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working with the community to manage our natural resources

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AGM's and Tours

Dear Chris

Welcome to another Wheatbelt NRM E-News.

We ask our readers to save the date for the **Wheatbelt NRM AGM on the 28th of October** and the **Avongro and Australian Sandalwood network AGM on October 1st**.

On October 13th those with an interest in the ecology of WA's granitic Rocks may like to check out the **Granitic Outcrops symposium** taking place in Mukinbudin.

Also in this edition you will find a **guide to writing case studies**, learn about the **Waste Wise Schools program** and be introduced to the **Birchip study tour blog** at <http://birchiptour.blogspot.com> This blog will track the trip of the woman farmers chosen to visit Birchip in the Wimmera Mallee region of Victoria in October.

Kind regards,

Wheatbelt NRM

Events



Wheatbet NRM 2010 Annual General Meeting

Featuring guest speaker Annie Macbeth, futurist trend forecaster and life coach.

International

In addition to nominations for Director positions, this year Wheatbelt NRM will also be proposing some minor constitutional changes.

Date: Thursday 28th October 2010

Time: 09.30am registration

10.00am start

13.00pm close

Place: Northam Country Club

15 Wood Drive Northam

RSVP: Hayley Blakiston on 9690 2291 or

hblakiston@wheatbeltnrm.org.au

A light lunch will be Provided

Annie Macbeth

Future Trends : Faster Wider Deeper

As WA leads the nation into its economic future, the speed of our economic, political, social & cultural change continues to increase exponentially. Are we heading for more chaos or healthy growth ? Are there dangers ahead or only opportunities? Is the GFC sounding the death knell of American/European global economic supremacy? & if so, what's our emerging role? What about regional/Wheatbelt issues? What is the real impact of climate change? And how will the Generations X & Y redefine how we do business & operate in a Quantum world? Futurist Annimac will discuss these key trends impacting the Wheatbelt now & over the next 10 years.

"Resisting change is like holding your breath - if you succeed, you die."



AVONGRO and Australian Sandalwood Network AGM

All welcome to the AVONGRO and Australian Sandalwood Network AGMs to be held at the Beverley Town Hall on Friday October 1st.

The AVONGRO AGM formalities will take place from 9:15 and the ASN AGM at 10am.

The AGMs will be accompanied by several interesting speakers and site visits giving updates on the latest developments in the Sandalwood Industry with a particular focus on potential for the sandalwood nuts. Hope to see you there.

Lunch will be provided but RSVPs are required for catering purposes.

RSVP to ASN Executive Officer Bethan Lloyd: 9574 5882, exec@sandalwood.org.au

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GRANITIC OUTCROPS SYMPOSIUM

MUKINBUDIN CONSERVATION GROUP INC

**Wednesday 13th October 2010 at Mukinbudin Hall, Mukinbudin
8.45am - 5.15pm**

**Thursday morning 14th October 2010 at Billyacatting Rock
9.00am – 12 noon**

Organisers: Mukinbudin Conservation Group Inc. together with Dr Neville Marchant, with sponsorship from Lotterywest, WA.

Audience: Anybody with a keen interest in the ecology of WA's granitic Rocks.

Speakers (subject to change) include: Peter Lane, Dr Barbara York Main, Prof Brian Timms, Dion Nicol, Prof Ole Pedersen, Stephen Davies, Renee Tucket, Ray Cranfield, Dr Neville Marchant, Eric McCrum

Aims: To enhance awareness of the significance of the flora and fauna of the granitic rocks in the arid zone of WA.

Cost: \$60, includes morning and afternoon tea, lunch and sundowner, Wednesday.

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

General News



Birchip tour blog

Social research tells us women are more likely to bring environmental and social issues to the decision making table.

As the lead organisation for natural resource management in the Wheatbelt, we want to encourage and support rural women.

We've created a project for six women who will join us on a study tour to Birchip in the Wimmera Mallee region of Victoria in October. We'll be looking at how families have managed to cope with prolonged drought and then sharing what we learn at morning teas throughout the Wheatbelt in November.

You will be able to track our trip via the blog which will feature pictures, videos and thoughts of the travelling woman.

