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Dear Chris

Welcome to the Wheatbelt NRM E-News with an issue packed with great events, news, funding and other opportunities.

If you are heading to the Wagin Wollarama this Friday/Saturday be sure to stop by the Wheatbelt NRM stall for a chat with Program Manager Dr Liz Kington and Communications Officer Taryn Beagley.

For those attending the WANTFA conference on the 17th of March, you can also stop by for a chat with Sustainable Agriculture Project Manager David Grasby and discuss the new Soil Conservation Incentive Schemes.

These stalls will have all the latest information regarding available funding, projects, publications and information sheets.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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Patrick Hollingworth - be Inspired

This Australian "legend" from the flattest State in Australia, set a goal, defied many challenges and climbed to the peak of Mt Everest!

Learn how to beat the odds in challenging circumstances

This will give sporting teams that "point of difference", will motivate students / new businesses/ and us all!

It will also provide good tips for meeting and beating life challenges.

Where: Hyden Rec Centre

When: Thursday 17th March 2011

Time: 6:00pm

(Patrick will speak at 7:00pm)

Admission: Gold Coin Donation

(This event is funded by DAFWA Dry Seasons Initiative)

Bar Available thanks to Hyden Karlgarin Football Club.

Hyden Playground work gang will be selling burgers and green theme delicacies.

Theme: Green - because it is St Patrick's Day and we want to "Bring on the Green" for 2011



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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

Food and Drinks Provided



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Planning for Evaluation

Dates: March 28th 29th and 30th, 2011

Location: South Perth DAFWA Theatre

Cost **standard**: \$600

Cost with GRDC subsidy: \$335*

**Available to anyone working in the GRDC Western Region*

Do you want to develop a better understanding of evaluation in general?

Do you want to know where to start in planning your project evaluation?

Do you want to be confident that your efforts will ensure your project delivers the desired outcomes?

Is there a need for a more fully-shared vision and commitment to improvement among the stakeholders of your project?

Do you need to be accountable for funds supporting the operation of your project?

Is it essential for you to provide information to investors to assist in making funding decisions?

If so then evaluation is for you. There is a natural tendency, however, when planning an evaluation to jump in and firstly consider what methods of data collection (or indicators) will be used. In practice this should be one of the last steps of your evaluation plan. The upcoming Planning for Evaluation Course will provide you with the tools to ensure your evaluation plan works for you.

The course flyer and enrolment form are available for download below:

[Planning for Evaluation Flyer](#)

[Planning for Evaluation Enrolment Form \(Word document\)](#)



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Introduction to Program Logic

Date: 19th of May 2011

Location: South Perth DAFWA Theatre

Cost **standard**: \$235

Cost **with GRDC subsidy**: \$110*

**Available to anyone working in the GRDC Western Region*

Do you work within a project?

Do you need to logically consider how you are going to achieve an intended impact?

Do you need a step-by-step process to document how project impacts will be best achieved?

Do you work as part of a group that needs to come to a shared view of how you are all going to contribute to achieving a valued outcome?

In order to obtain research funding, do you need to logically document your project proposal?

If you have answered yes to some of the above then the upcoming Introduction to Program Logic Course will introduce you to the program logic concept and provide a participatory process for developing a model that will show an expected series of consequences in the form of the logic model.

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Paddock Workshop

BODALLIN CATCHMENT GROUP (INC)

When: Wed 30th March 2011

Time: 9.30am

Where: Wind Erosion Project site at Clint Della Bosca's, Bennett Road, Sth Moorine

Get your hands dirty!

Hands on activities including: comparing wind erosion risks, rainfall readiness of soil, control of weeds and moisture storage.

Seven different treatments

- Brown manuring/Chemical fallow
- Enhanced cover – early senesce
- Enhanced cover – late senesce
- Normal stubble retention
- Use of "Weed Seeker" or "Weed It"
- Use of "Grizzley"

LUNCH PROVIDED - RSVP FOR CATERING BY 25th March

Drinks and nibbles afterwards

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General News

E-waste program in WA receives \$1.5million boost

An e-waste program established by Western Australia's Waste Authority to subsidise e-waste recycling and disposal costs has been allocated \$1.5 million in State Government funding.

