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Quote of the Day

"You must be the change you wish to see in the world."
— Mahatma Gandhi

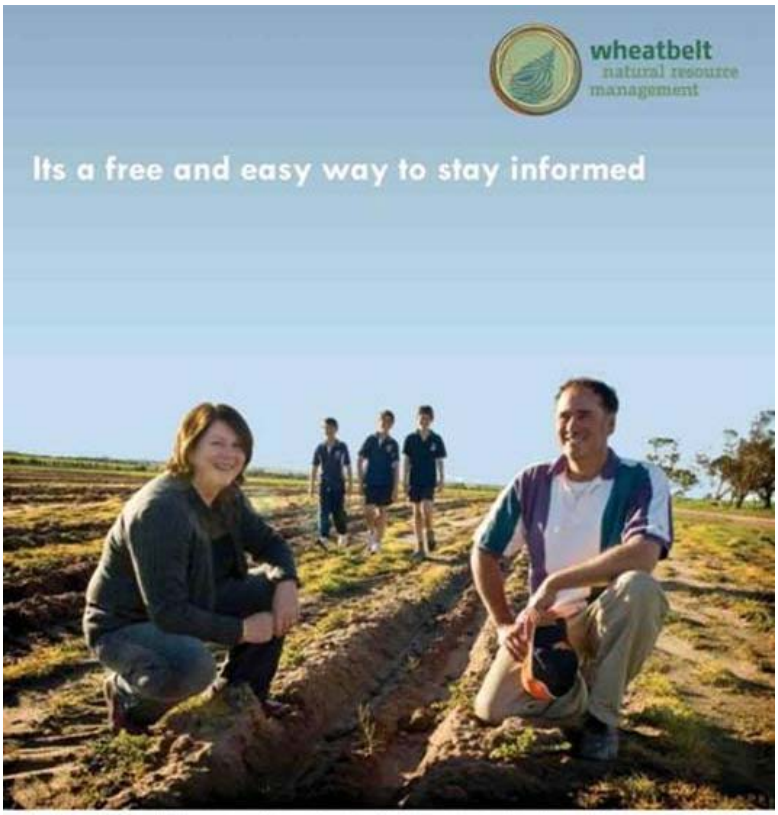
What does the new Wheatbelt NRM logo say to you?

Wheatbelt NRM is excited to present our new logo which has so far initiated considerable discussion in the community, and we welcome your feedback on interpretation and what the new logo says to you.

Some discussions around our office have included;

- Light colours indicating a light imprint on the environment
- The circle representing sustainability and inclusiveness
- Leaf representing our biodiversity interests
- Thumbprint representing a light human impact on the region we live in, or could it be ripples from the many rivers and creeks criss-crossing our landscape Could it be a ploughed field?
- Ripples representing the precious water in our landscape.

Join WNRM now as an associate



If you would like to keep up-to-date with Wheatbelt NRM simply register with us as an associate.

To become an associate is free and everyone is eligible. You will receive our fortnightly E-News and stay informed as to how Wheatbelt NRM is providing community leadership for Natural Resource Management in the Avon River Basin. Simply follow the link below and register your details.

Above photo: John and Julie Morris and their three children Jacob, William and Toby (courtesy Kate Rasson)

www.wheatbeltnrm.org.au/associates

Applications closing Friday for WNRM Director positions!

Wheatbelt NRM Incorporated
(formerly Avon Catchment Council Incorporated)

Would you like a seat at our table?

Call for Nominations

Director positions for Board of Management

Wheatbelt NRM is an independent community based group providing community leadership for natural resource management.

Wheatbelt Natural Resource Management Inc (Wheatbelt NRM), formerly known as Avon Catchment Council, invites eligible candidates to nominate for four (4) vacant Board of Management positions, to be appointed at this year's Annual General Meeting, to be held Wednesday 22 October 2009.

The Board of Management is a skills-based Board with the following skills desired:

NRM Management and Industry Knowledge | Expertise in Avon River Basin land and waterscapes | Strategic planning | Financial management

Board Directors are provided a financial honorarium and re-imbursement of travel expenses.