Follow the blog on: <http://birchiptour.blogspot.com>



New! Guide to Writing Case Studies

A new guide has been developed to assist land managers and the community to document the story of their achievements.

The purpose of this guide is to provide tips and ideas on how to create a simple one or two page case study and the types of information that should be included. The guide provides the 'bare bones' of a case study, and can be altered or creatively formatted, depending on your needs and audience.

Documenting the outcomes of projects in this simple format has a number of benefits:

- It demonstrates the outcomes of a project to funders and community.
- It provides a historical reference of achievements for future communities.
- It celebrates the achievements of the project and all those who were involved in its implementation.
- It provides valuable information for others implementing similar projects.

The Guide and template can be downloaded via the Wheatbelt NRM website at

<http://www.wheatbeltnrm.org.au/projects/monitoring-and-evaluation/resources>

If you would like a hard copy sent to you, please contact Michelle Kidman, Monitoring and Evaluation Coordinator, Wheatbelt NRM on 9690 2250 or via email at mkidman@wheatbeltnrm.org.au



Waste Wise Schools Program

The Waste Wise Schools Program aims to assist schools in minimising their waste by adopting the 'Reduce, Reuse and Recycle'

philosophy and approach to waste minimisation. The program strives to develop positive environmental values in students, schools and the entire school community.

In term 4, the Waste Wise Schools Program will be visiting Dowerin to run a FREE professional development workshop for teachers.

Date: Tuesday 19 October

Time: 9.00am- 3.00pm

Venue: The Pavilion, Dowerin Sports Ground, East Street, Dowerin

The workshop is suitable for primary and secondary school staff and parents, and will contain practical advice and hands-on activities. The workshop will cover:

- How to develop effective waste minimisation strategies in your school
- How to easily incorporate waste education into the curriculum at all levels and through most learning areas
- How to make full use of the Waste Wise Schools resources and other support services of the Waste Wise Schools Program including grants

Schools are provided with a \$396 (including GST) payment for teacher relief for the full day workshop.

To reserve a place, please contact:

Jennifer Weston on 6467 5141 Jennifer.Weston@dec.wa.gov.au

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Funding



Pilot of Drought Reform Measures in Australia

Western

The pilot will test a package of new measures developed in response to the national review of drought policy. The measures are designed to move from a crisis management approach to risk management. The aim is to better support farmers, their families and rural communities in preparing for future challenges, rather than waiting until they are in crisis to offer assistance.

The pilot will be in place from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011. Payments made under one measure—Building Farm Businesses—will continue until 30 June 2014.

Drought reform measures

Farm Planning

Up to \$7500 for farmers to undertake training to develop or update a strategic plan for their farm business. The plan will identify priority activities to help improve the management and preparedness of the farm business to respond to future challenges.

Building Farm Businesses

Grants of up to \$60 000 in two components:

- **Business Adaptation Grants**—up to \$40 000 for eligible activities identified in the strategic plan that help farm businesses prepare for the impacts of drought, reduced water availability and a changing climate.
- **Landcare Adaptation Grants**—up to \$20 000 for eligible activities identified in the strategic plan with a natural resource management focus and having a broader public benefit.

Stronger Rural Communities

Grants are available to local government authorities and community organisations to fund projects that build the resilience of rural communities and help them manage hardship resulting from an agricultural downturn.

Farm Social Support

Support for a better coordinated social support network to meet the mental health, counselling and other social needs of farming families and rural communities.

Farm Family Support

Income support for farmers facing financial hardship, allowing them to meet basic household expenses.

Farm Exit Support

Grants of up to \$170 000 to support farmers who decide to sell their farm, including for retraining and relocation expenses.

Beyond Farming

Puts current farmers in touch with former farmers to talk about opportunities outside of farming and to talk to someone who has been in the same position about the options for themselves and their families if selling the farm business or retiring.

Fact sheet

[Pilot of drought reform measures in Western Australia fact sheet](#)

Frequently Asked Questions

[Frequently asked questions about the pilot of drought reform measures in Western Australia](#)

For more information

Interested farmers, farm families and rural communities should consider the eligibility criteria and application deadlines for each measure when these details become available.

For further information, please refer to the individual measures.

Contact the Drought Assistance Hotline on 13 23 16 to submit an application.