WA Environment Minister, Bill Marmion, says implementing a national e-waste strategy is up to three years away, and the WA Government is providing the money to subsidise up to 50% of e-waste disposal costs for metropolitan depots and up to 50% of disposal and transport costs for non-metropolitan depots. Electrical retailers can also apply for funding to hold one-off collection days. Mr Marmion says Australians are quicker than most other people in adopting new technology and e-waste is growing three times faster than any other waste stream in the world with increasing production and demand for electronic products.



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Caring for our Country Review

We invite you to take part in a public discussion about Caring for our Country – what you have found works well, what we can do better, or completely new ideas. Your views, ideas and suggestions are important in helping to shape future Australian Government support for natural resource management.

www.caringforourcountryreview.com.au

In this forum you can air your views and experiences, contribute to existing discussions, catch up with community or industry partners, and find out what others are saying about Caring for our Country. To start the ball rolling, we've posted a few questions from the Australian Government's [discussion paper](#) for the review of Caring for our Country.

The site provides you with opportunities to add your comments, videos, pictures and case studies of Caring for our Country – or just see what other people are doing in natural resource management.

If you aren't able to join the Caring for our Country review discussion please see our [Caring for our Country website](#) for information on making a submission in other ways.

We hope you can join us in the discussion – but be quick, the discussion closes on 20 May 2011.



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National Tree Day 2011

Now entering its 16th year, Planet Ark's National Tree Day is firmly cemented as one of the nation's largest community environmental events. National Tree Day provides an avenue for communities and

groups to showcase the work that they do, help foster a community understanding of the needs of the local environment and to engage them in the care and protection of these surroundings.

This year National Tree Day will be held on Sunday July 31st and Schools Tree Day on Friday July 29th – however you may register a site or activity on any day that suits you.

What are the benefits of being involved?

By registering a National Tree Day site you can engage your local community in an active and enjoyable way. National Tree Day can benefit your group through:

- The opportunity to showcase your work to the community
- Strengthening the engagement of your team and the community through being part of a high-profile national event
- Recruitment of new volunteers for your projects via our publicity program
- Environmental repair - recruiting additional helpers for an intensive session

How to get involved

To register a National Tree Day activity or find out more about National Tree Day visit our website at <http://treeday.planetark.org> or call the Hotline on 1300 88 5000

All public sites are listed on our website for volunteers to find.



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Leading the Way for Young People

C.Y. O'Connor Institute

YOUTH and young indigenous people are the focus of an innovative new equity course which is due to commence at the Northam campus in March. The YESS (Youth Engaging in Employable Skill Strategies) Leadership Development course is designed to assist young people in gaining employability skills in order to extend pathways.

Lecturer Sharyn Day has developed an 'appetiser' program for young people aged between 15 - 19 years of age attached to Certificate I and Certificate II in Leadership Development. This program offers delivery flexibility and relevant learning outcomes such as team working and problem solving. Students will be able to visit real workplaces in the community and experience workplace culture first hand.

The course will run over three days a week for 16 weeks, with access and equity support and support from the indigenous team.

Aboriginal Development Officer Maxine Gossland says that the

program is an exciting opportunity for young Aboriginal students.

"We want our students to be aware of their culture and proud of who they are," she said.

"This course will help our students gain important skills and also help them lift their self esteem and gain the confidence to go out into the workforce."

"We'd like our students to project positive messages about themselves as Aboriginal people."



