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Dear Chris

Welcome to another Wheatbelt NRM E-News with some great opportunities and grants available.

For those with a special patch of bush make sure you check out our Bushcare Grants closing 18th February. If you would like to start a School garden make sure you look at the Coles Junior Landcare School Garden Grant with round 1 closing 25th of February. And to help you with those grant applications Regional Development Australia are offering some fantastic training opportunities, and have also just updated their grant writing guide.

You will also find some very interesting information on the Kunapalari Frog and the Heath Mouse in our news and publication sections.

Kind regards,

Wheatbelt NRM

Events

Grower Group Alliance Upcoming Wheatbelt Events

Kellerberrin Demonstration Group Wednesday 16 February 2011

Trial Results Presentation Kellerberrin, Angie Roe, 9622 5095
ar@consultag.com.au

Lake Grace Farmers Group Integrated Weed Thursday
24 february 2011
Management Workshop Lake Grace, Andrew Storrie, 9842
3598 andrew@agronomo.com.au

Corrigin Farm Improvement Group Crop Updates
Tuesday 8 March
Corrigin, Anita Stone, 0428 308 136 astone@corrigin.wa.gov.au

DAFWA Northam Crop Updates Wednesday 9 March
2011
Cunderdin, Christiaan Valentine, 9690 2197
christiaan.valentine@agric.wa.gov.au

Wagin Woolorama Friday 11 - Saturday 12 March 2011
Wendy Pederick, 9861 1611 woolorama@westnet.com.au



General News

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Fauna-Kunapalari Frog (*Neobatrachus kunapalari*)

By Phil Lewis

Early this month some of you might have received thunder storms bringing much need rain. Though it came at the wrong time I think we all have to agree its better than not getting any at all.

It was great to get a bit of water in the tank but the thing I enjoyed most was the invasion of Kunapalari frogs. In a 10 minute walk around our fish pond with a torch we collected 15 frogs making their way to the water and there was easily that many in the pond already.

These little fellows are about 60 mm in size. They are a yellowish to bronze colour with lots of dark spots. They are a burrowing species who hide away in their sealed burrows waiting for rain. They breed in autumn and early winter or after summer storms like the one we just received. The last time we noticed them at Korrelocking was December 2006. Just over 4 years ago.

Their calls, a distinctive long, low, high-pitched trill filled the air for three nights before all was quiet again. They had mated, laid their eggs (a continuous string of eggs that settles on the bottom of a pool or creek), and returned to the earth to await the next big rainfall event.

You can check them and their calls out at:
www.youtube.com/thephillewis Night of the Kunapalari Frogs.



Funding

Junior Landcare Grants Open for

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Application

Through the Junior Landcare Grants Program, any school or organisation (including youth groups, scout groups, pre-schools, primary schools, high schools and day care centres) that would like to involve their students in landcare projects, in conjunction with local landcare groups, can apply for grants to assist them with the cost of their projects. *(pictured are Westpac staff with students)*

Coles Junior Landcare School Garden Grant 2011
Round 1: Coles School Garden Grant Friday 25th February, 5pm (AEST)
Round 2: Coles School Garden Grant Friday 13th May, 5pm (AEST)
Round 3: Coles School Garden Grant Friday 5th August, 5pm (AEST)

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

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Bushcare Grants

Do you have a special patch of bush that needs looking after?

Wheatbelt NRM wants to help communities and land holders in the Avon River Basin to protect their local natural areas.

The Wheatbelt NRM Bush care Grants will support community organisations and individuals to manage and undertake on ground works which will manage remnant bush and protect the important biodiversity values of the region.

Grants are available up to the value of \$15,000 for works including revegetation, fencing of remnant bush and pest control.

To be considered for funding applications must be received or postmarked on or before Friday 18th February 2011.

Applications received later than this date will be assessed individually pending adequate funds (if any) remaining from the assessment.

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



Opportunities

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Administration Officer (Small Grants)

Wheatbelt NRM

Based in Northam

\$48,730 - \$52,916 (Pro-rata)

Part-time (15 hours per week)

Fixed term contract up to 31st October 2011

Working closely with the community, the role will be responsible for the administration of the 2011 Community Small Grants Program which is run throughout the Avon River Basin.

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.

[Click here to download the position documentation](#)

For more information please contact Taryn Beagley at: tbeagley@wheatbeltnrm.org.au or telephone (08) 9690 2257

Applications close 5.00pm WST Wednesday, 2nd February 2011



Wheatbelt Training Opportunities - Community Capacity Building workshops

RDA Wheatbelt are pleased to offer a range of community workshops and are now taking bookings for 2011. The workshops are designed to have a local focus, and where possible will be provided at no cost. A sample of the topics offered include Project Planning, Grant Writing and brainstorming an Idea.

If you would like more information on our capacity building workshops contact Jodie Mortadza at jodie.mortadza@rdawheatbelt.com.au or phone 9576 0990.




Updated RDA Wheatbelt Grant Writing Guide

RDA Wheatbelt Inc provides practical assistance with funding information and grant applications. We have available at no cost a

Grant Writing guide, containing useful tips and advice to assist you in preparing a successful funding application.

The RDA Wheatbelt Grant Writing Guide has recently been updated and is now available as a PDF document on line at www.rdawheatbelt.com.au at the 'Resource' link or for a hard copy please contact Pippa on Tel 9575 1888 or admin@rdawheatbelt.com.au


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Heath Mouse (*Pseudomys shortridgei*) Conservation Plan 2009-2014

WWF, DEC, Wheatbelt NRM

The heath mouse was first collected in 1906 by GC Shortridge east of Pingelly, Western Australia (Smith et al. 2007). Sub-fossil evidence suggests that before European colonisation the species was present in the south west of Western Australia, as far north as Shark Bay and east to Eucla. Some evidence also suggests their presence across the Nullarbor and the Eyre Peninsula (Baynes 1987). Since its initial discovery in 1906 and the capture of two live individuals in 1931, the heath mouse was not recorded again in Western Australia until its rediscovery in 1987 in the Ravensthorpe area (Baynes et al. 1987).

[Click here to download the report](#)



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Georgie Troup

Project Manager (Sustainable Agriculture)

Wheatbelt NRM

Georgie has been working in the NRM sector for the past 7 years since graduating from Curtin University's Environmental Biology. She has a passion for all things forestry, and enjoys helping landholders achieve their 'green goals'. Her focus over the past 5 years has been towards the Brushwood, Oil Mallees and the Carbon industry, working with CO2 Australia as their West Australian Land Acquisition Officer. She is keen to see where Carbon Farming takes us, as rural landowners and managers. Georgie has a horse property near Toodyay, and finds nothing better than spending time with the hay burners!

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