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## Issue 93

Dear Chris

Welcome to another Wheatbelt NRM E-News.

The time of field days is fast approaching with a Soil health forum and Perennial shrubs workshop taking place in Merredin.

For those of you in the Shires of Narembeen, Kondinin, Kulin, Lake Grace and Kent, a reminder that 340,000 seedlings are available for farmer groups or individuals to protect the soil resource from wind erosion as part of the Soil Conservation Incentives Program.

Also new rounds of Recognising Woman Farmers Grants and Next Gen Farmer grants are now available so check out the funding section below.

Kind regards,

Wheatbelt NRM



## Events

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Dealing with clients doing it tough.

A workshop to discuss how to communicate and support clients during a wretched season.

Rosemary Donovan from PPC Worldwide will be facilitating the workshop covering:

- How to recognise signs and symptoms of depression
- How to approach/deal with clients you're concerned about
- How to deal with client reactions—anger, sadness, disgruntlement, etc.
- Support services to refer clients for ongoing support.

Northam

Date: Thurs 3rd March

Where: DAFWA Northam Office 75 York Rd.

Time: 9:30-1:30 pm

Please RSVP Lix Cox for catering purposes Ph: 9690 2189

\*Lunch will be provided

Merredin

Date: Friday 4th March

Where: DAFWA Merredin Office Great Eastern H'way.

Time: 9:30– 1:30pm

Please RSVP Karen Manning for catering purposes Ph: 9081 3101

\*Lunch will be provided



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### Soil Health Forum

Perennial farming systems targeting wind erosion within the North Eastern and Southern Wheatbelt regions of WA.

#### GUEST SPEAKERS:

- Dr Roger Mandel—Precision Agriculture.
- David Gartner—Ag Lime.
- Kobus Marais—Understanding the Physical Properties of Soil to Improve Crop Production
- Dr Angelo Loi— Managing Pastures for Better Crops
- David Leake—Kellerberrin Farmer.
- Di Haggerty—Winner of AK Hill Agricultural Award 2010.

Where: Merredin Regional Community and Leisure Centre

When: 15th March

Time: 9am—4pm

RSVP: 8th March to Lisa Clark 9685 1202

[nrmo@mtmarshall.wa.gov.au](mailto:nrmo@mtmarshall.wa.gov.au)

Food and Drinks Provided



Enrich Perennial shrubs - part of the feedbase puzzle

8th March

9am - 4.30pm

DAFWA Merredin Dryland Research Institute

Incorporating forage shrubs into mixed farming systems provides great benefits to farmers, particularly, but not exclusively, in areas where other perennial plant options are limited. This forum will explain those benefits, how you could increase whole farm profit by 10-20% and provide information to help with the decisions on what shrub species to plant and the key principles of grazing management with shrubs.

This is a FREE public event with lunch and morning and afternoon tea provided

RSVP to Nathan Phillips (08) 9333 6700 [nathan.phillips@csiro.au](mailto:nathan.phillips@csiro.au)



## General News

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### Have your say on Weeds of National Significance

The Weeds of National Significance (WONS) strategic plans are now available for public comment.

Visit <http://www.weeds.org.au/WoNS/> to view them and make comment. The website also contains contact details for each WONS Coordinator.

In this time of flooding events and wide-spread rainfall there is great concern about the spread of weeds in flood waters, animal fodder and earth-moving machinery. This would be to the detriment of many native species and agricultural productivity, but with your help we can reduce the potential impacts.

If you have noticed new incursions or increased numbers of weeds in your area, please report this to your state's biosecurity hotline, local government (<http://www.alga.asn.au/links/obc.php>) or local catchment management authority.



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### Rabbit mapping website re-launched for farmers and communities.

The Invasive Animals CRC in partnership with government, research, business and community groups has released a new and

improved RabbitScan website and mapping tool for farmers, community groups and anyone with a rabbit problem.

RabbitScan provides a tool to map rabbits, record the damage they cause, and map rabbit control allowing users to create a rabbit management map for their local area. To learn more about RabbitScan, go to [www.feralscan.org.au](http://www.feralscan.org.au)



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### Soil Conservation Incentives Program

A Wheatbelt NRM initiative for farmers to protect soil from wind erosion.

Round 4 (Tree Projects)

340,000 seedlings are available for farmer groups or individuals to protect the soil resource from wind erosion.

