



**Featuring in this edition**

- A gentle reminder of the available funding opportunities deadline
- Financial incentive for farmers & land managers
- Local events
- News and events across the nation

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**FUNDING –note the grants below aren't new, but this is just a gentle reminder**

**Junior Landcare Grants Program**

Information on the 2010 Junior Landcare Grants Program can be accessed at the Junior Landcare website [www.juniorlandcare.com.au](http://www.juniorlandcare.com.au). Through the Junior Landcare Grants Program, any school or organisation 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. **2010 Round 4 closing date: Friday 22nd October** (Yates - Please note there is NO COLES grants available this round).

**Small Grants for Small Rural Communities Program**

*Current Round*

A grants program for small rural Australian communities will offer about \$900,000 a year in grants to benefit people in rural and remote communities.

*What can be funded?*

Not-for-profit organisations can apply for projects and activities that offer clear public benefit for communities living in small rural and remote locations in Australia, contributing to their development in social and community welfare, economic, environmental, health, education or cultural areas.

Applications from communities with a population of 10,000 or less will receive priority. Grants will be made in amounts up to \$5,000. To be eligible, projects must be for a charitable purpose (benefit the whole community). Organisations should have an ABN or Incorporation Certificate. Organisations demonstrating community partnerships will be preferred to multiple applications from one community group.

Preference will be given to projects that support:

- Community Infrastructure
- Community Development involving Disadvantaged Children or Young People
- Resettlement of Immigrants in rural Australia
- Drought affected areas (Exceptional Circumstances Declared)

*How to Apply?*

Application can be made to Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal (FRRR) by post only and need to be posted no later than 5pm on the closing date 30 September, 2010. For more info use a free call 1800 170 020 or email [info@frrr.org.au](mailto:info@frrr.org.au)

## INCENTIVES - EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

### NACC Wind erosion incentives

Farmers in the Northern Agricultural Region are being encouraged to apply for wind erosion incentives to help ameliorate the effects of wind erosion in the region.

The incentives funded through the Australian Government's CFOC Program, will be offered on first come first served basis. Sites will be assessed against specific guidelines and criteria to ensure that on-ground works funded through the project deliver landscape-scale change and value for money.

Farmers and land managers undertaking on-ground works will also be offered 12 months membership to appropriate industry groups to enable them to access the latest technology and management information available. In addition to offering incentives, the project will also provide training and information dissemination opportunities to farmers and land managers involved in the project.

For more information regarding NACC's wind erosion incentives contact your local NRMO or phone NACC on 9938 0100.

### Changes to NACC sustainable Farming Incentives

In response to feedback from land managers and farmers in the region, NACC has made changes to the Sustainable Farming incentives and subsidies.

The oil mallee incentive will now be known as the NACC Tree Crop Incentive and will give more choice including broombrush/brushwood and sandalwood. There is potential for other trees to be added to the list. Incentives for fodder shrubs are now focused on saline pastures and include fencing to allow for regeneration, rather than just plantings of saltbush. The incentive maximum has been increased to \$8000. Exotic species will be excluded from strategic revegetation.

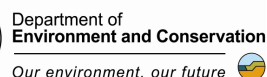
Tagasaste will now be available under the perennial pastures incentive, but saltbush won't be considered a perennial (however anyone who signed up to plant tagasaste as a fodder shrub can still do so).

NACC is still thinking about how best to manage Rhagodia and is thinking that it should remain available as a fodder shrub and a perennial. Give your local NRMO a call now. All their numbers are on the website [www.nacc.com.au](http://www.nacc.com.au)

### NACC rabbit control incentives

NACC is offering farmers incentives to assist in controlling rabbit populations, aiming to integrate best practice rabbit control including rabbit baiting, warren fumigation, warren ripping and rabbit-proof fencing. Incentives, funded via Caring for Our Country, will be offered in accordance to set guidelines and minimum site criteria to ensure significant outcomes are achieved. The NACC's rabbit control incentives are in specifically targeted areas, in line with the CFOC targets. The incentives only cover five key habitat areas in the region.

For more information [contact](#) NACC on 9938 0100.



## UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS

### Weeds of National Significance Workshop.

NACC and DAFWA are organising a Weeds of National Significance Workshop. The aim of the workshop is that participants will be able to identify Boneseed and Bridal Creeper (also Lantana) and know what the best eradication method is. Part of the workshop will be that participants will be able to upload their Weed data onto a National Weed database through a new “Weed Watcher” portal. NACC is offering incentives for the eradication of Boneseed.

