

From: Wheatbelt NRM [cdavid@wheatbeltnrm.org.au]
Sent: Tuesday, 16 November 2010 4:48 PM
To: David, Chris
Subject: Wheatbelt NRM E-News 16 November 2010



November 2010



In This Issue

- [Events](#)
- [General News](#)
- [Funding](#)
- [Opportunities](#)
- [Publications](#)
- [Focus On](#)

Forward this Email

Know someone who might be interested in the email?

[Forward This Email](#)

Unsubscribe

If you no longer wish to receive this email

[Unsubscribe Now](#)

Wheatbelt NRM wins the 2010 Regional Achievement & Community Award and the 2010 LandCorp Sustainability Award

Dear Chris

Last Friday Wheatbelt NRM and its project partners attended the 2010 Regional Achievement and Community awards night at the Perth Convention Centre. We were delighted to win the Landcorp Sustainability category as well as the overall Regional Achievement and Community award, selected across all ten category winners.

Wheatbelt NRM, its project partners and the Avon River Basin community have been recognised for their work protecting the threatened Avon region ecosystem. Wheatbelt NRM in collaboration with WWF, DEC, Greening Australia and community members have over the past 5 years instigated significant community volunteer activities to manage priority ecosystems to ensure their survival. These have included incentive programs, revegetation with native trees, salinity management and protection of biodiversity in a region nearly 12 million hectares.

Wheatbelt NRM and its partner organisations will be continuing its award winning work with the Avon River Basin community through the Healthy Bushlands program, funded by the Australian Governments Caring for our Country program.

Kind regards,

[Wheatbelt NRM](#)

[Web Version](#)

Events

Gatekeeper Workshop

A 2 day Suicide Prevention Course presented by Wheatbelt Alive and Well Inc. and WMH (Inc.)

Tuesday and Wednesday
30th November & 1st December 2010

Conference Room 2
Dept of Agriculture & Food
75 York Road Northam

Cost: \$80.00 (GST inclusive)
(includes: 2 day workshop, workshop material,
morning/afternoon tea, and lunch)

To register, please return the form below fax back by Friday 19th
Nov 2010

[Click here to download the form](#)



Sandalwood oil: Genetic solutions developed to improve quantity and quality

Date: Friday 3rd December

Time: 8.30 am – 4.00 pm

Venue: Agriculture Building, Hackett Road
Entrance 3, Faculty of Natural and Agricultural

Sciences

This workshop is to update the industry on the Research being undertaken at The University of Western Australia and Forest Products Commission to increase oil quality and quantity in the sandalwood genus. Recent developments with the discovery of genes in the sandalwood oil biosynthetic pathway have opened a new understanding of oil quality and the market scope of these sesquiterpene compounds. The workshop will highlight the advantages the industry can attain by maintaining and accelerating a focussed research program.

REGISTRATION

Please register for the Workshop by Monday 29th November 2010
for catering purposes

Cost: \$40 per person to be paid cash on day (for catering)

Please direct registrations to: Dr Liz Barbour

Liz.barbour@uwa.edu.au

Enquiries: 6488 8525 or 0406 505 525



Black Cockatoo Symposium

Urban Bushland Conservation
Council

Featuring presentations about their
biology, status, threats and efforts
to restore their habitat and
populations

Friday 26 November 2010

8:30 am to 4:45 pm

Kim Beazley Lecture Theatre

Murdoch University

Register at ubc@iinet.net.au or phone Amrit for more information at
the Urban Bushland Council 9420 7207 (please leave a message)

\$35 for community/students/unwaged

\$145 for professionals/waged

Includes: Morning/afternoon tea, Lunch and

printed copy of proceedings

[Click here to download the flyer](#)

General News



Caring for Our Country Report Card

Wheatbelt NRM has been funded through the Australian Government's Caring for Our Country program to deliver programs for sustainable agriculture, Aboriginal NRM, biodiversity conservation and community grants. The first Report Card of the 2008-2009 National Caring for Our Country Program is now available. The Report Cards aim to keep the Australian Government's promise of informing the public about the progress of Caring for our Country.

The report card is available on the Australian Government website at <http://www.nrm.gov.au/me/report-cards/index.html>



Boogin Rock cultural day

Nearly 100 people attended a cultural day at Boogin Rock (commonly known as Boyagin Nature Reserve) last Wednesday. During the day cultural dancers, camera trappers and a team from kanyana animal rehabilitation entertained the crowd.

Camera trapping was particularly popular with camera trapping skills u becoming more widespread and making some amazing discoveries!

The Department of Environmental and Conservation's Aboriginal Heritage Unit's representative also showcased the skills required to throw spears and boomerangs as well as a discussion on Nyungar

cultural items.

To see a link of some animals trapped [click here](#)



Greener Horizons video case studies online

5 Western Australian farmers tell their stories of how tree crops can improve the sustainability of their farms, their communities and the landscape in a fantastic new video

created by Avongro through Wheatbelt NRM's small grants program..