For further information please contact Peter Sullivan on:
(08) 9690 2267 or psullivan@wheatbeltnrm.org.au

Application kits can be obtained by contacting Katie Barr on:
(08) 9690 2250 or kbarr@wheatbeltnrm.org.au

Applications close 11 September 2009

Wheatbelt NRM Incorporated
(formerly Avon Catchment Council Incorporated)

An opportunity to have a voice and be recognised

CALL FOR MEMBERSHIP

Wheatbelt NRM is an independent community based group providing community leadership for natural resource management.

To better understand the needs of the Avon River Basin community, Wheatbelt NRM seeks to create a Member group from organisations who operate or reside within the Avon River Basin. Being part of our Membership will ensure your organisations interests are considered as part of our overall, planning, prioritising and on-ground activities.

Members are not required to pay a subscription fee.

We are inviting Australian organisations that are operating or residing within the Avon River Basin and are involved with, or have influence on, its natural resources to submit an application for Membership to become part of the natural resource management community.

Application forms can be obtained by contacting Katie Barr on:
(08) 9690 2250 or kbarr@wheatbeltnrm.org.au

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1.1 Calendar

(click on event for more info)

SEPTEMBER

7 – 12 National Landcare Week
10 SPA Annual Field Day
12 – 13 Sustainable House Day
13 National Bilby Day
16 International Day for preserving the Ozone Layer
18 World Water Monitoring Day
20 National Neighborhood Day
22 World Car-Free Day

1.2 Landcare at home

1.3 Landcare join the journey

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1.5 Lotterywest Grants Made Easy

Lotterywest Grants Made Easy

Lotterywest grants support not-for-profit organisations, and local government authorities to:

- Deliver more effective services to people in need;
- Share and protect our cultural and natural heritage; and
- Build stronger and more inclusive communities.

If you would like to hear about how your community organisation can apply for a grant, please book a place at one of our free information seminars which are held throughout the year in various locations across the State.

The next seminars are:

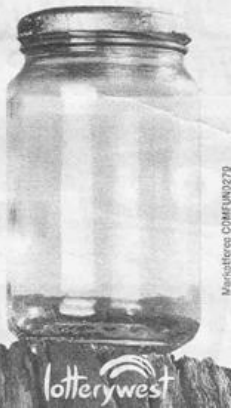
Monday 7th September 2009 at 10.30am
Lesser Hall, Avon Terrace, YORK

Tuesday 8th September 2009 at 10.00am
Goomalling Sports Pavilion, Cnr Quinlan & Hoddy Streets, GOOMALLING

Wednesday 9th September 2009 at 9.30am
Northam Visitors Centre, Conference Room
2 Grey Street, NORTHAM

For more information about grants or future seminars, visit lotterywest.wa.gov.au/grants

To reserve a place at one of the seminars, please contact Marlene Walker on (08) 9340 5122 or toll-free 1800 173 088 or email marlene.walker@lotterywest.wa.gov.au



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1.6 Profit from Saltland Annual Field Day

AVON CATCHMENT COUNCIL

Saltland Pastures Association Inc.

CARING FOR OUR COUNTRY

Profit from Saltland Annual Field Day

Thursday 10th September 2009

Hyden Telecentre
9.30am - 3.30pm

Come along and find out:

- What can I do with my saltland?
- How do I establish productive saltland pastures?
- Will my sheep eat saltbush and still gain weight?
- See where and how to start first hand at local Hyden sites.

Saltland Pastures Association Annual General Meeting will be held over lunch.

No cost. Everyone welcome.

RSVP to Sally Rayner on 90611677or nrmo@brucerock.wa.gov.au
Before Friday 4th September.

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2. GENERAL NEWS

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2.1 Landcare Australia Limited Announces New CEO

Heather Campbell has been appointed the Chief Executive Officer of Landcare Australia Limited and will commence her new role from November 9th. Heather takes over from Brian Scarsbrick AM who was Landcare Australia's inaugural CEO and lead the organisation for 20 years.