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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 or phone 1800 638 746

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Soil Conservation Incentives Program

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

Round 4 (Seedlings Available)

340,000 seedlings are available for farmer groups or individuals to protect the soil resource from wind erosion. Farmer groups and landholders in the following shires are eligible for this program:

- Narembeen
- Kondinin
- Kulin
- Lake Grace
- Kent

Applications close: Friday 18 March 2011

Application forms: [Click here to download the application form](#)

For more information please contact: Georgie Troup, Project Manager (Sustainable Agriculture) E: gtroup@wheatbeltnrm.org.au P: 9690 2258

Round 5 (Grower Groups)

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.

Closing Date: Round 5 is now open

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

[Click here for more information](#)



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'Treemendous Trees' Education Kit

Men of the Trees has secured funding from Wheatbelt Natural Resource Management to run activities and training sessions based on the 'Treemendous Trees' Education Kit.

2011 is the international Year of Forests. The Men of the Trees' 'Treemendous Trees' Education Kit is full of information and curriculum linked activities for all ages designed to instil an appreciation of what trees do for each of us individually, for our communities and for the environment.

Opportunities will be designed to suit your needs but can include:

- Class activities for different age groups;
- How to grow native seedlings; and/or
- Training for teachers in the use of the kit so that your school can continue to use the kit well into the future.

The kit contains a Teachers' Resource Book, story books for younger students and a manual on how to propagate native seedlings.

This offer is free to schools within the Avon Wheatbelt however all activities must be completed by mid-May 2011.

For more information or to book your visit by Mrs Jo Wheeler, Men of the Trees' Revegetation Officer, fill in the form below and email to Mrs Wheeler at: jowhwk@gmail.com

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

This offer funded by Wheatbelt NRM ends mid-May!



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Shire of Bruce Rock - Natural Resource Management Officer

The Shire of Bruce Rock is seeking a highly motivated and enthusiastic person to take up the challenging and rewarding position of Natural Resources Management Officer with the Bruce Rock Shire.

ROLE

Assist Council in promoting and achieving a sound basis of sustainable land use principles, farming practices and natural resource management outcomes in the Shire of Bruce Rock.

An initial 3 year contract will be offered to the successful applicant

with a negotiable remuneration package up to \$71,230, including a cash component between \$40,000 - \$50,000. The negotiated remuneration package includes superannuation, usage of motor vehicle, mobile phone, uniform and other benefits.

To obtain the information package and job description visit Council's website www.brucerock.wa.gov.au

Alternatively contact Brooke Perez on 08 9061 1377 or email exo@brucerock.wa.gov.au to discuss the position contact Darren Mollenoyux on 08 9061 1377.

Written Applications, addressing the selection criteria and including the names of two referees, will be received until 4.00 pm on Tuesday 15th March 2011.

Darren Mollenoyux
Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Bruce Rock
PO Box 113
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Contents:

- Avon Arc Flood Risk and Water Quality Mapping
- Wheatbelt NRM summer update
- Modern day art of seed collection
- 2010 survey of the Avon River Basin
- Project to examine farm practices and their influences on organic soil carbon
- Bob and Ross Huxley - Case study preview
- Successful applicants of the 2010 Community Small grants

[Click here to download the newsletter](#)



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Kerry Skinner
Small Grants Officer

I have been living in Toodyay for thirteen years and started with Wheatbelt NRM in February 2011. I love the Avon River and have a strong interest in its health and biodiversity, and am excited about being involved in assisting locals on projects that focus on community education and environmental improvements within the Avon River Basin.

My previous employment was a brief stint with the Shire of Toodyay as their Executive Support Officer, after 14 years with the Department of Agriculture and Food (DAFWA) working as a technical assistant on the WA Rangelands Monitoring System project (WARMS) in the Southern Rangelands. WARMS assesses change in plant population and species and soil condition in the pastoral country, with reassessment of 1,200 sites on a three year (for grasslands) or five year (shrublands) cycle. My work with the DAFWA saw many nights under the stars with regular extended field trips to many remote areas of our state where nature is at its best.

I love to travel and be immersed in new cultures and am lucky enough to have done some exciting sailing stints around the world.

My husband works with DAFWA and is still involved in the WARMS project. We have a nine year old daughter.