**When:** 9<sup>th</sup> of September; 10.30 am to 2.30 pm (lunch provided)

**Where:** DAFWA Conference Room

**Who:** Hillary Cherry, National Boneseed Coordinator  
John Bruce, Research and GIS Officer, DAFWA

The workshop is open to the general public and is free of charge. **Please RSVP to Marieke Jansen on [marieke.jansen@nacc.com.au](mailto:marieke.jansen@nacc.com.au) or phone 9938 0108 by the 6<sup>th</sup> of September.**

### A series of Coastal Rehabilitation Workshop

NACC’s coastal management team, with support from Coastwest, WMG, MIG, Chapman Valley Shire and BCMI, will run a series of Coastal Rehabilitation Workshops at three locations in the NAR: Dongara, Geraldton and Cervantes. These workshops will be held on 13<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> September 2010 respectively. The workshops will be hosted by Dave Bright coastal rehabilitation expert. Topics to be covered include: site assessment; sourcing plants; correct provenance; planting; weed control; erosion control; and monitoring. The starting time will be 9:00am til 3:00pm.

For more information and to RSVP your interest, please contact Jess Leeson ph: 9928 1645 or email [jessica@mig.org.au](mailto:jessica@mig.org.au) (for Dongara workshop); Jim Gales ph: 9920 5011 or email: [landcare@chapmanvalley.wa.gov.au](mailto:landcare@chapmanvalley.wa.gov.au) (Geraldton); and Penny Keenan ph: 9651 4008 or email [penny@wmgroup.org.au](mailto:penny@wmgroup.org.au) (Cervantes).

### Coastal Conversations

Are you wondering how the opening of Indian Ocean Drive will affect the development of Jurien Bay?

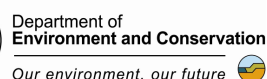
The West Midlands Group team with support from NACC, the Shire of Dandaragan and TIWEST is organising a coastal conversation to be held at the Dandaragan Shire Chambers in Jurien Bay on Tuesday September 14<sup>th</sup> 2010. This FREE event will commence at 7:00pm – 9:00pm.

Featuring in this event is **Professor Richard Weller** who will speak on the growing population and future urban design of this coastal region.

**RSVP is essential for catering purposes** by 7<sup>th</sup> September to West Midlands Group on 9651 4008 or email [penny@wmgroup.org.au](mailto:penny@wmgroup.org.au).

### Farming with perennial native grasses and fodder shrubs

DEC (Geraldton office) will run a workshop on farming with perennial native grasses and fodder shrubs. This workshop will be held at Coorow’s Maley Park Community Centre on Thursday 30 September 2010. It will commence with Lunch (which will be supplied at 12pm), then it will run from 1:00pm – 5.30pm, followed by a BBQ: 6.30-7.30. This workshop will be hosted by the Coorow LCDC.



### Agenda to be covered include:

- Perennial native grass species occurring in the Northern Agricultural Region. Their characteristics; and their identification;
- Where can perennial native grasses/fodder shrubs fit into the farming system;
- Why grazing management is important to developing and maintaining a native grass pasture and fodder shrubs;
- Why grazing management is important to developing a diverse pasture/fodder shrub base. And why this is good for soil management and stock health.

### Speakers:

- Margi Weir: your MC.
- Una Bell (Research Associate - WA Herbarium) - what perennial native grass species are in the Northern Agricultural Region (based on published records, and the previous two days of visiting known sites in the Coorow, Mingenew, Morawa, Perenjori area. The general characteristics of perennial native grasses; and their identification (broad groupings).
- Roy Butler (District Veterinary Officer - DAFWA, Merredin) - real life experience with native pastures and stock health;
- Don Nairn (Landholder - Binu) - real life experience with alternatives to traditional grazing regimes;
- Rod Butler (Landholder - Perenjori) - real life experience with native pastures and shrubs;
- Tanya Kilminster (Farming Systems Development Officer – DAFWA, Merredin) – first year evaluation of native fodder shrubs suited to low-medium rainfall farming systems; and
- CSIRO - diverse pastures, soil management and stock production;

For more information and to RSVP your interest, please call Gavan Mullan by Friday 10 September at 9921 5955, 0429 089 650, [gavan.mullan@dec.wa.gov.au](mailto:gavan.mullan@dec.wa.gov.au)

### Biochar & Biology Field Walk

The Mingenew-Irwin Group and the Department of Agriculture and Food are pleased to present Biochar and Biology field walk on Tuesday 7 September 2010. This field walk will start from the Hampton Arms in Greenough at 9:30am to conclude with dinner at Hampton Arm at 6:00pm. There is cost of \$20 for non members and \$10 for members.