[Click here for more information](#)

Round 5

Grower groups in the Avon River Basin are encouraged to submit an expression of interest for projects that aim to trial and/or demonstrate technologies and techniques for improving soil quality.

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### Recognising Women Farmers Grants - Round 3 Now Open

The Australian Government has called for applications for a third round of Recognising Women Farmer Grants.

To view a copy of the media release, visit the [Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry's website](#).

The grants up of to \$50 000 are available to support activities that improve the leadership and representative capacity of women involved in agriculture, fisheries and forestry.

Applications close 5.00 pm Australian Eastern Daylight Time, 28 March 2011

For more information visit [www.daff.gov.au/cncb](http://www.daff.gov.au/cncb) or phone 1800 638 746

The Recognising Women Farmers grants are funded through Community Networks and Capacity Building, a component of Australia's Farming Future



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### Next Gen Farmers Grants - Round 3 Now Open

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### Coles Junior Landcare Garden Grant 2011 Round 1

Round 1 applications must be received before Friday, February 25, 2011 (5pm EST).

Since 2008 Coles has been providing School Garden Grants of up to \$1,000 to schools and youth groups to help create gardens in their grounds or community, such as bush tucker gardens, water wise gardens or veggie gardens. These programs encourage students to learn about the environment through "outdoor learning" and interaction in developing their own school gardens.

- Round 2 closes Friday, May 13, 2011
- Round 3 closes Friday, August 5, 2011

[Download the Coles Grant Application Form](#)  
[Download the Coles Guidelines](#)



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### Calling for Avon Wheatbelt Master TreeGrowers

The Australian Master TreeGrower Program is a national program that explores tree crop options for the regions in which they are run. WA Wheatbelt AFG (Australian Forest Growers) has secured funding through Wheatbelt NRM's Community Grants to run a course specifically aimed at our low-rainfall environments.

The course runs over 8 days and delves deeper into tree cropping, covering issues including nutrition, management, silviculture, tree measurement, pruning and thinning, value-adding, marketing, insurance, planning and much more.

Experts include not only government staff and consultants, but also the other growers themselves. The Avon Wheatbelt Master TreeGrower Program will run from March 11th to April 12th in 4 two-day blocks. Locations include: Perth, Brookton/York, Bencubbin and Wongan Hills/Dowerin. Participant cost is \$275 for the entire course plus accommodation.

For more information on the Program go to:

[http://www.agroforestry.net.au/main.asp?\\_=Australian%20Master%20TreeGrower](http://www.agroforestry.net.au/main.asp?_=Australian%20Master%20TreeGrower)

To register or for more information contact Monica Durcan at WA Wheatbelt AFG: 9291 8249 or email [mdurcan@iinet.net.au](mailto:mdurcan@iinet.net.au)



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### Bushcare Co-ordinator

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Salary range: \$56,016 - \$59,097 p.a.; HR.REC 3/18

The Shire is seeking an experienced person who enjoys a range of diverse and interesting work related to bush land management. You will primarily provide advice and information to the Shire's bush reserve 'Friends Groups' on effective bush land management strategies.

Enquiries regarding this position should initially be directed to Mr Mark Luzi, on: 08 9290 6651 during business hours.

To apply for the position, please submit your resume and a covering letter reflecting the requirements of the position and selection criteria.

Please visit: <http://www.mundaring.wa.gov.au> (Employment) to obtain Job Application Form, Position Description and Recruitment

Information.

Applications close 4pm Monday, 28 February 2011, and should be endorsed 'Confidential' and state the Job Number (HR.REC 3/18) and position title.



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### Badjaling Storybook

The Badjaling Mission reserve was the camping ground and home for about 30 Nyungar families from 1887 to 1954. It was used by local Nyungar people prior to colonisation for traditional hunting, food collecting and camping as it contained several freshwater sources. Nyungar people have continued to camp in the area from time to time even after people were officially moved to Quairading Reserve in 1954 when the mission closed. Nyungar people formally moved back to the Reserve in 1980, the current housing being established in 1998.

Topics covered include:

- History
- Flora
- Fauna
- Threats
- Drain
- Community

[Click here to download the storybook](#)



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### Camera trap footage

Wheatbelt NRM have many great clips from camera traps setup up all around the wheatbelt, check them out at :

<http://www.wheatbeltnrm.org.au/reports-publications/video/>

Also for some great camera trap photos click on the link below:

<http://www.wheatbeltnrm.org.au/projects/biodiversity/cameratrapping/>



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