of Caring for our Country. These grants aim to assist community groups take action to conserve and protect their natural environment. The announcement for the new 2010-2011 funding round is expected shortly. Visit [www.nrm.gov.au](http://www.nrm.gov.au)

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## General Funding Opportunities

### **Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal (FRRR) Small Grants for Rural Communities**

The Small Grants for Rural Communities program benefits people in rural and remote communities. Not for profit organisations can apply for projects and activities that offer clear public benefit for communities living in small rural and remote locations in Australia, contributing to their development in social and community welfare, economic, environmental, health, education or cultural areas.

Closing date 30 Sep 2010.

Visit [www.frrr.org.au/programsDetail.asp?ProgramID=4](http://www.frrr.org.au/programsDetail.asp?ProgramID=4)

### **Irrigation Modernisation Planning Assistance**

This assistance helps irrigation water providers to develop modernisation plans for their districts that identify ways to upgrade irrigation infrastructure and assess options to adapt to a future with less water.

The program will remain open to receive and assess applications until 29 Oct 2012, unless all available funds are committed earlier.

Visit [www.environment.gov.au/water/programs/srwui/impa.html](http://www.environment.gov.au/water/programs/srwui/impa.html)

### **Junior Landcare Grants Program**

Information on the 2010 Junior Landcare Grants Program (2nd round closes Fri 6 Aug) can be accessed at the Junior Landcare website [www.juniorlandcare.com.au](http://www.juniorlandcare.com.au)

### **Climate Change Adjustment**

The Climate Change Adjustment program is part of Australia's Farming Future and assists primary producers manage the impacts of climate change.

Closing date 30 June 2010.

For further details visit [www.daff.gov.au/climatechange/australias-farming-future/climate-change-adjustment-assistance](http://www.daff.gov.au/climatechange/australias-farming-future/climate-change-adjustment-assistance)

### **Re-tooling for Climate Change**

The Re-tooling for Climate Change program will help small and medium Australian manufacturers reduce their environmental footprint. The program runs from 2011-2012. For further information contact the AusIndustry hotline on 13 28 46 or email [hotline@ausindustry.gov.au](mailto:hotline@ausindustry.gov.au)

### **FarmReady Reimbursement Grants**

FarmReady Reimbursement Grants, for courses completed prior to 30 May 2012, assist primary producers and Indigenous land managers to attend approved training courses aimed at improving their capacity to adapt to climate change and increase self reliance and preparedness. Reimbursements of up to \$1500 per year are available. Managed by the department of Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry, further information and application/claim forms can be accessed at [www.farmready.gov.au](http://www.farmready.gov.au) OR ring 1800 087 670

### Water for the Future funding

Through Water for the Future, the Australian Government is investing in a range of programs over 10 years to address four key priorities - taking action on climate change, using water wisely, securing water supplies and healthy river waterways. Further details can be accessed at [www.environment.gov.au/water/programs/index.html](http://www.environment.gov.au/water/programs/index.html)

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## Opportunities



### Aboriginal NRM Facilitator vacancy at Wheatbelt NRM

**Northam,**  
**Salary range:**  
**contract** (General available).

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

*To be eligible for this position you must be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait 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](mailto:ekington@wheatbeltnrm.org.au) or telephone: (08) 9690 2250.

**Applications close 5pm WST Friday, 18th June 2010.**

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### Seal your achievements with a Banksia environmental award

Banksia is once again looking to inspire and be inspired by examples of environmental

excellence from individuals, groups, organisations and governments from all corners of Australia. Entering an award provides an invaluable opportunity for recognition and presents others with the inspiration to follow.

Entries encouraged from Corporations, Business, Government, Local Government, Academia, Community and Individuals.

**ENTRIES CLOSE MONDAY 11 MAY 2009  
WINNERS PRESENTED AT THE BANKSIA GALA EVENT  
FRIDAY 24 JULY 2009**

[www.banksiafdn.com](http://www.banksiafdn.com)

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## Publications



Threatend trapdoor spiders of the Avon

This document includes information on what they (and their burrows) look like, how to identify them, likely habitat and what to do if you think you have seen one...

Trapdoor Spiders belong to an ancient group of spiders called Mygalomorphae. Some of the largest, most poisonous and most aggressive belong to this sub-order.

Please click [here](#) to download **(4.96)MB**

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Soil Carbon Management & Carbon Trading - fact sheet

**Please note that this is a Bureau of Rural Sciences publication**

This Bureau of Rural Sciences publication, the Science for Decision Makers: Soil Carbon Management & Carbon Trading fact sheet shows the important role that soils can play in reducing carbon dioxide in the atmosphere and it is accompanied by the technical report - Soil carbon for carbon sequestration and trading: a review of issues for agriculture and forestry.

The publication can be accessed for free at [http://adl.brs.gov.au/anrdl/metadata\\_files/pe\\_brs90000004182.xml](http://adl.brs.gov.au/anrdl/metadata_files/pe_brs90000004182.xml)

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