The event will feature a number of speakers including: Paul Blackwell (DAFWA), Zacharia Solaiman (UWA), Carl Forward (farmer), Dale Park (WAFF), Greg Brennan (DAFWA), and Phil Bellamy (Trees Midwest).

In this event participants will visit a number of sites including:

- wheat trial site with biochar at Springy Creek in Irwin;
- Wheat experiment and Saligna trial with biochar in Moonyoonooka;
- Demonstration of biochar kiln microscope view of biochar and soil biology.

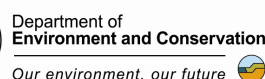
**RSVP is essential for catering purposes**, please contact Jane Bradley at the MIG by Friday 3rd Sept 2010 on 9928 1645; 0427 281 007 or [jane@mig.org.au](mailto:jane@mig.org.au).

### Pasture Cropping Workshop

The Mingenew-Irwin Group and the Advanced Pasture Cropping will run a Pasture Cropping Workshop at Port Denison Volunteer Sea Rescue, Port Denison on 22-23 September 2010. This Farm Ready Approved course will be delivered at a charge of \$770 per person (GST included).

In this practical, down to earth and enjoyable course, participants gain a thorough understanding of the principles and practical application of both Pasture Cropping and No Kill Cropping.

- Principles and foundations of pasture cropping and No Kill Cropping:
  - Grassland function
  - Grazing management and how to profit more from grazing



- Improving soil health on your farm
- Implementation of the techniques
  - Techniques and machinery, including choosing the right machinery and saving on purchase costs
  - Agronomy and reducing chemical bills
  - Research – breakthroughs to improve your livelihood
  - How to make it work on your place
- Environmental Implications of the techniques.

**RSVP is essential for catering by Friday 10 September 2010.** Contact Jane Bradley at the MIG at 9928 1645; 0427 281 007 or [jane@mig.org.au](mailto:jane@mig.org.au)

### West Midlands Group Pasture & Livestock Field Walk

The West Midlands Group will run Pasture & Livestock Field Walk in this Spring Season on Friday 10 Sept 2010 starting at 8:30am to 1:30pm. The Bus will be leaving from Badgingarra Community Centre. It will be FREE for full members, but non-members will incur a cost of \$20 per person to cover for transport, food and refreshments and event info pack.

The areas to be covered in this tour include:

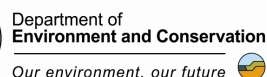
- Soil Amelioration Pasture Trial;
- Enrich Fodder Shrub Trial with CSIRO experts;
- DAFWA Serradella Trial at Tom and Sue Alston's property;
- CSBP Pasture trial at John Murray's;
- West Midlands Ewe trial at Ron Wilkinson's property; plus
- Pricing, Pest and Disease update from DAFWA and Agribusiness experts

**RSVP essential by the 7<sup>th</sup> Sept to WMG on 9651 4008**

### West Midlands Group AGM

West Midlands Group will be having their AGM (prior to their Spring Field Day) on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Sept in Badgingarra Community Centre commencing at 8:15am. They're currently calling for nominations for the WMG Board. Four positions will be voted upon at the AGM. If you have any questions about the Board or are interested in nominating please contact West Midlands Group's office at 9651 4008.

Items for General Business must be submitted in writing to the Executive Officer by close of business on Friday 10th September. No General Business items will be accepted on the day.



## Spring Field Days (SFD)

### Morawa Farm Improvement Group SFD

**Date:** Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> Sept  
**Location or site:** Morawa  
**Contact:** Damien Ryan on 9971 6014,  
jdwryan@bigpond.com.au

### Mingenew SFD

**Date:** Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept  
**Field day site:** Rob Campbell's property, Midlands Road  
**Contact:** Kathryn Fleay on 9928 1506

### Liebe Groups SFD

**Date:** Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> Sept  
**Field day site:** Nankivell's property, 15 kn along maya East Road  
**Contact:** Flora at Liebe Group office on 9664 2030

### West Midlands Group SFD

**Date:** Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Sept  
**Field day site:** Starts at Badgingarra Communiy Centre  
**Contact:** WMG on 9651 4008

### Moora Miling Pasture Improvement Group SFD

**Date:** Wednesday, 22 Sept  
**Location:** Moora/Miling  
**Contact:** Rachel Walmsley, 9653 1355, mcc.nrmo@bigpond.com

## CROSS REGIONAL EVENTS

### Grower Group Alliance (GGA) North and South Tours

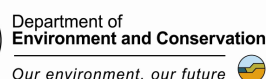
- Are you a landholder in NAR?
- Would you like to see some of the latest innovations across the State and gain new ideas for your business with other grower group members?