Heather is currently National Operations Manager with Cheetham Salt and was previously the Group General Manager of Operating Risk and Sustainability for Amcor. She has extensive experience in executive management, highly developed skills in leadership, sustainability, environmental and risk management in corporations and the not for profit sector in Australia and internationally. Currently a Director of Earthwatch Australia, Heather has a passion for environmental research and education, and believes fully in the benefits of linking scientists with enthusiastic individuals.

For more info click here;
http://www.landcareonline.com/news_details.asp?sType=news&news_id=243&from=archive

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2.2 VOTE FOR YOUR LOCAL LANDCARE HERO

After the success of the National People's Choice Award in 2008, you can now support your local finalists and vote for your favourite to win the new State and Territory People's Choice Award.

Click here ***http://www.wa.landcareheroes.com/***

The Regional Chairs Collective Group met with Ministers Redman and Faragher 25 August 2009 to discuss the Chairs submission to the recent Ministerial review into NRM and the States Government's response. Clarity around community access to critical NRM funding and a role for Regional NRM Groups into the future remains work in progress. It is however becoming apparent that the $30 million 2009/10 program has effectively slipped out to the 2010 calendar year for on-ground delivery. Opportunities for community collaboration and participation appear to remain open against the yet to be announced State priority areas. The overall view is that we are a couple of months away before a clear sense of the program can be taken out to community.

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2.3 Communiqué from the Regional NRM Chairs Collective Group (WA NRM)

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Click here to download the Communiqué from the Regional NRM Chairs Collective Group (WA NRM)

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3. FUNDING

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3.2 >> Grants and Funding websites

For more funding opportunities please view our previous Enews issues by clicking here

3.1 Volunteer Grants available – up to $5000 – apply by Friday 25th September

The federal government recently announced Volunteer Grants 2009 which will provide funding of $1000- 5000 to eligible non profit organisations to purchase practical small equipment items to help their existing volunteers and to encourage more people to become volunteers. Funding is also available to contribute to the reimbursement of volunteers fuel costs.

For information, including the application form and guidelines, goto www.fahcsia.gov.au or call 1800 183 374. Applications can be made online, or a paper form can be requested. Applications close at 5pm AEST Friday, 25 September 2009.

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3.2 Grants & Funding websites

- ***Grantslink*** *www.grantslink.gov.au/*
- ***DAFF grants & assistance*** *www.daffa.gov.au/about/grants_and_assistance*
- ***DEWHA grants & funding*** *www.environment.gov.au/about/programs/index.html*
- ***FRRR grants*** *www.frrr.org.au/currentprojects.asp*
- ***Caring for our Country funding*** *www.nrm.gov.au/funding/index.html*

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4.1 Shire of Quairading – Environmental Project Officer

The Quairading Community is seeking a highly motivated and enthusiastic person to take up the challenging and rewarding position of Environmental Project Officer with the Quairading Shire and the South East Avon Voluntary Regional Organisation of Councils (SEAVROC) Member Council.

The person will assist the community on initiatives to sustain the environment and farming landscapes. The successful applicant should possess a relevant degree / diploma or demonstrate equivalent qualifications and experience. The person is expected to have a sound understanding of dryland farming and rural communities.

It is desirable that the person have experience in Local Government and / or Regional Service delivery.

The Quairading Shire is ideally located just 166km east of Perth in the Central Wheatbelt region. Quairading has a district hospital, full time doctor and chemist. Other facilities include excellent educational, shopping, sporting and recreational facilities.

The cash salary offered will be in the range of $48,000 - $50,000 pa. A salary package including superannuation, Employee Loyalty Scheme, usage of motor vehicle, rental subsidy and other benefits will be negotiated with the successful applicant.

Interested persons are encouraged to obtain a duty statement by contacting Mrs Emma Wilson at the Shire of Quairading on (08) 9645 0236 during office hours or by emailing qshireclc@westnet.com.au

Written applications including details of qualifications, experience and contact details of three referees must be submitted to the undersigned by 5.00pm on Wednesday 23rd September 2009.