Agriculture is the predominant industry for this region but with narrowing margins and a changing climate, many who live in the region are looking for other options to be able to keep farming while still looking after the environment.

Industry scale planting of tree crops not only addresses these environmental issues but will provide sufficient resources for new industries. This will result in income diversification for farmers and increase local job opportunities.

This video is of 5 Avon farming families telling their stories -- about how they are trying to heal the land while developing new and sustainable production systems for their future -- their children's future and the future of their communities.

[Click here to view the first three of these five videos on the wheatbelt NRM video page.](#)

or you can view the videos via [youtube](#)

For a copy of the DVD please contact Wheatbelt NRM on 9690 2250.

Funding



Small Grants

This is a call for applications in the 2011 Community Small Grants designed to support activities that improve your school and local community's participation and awareness of Natural Resource Management (NRM) in your

area.

Wheatbelt NRM is inviting schools, community groups and organisations to submit an application for this incentive scheme. This scheme is suitable for activities up to \$15,000. For 2011 projects, your activity will need to be completed and a final report submitted by 31st May 2011.

Examples of suitable activities may include, but are not limited to:

environmental education initiatives/lectures; school vegetable beds; water harvesting; water conservation. School project applications will be expected to demonstrate how students will be engaged in the proposed activity and how knowledge gained from the project will be disseminated amongst the school and wider community.

If you are interested in this incentive scheme, and have a project in mind, please download an application form below:

[Application form](#)

Applications close 10 December 2010

If you would like to discuss your project idea before submitting an application please contact tbeagley@wheatbeltnrm.org.au or phone Taryn Beagley on 9690 2257

Opportunities



Whole of Paddock Restoration Project Officer

Employer: Greening Australia (WA)
Location: Avon, Western Australia

Greening Australia (WA) is seeking applicants for the position of Whole of Paddock Restoration Project Officer.

Are you interested in:

- Integration of environmental management practices into the WA agricultural industry
- Development of mixed perennial grazing systems to increase production on low productive land
- Joining Greening Australia (WA)'s long standing and dynamic Avon Wheatbelt Regional team.

ESSENTIAL SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Demonstrated experience and / or qualification in NRM or Agricultural Science
- Experience with pasture system establishment and paddock scale revegetation
- Working knowledge of biodiversity and conservation practice
- A demonstrated ability to communicate with landholders and farm managers
- Demonstrated ability with MS Office products (Word, Excel, Outlook and PowerPoint)
- Professional, organised and motivated
- Possession of a current A Class driver's licence

DESIRABLE SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Working knowledge of soil function and health
- Working knowledge of GIS based systems
- Willingness contribute to delivery of broader GAWA outcomes
- Maintain a safe workplace and environment
- Contribute to a workplace learning environment

To request further information, to discuss the position, or to apply please contact Kelley Turner, phone: 08 6488 6699 or email:

kturner@gawa.org.au

Applications close 5pm Wednesday, 24th November 2010.



Print and design resources for Landcare groups now available

The top 3 items on Landcare groups' wish lists are volunteers, funding and promotional support. In response to this, Landcare Australia has partnered with EnviroPrint to offer an easy way for Landcare groups to order printed materials and promote the landcare volunteer work amongst the community.

To get you started, EnviroPrint is offering Landcare Greeting Cards and 2011 Landcare Volunteer Day Calendars. A great reminder for your volunteers, family and friends. Keep it on the fridge or other magnetic surface year round!

[Click to learn how your group can use this resource](#)

Publications



[Invertebrate Survey of Gwambygine Pool Conservation Reserve](#)

David Knowles

The River Conservation Society commissioned David Knowles to carry out three surveys of the Reserve in September, October and November 2009 and one in May 2010. The survey has revealed a rich diversity and abundance of the terrestrial invertebrate population in close proximity to Gwambygine Pool - a much greater abundance than had been expected. Importantly there have been a number of undescribed species found. This is not surprising considering the paucity of survey information throughout the wheatbelt of Western Australia. David's survey shows quite clearly the usually unobserved fauna that survive, and in fact, proliferate in an area of the State that is often neglected when it comes to serious scientific study.

Focus On

Monica Durcan

Avongro

Monica has been working in the revegetation industry in WA for over 20 years. Born in Texas but having grown up in several different countries, Monica came to Western Australia in



1987 with her husband and two sons. Her main focus and passion is still for trees as part of the farming landscape - for NRM outcomes but also for diversification for farming businesses and to create new employment in regional Western Australia. She firmly believes that if there are enough perennials in the landscape for positive NRM outcomes that this will equate to enough critical mass to supply new industries in the future. Monica is currently Executive Officer for AVONGRO Wheatbelt Tree Cropping, Secretary/Treasurer for WA Wheatbelt Australia Forest Growers and Acting Manager for the Men of the Trees' Revegetation Team. For relaxation? reading in the spa when she gets a chance!

T/F: 08 9291 8249

E: mdurcan@iinet.net.au



CARING
FOR
OUR
COUNTRY



Copyright 2010 Wheatbelt National Resource Management
[Visit Our Website](#) | [Contact Us](#)