For more information you can also contact Rochelle Horlin (Sustainable Farm Practices) Wheatbelt NRM

Ph: 9690 2258
Email: rhorlin@wheatbeltnrm.org.au

Opportunities



NRM Course at the C.Y. O'Connor Institute

[Click here to download the brochure](#)

NRM STAFF

Certificate IV in Local Government

(Land Management)

This qualification is designed for those working in environment fields and other land management based areas of Local Government, such as Land Management Officers, Landcare Officers, or Natural Resource Managers.

RANGERS & COMPLIANCE STAFF

Certificate IV in Local Government

(Regulatory Services)

This qualification is ideal for rangers and local government compliance officers or those who require related skills. Ranger Training workshop dates and prices can be found at

www.warangers.asn.au

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT QUALIFICATIONS:

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Biodiversity Project Coordinator

Northern Agricultural Catchments Council
Geraldton, WA
Salary range: \$55,913 - \$77,405

Managing natural resources in the Northern Agricultural Region (NAR) is the interest of many individuals and organisations representing a range of values from local to national and international.

The key role of the Northern Agricultural Catchments Council

(NACC) is to coordinate these interests for Natural Resource Management (NRM) within the region.

NACC is a not for profit organisation with membership from the broad community of the Northern Agricultural Region. It brings together State and Australian Government funding to address NRM issues in the region.

The Biodiversity Project Coordinator is directly employed by the Northern Agricultural Catchments Council (NACC) to achieve successful project implementation.

The NACC works to protect and improve natural resources in the Northern Agricultural Region (NAR) of Western Australia. The Biodiversity Project Coordinator is responsible for the thorough planning, delivery, monitoring and management of NACC's biodiversity projects with emphasis on Weeds of National Significance and Threatened Species.

We are seeking a person with appropriate qualifications and experience to design, implement and manage innovative projects; coordinate and motivate a geographically dispersed team and to be a valued participant in a highly motivated and people friendly environment. Employment is on a contract basis, initially for 2 years but may be extended. It is intended as full-time employment but alternative arrangements may be negotiated..

Start: October/November 2010

A complete job description, application form and selection criteria are available from: <http://www.nacc.com.au> or phone Marieke Jansen on: (08) 9938 0108 for more details.

Application deadline is 9am Monday, 4 October 2010.

Natural Resource Management Officer

Mingenew-Irwin Group (MIG)

Mingenew (Northern Agricultural Region), Western Australia

Salary: Negotiable dependant on experience

Term: 30 June 2011 with the potential for extension subject to funding

The Mingeneew-Irwin Group (MIG) is a farmer-owned and driven group in the mid west of WA whose mission is to 'promote and develop economic and environmentally sustainable agriculture through research, planning, monitoring and demonstrating best practice.'

MIG is seeking applications for the position of Natural Resource Management (NRM) Officer.

For position description or more information: Contact Jane Bradley on: (08) 9928 1645 or via email: jane@mig.org.au

To submit application:

Email to: jane@mig.org.au or post to:
Jane Bradley
Mingenew-Irwin Group
PO Box 6
Mingenew WA 6522

Applications close 5pm WST Tuesday, 28 September 2010

Publications



Evaluating the conservation significance of basin and granite outcrop wetlands within the Avon NRM region: Stage One Assessment Method

Department of Environment and Conservation (Science Division)

This publication describes a wetland evaluation and classification methodology for use at a regional scale in the Avon Natural Resource Management region and the broader Wheatbelt of Western Australia. The results of the application of this methodology have also been presented in Section 5.

[Click here to download this publication](#)

Focus On



Taryn Beagley

Communications Officer

Taryn joined Wheatbelt NRM in September of 2010 as the Communications Officer after working for the State Government in Perth for 6 months. Prior to that, she travelled the UK, Europe and Canada for 18 months. Taryn worked for the old Town of Northam for 5 years before the merger with the Shire and continued for another 2 years. Taryn grew up on a farm in Bencubbin, has a passion for the wheatbelt and the conservation of natural resources. She has spent much of the last 10 years living throughout the Western Australia. Taryn has extensive experience in marketing, events, tourism and community engagement and is looking forward to raising the profile of Wheatbelt NRM.

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