GRAEME A FARDON

Chief Executive Officer

Shire of Quairading

P O Box 38

QUAIRADING WA 6383

www.quairading.wa.gov.au

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4.2 NRM Jobs

Temporary Environmental Officer, Esperance Ports Sea & Land, Esperance

More info at http://www.nrmjobs.com.au

Senior Operations Officer, Dept of Environment & Conservation, $66-73K, Ravensthorpe

More info at http://www.nrmjobs.com.au

CLIMATE CHANGE OFFICER City of Mandurah – 6 month term for more information click here

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4.3 Grant Opportunities

Other Grant Opportunities

GrantsLink This website helps you find funding available under a variety of grant programs from individuals, businesses and communities to help them to develop solutions to local and national problems, fund ideas and initiatives or provide assistance in times of hardship.

Grants Directory 2009 The Grants Directory is a compilation of grants and other assistance programs available to communities and local governments in regional and metropolitan Western Australia. The Directory contains programs provided by the Western Australian and Australian Governments as well as private sector organisations.

Lotterywest Grants

Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forrestry Grants

Department of Environment & Heritage funding

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4.4 JUNIOR LANDCARE PUMPKIN CHALLENGE

Did you know that the average Australian basket of groceries has travelled over 70,000km in 'food miles' from the paddock to your plate?

Junior Landcare and Yates are challenging Aussie kids to get growing over summer and see who can grow the biggest pumpkin. Yates will be sending free pumpkin seeds to people who register for the challenge. Not only is this a fun outdoors activity for kids, families, schools and groups, but it is a great way to learn about sustainability, the environment and "food miles".

Go to www.juniorlandcarechallenge.com

5. STAFF FOCUS

Bethan Lloyd

Executive Officer

Australian Sandalwood Network Inc

I came to Western Australia from the UK twenty two years ago, having grown up in small country village in the Wye Valley on the Welsh borders. Toodyay and the Avon Valley evoke memories of my childhood haunts. I always wanted to return to live in and be part of a rural community and it was inevitable that I would become attached to Toodyay. This is why I have made my home here.

Looking after the land and experiencing the natural world gives me my greatest joy and interest.

For nine years I have lived within Toodyay and for seven of those have lived on a 14ha property on the Eastern side of the shire.

I am qualified in environmental management and worked as the Landcare Coordinator within the Shire for several years. At present I work part time as Executive Officer for the Australian Sandalwood Network (ASN) promoting Sandalwood as a commercial option and as a way of addressing some of the NRM issues in the wheatbelt. Through the ASN I have been working on the "Integrating Trees into Sustainable Agriculture" project with Wheat belt NRM and Avongro to achieve these aims.

I am a local councillor in the Shire of Toodyay which I find very interesting as local government is the closest level of government to the community and has the most effect on everyday lives..

Contact: Bethan Lloyd
Phone 9574 5882
Email: bethanlloyd_8@msn.com

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6. PUBLICATIONS

Mallee Code of Practice

Best Practice Fact

Sheet No. 1

The planting of a variety of mallee species provides the opportunity for a commercial tree crop to be established on farmland. In addition the use of a perennial crop such as oil mallees will help address the problems of rising watertables – the cause of the rapidly expanding salinity problem within the wheatbelt agricultural regions. The integration of mallees into farming systems, either in belts or as strategically located blocks, ensures maximum impact in reducing groundwater re-charge as well as providing a range of soil and nature conservation benefits.

Click here to download the publication:
http://www.avonnrm.org.au/reports_publications/treecrops/Oilmallee/OMAfactsheet1/file/at_download

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7. LINKS

Click here to view all our NRM and Funding links

Featured Link:

CO2 Australia

CO2 Australia is the country's largest provider of dedicated carbon sink plantings. They manage over 12,500 hectares of carbon plantings across New South Wales, Victoria and Western Australia. This equates to more than 18 million trees.

http://www.co2australia.com.au/

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Want to contribute?

Please forward any interesting facts about projects (even a couple of sentences will do), photos or events in your area via email to ckuiper@wheatbeltnrm.org.au or fax to 9690 2255.

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