The GGA has organised intrastate tours for you. Two tours, one each to the northern and southern agricultural regions, will be fully funded by the GGA, with participants only needing to travel to Perth and pay for field day entry costs, meals and drinks.

The northern tour will commence from 31<sup>st</sup> Aug to 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept. It will include the Morawa Farm Improvement Group and Mingenev Irwin Group Spring Field Days, a pasture cropping site, saltbush rehabilitation site, a look at biochar research and finishes with a Geradlton port tour.

The Southern tour, from 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> Sept and will include RAIN and EDRS Spring field Days, the Intergrain site at Holt Rock, an Esperance port tour and finishes with a farm visit.

Please take advantage of this great deal with Megan Meates, Phone: (08) 6488 3410, Email: [megan.meates@uwa.edu.au](mailto:megan.meates@uwa.edu.au) as soon as possible as places are limited.



## INTERESTING NATIONAL EVENTS & NEWS

### Building a Landcare Archive- a call for landcare knowledge

The National Landcare Facilitator (NLF) and Landcare Australia Limited (LAL) are seeking the help of landcarers from around the country to help collect the knowledge that has been built by Landcare and related groups across the country since the inception of Landcare nationally nearly 21 years ago.

Landcare and related groups have built an enormous body of knowledge, much of this is contained in various books, reports, guides and fact sheets across a diverse range of topics and regions - it is this material that the Landcare Knowledge Archive is being built for. However, much of this material only exists in hard copy and is often not accessible electronically in one place by groups or individuals looking to access the knowledge built by Landcare and related groups over the last two decades.

The aim of the Landcare Knowledge Archive is simple - to electronically record existing knowledge from the Landcare movement and make it publicly accessible in a central on-line location and build on this in the future. When complete, people will be able to search the Landcare Knowledge Archive for publications produced in a particular region or on a particular topic.

Landcare related groups (i.e. Landcare, Coastcare, Bushcare, farming and indigenous etc) are being urged to email a PDF copy of any relevant publication that they have produced over the last two decades which represents key knowledge which they would like stored in the archive to assist current and future generations of landcarers. The material must be submitted by the group/individual responsible for its production and they must be willing to have it publicly accessible through the Landcare Knowledge Archive hosted on the Landcare Australia web site in PDF format. PDF copies of material can be submitted to the National Landcare Facilitator at [landcarearchive@nrm.gov.au](mailto:landcarearchive@nrm.gov.au) with an email which gives approval of the author/responsible entity for it to be made available to the public via the LAL website.

For more information contact the National Landcare Facilitator Brett de Hayr on [brett.dehayr@nrm.gov.au](mailto:brett.dehayr@nrm.gov.au).

### Bringing landcare groups and volunteers together- National Landcare Directory

The Landcare Australia limited has built a new directory so that it is easier for groups to use. It will also capture the various project types that groups are working on all over Australia. You are encouraged to register if your group is involved in volunteer community environment projects including: landcare, coastcare, sustainable farming, friends of groups, bushcare, rivercare, Junior Landcare (e.g. schools, scouts and other youth groups).

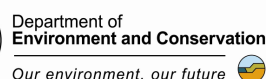
For a limited time, Landcare Australia will offer 20 x \$1,000 grants to groups who register by September 6th - the first day of Landcare Week. The winning grant recipients will be selected at random from the database and announced on [landcareonline.com.au](http://landcareonline.com.au). For more info contact 02 94121040 or [landcareaustralia.com.au@mcsv77.net](mailto:landcareaustralia.com.au@mcsv77.net)

### Landcare Week 6th-13th September 2010 - Everyone, everywhere, landcare

Landcare Australia is encouraging everyone to become a citizen scientist during Landcare Week. Every Australian can participate in this Landcare Week activity. You'll be helping scientists find out what seasonal variations are occurring in Australia and this will help Landcare volunteers better care for our environment. Become a Landcare volunteer today and join Landcare groups celebrate Landcare Week. Register online to participate in a citizen science program today [www.landcareonline.com.au](http://www.landcareonline.com.au)

### 8th National Conference - Planning conservation to achieving restoration

The Australian Network for Plant Conservation is inviting everyone involved in conserving Australia's unique flora and native vegetation to their 8<sup>th</sup> National conference to be held in Perth (Technology Park Precinct located in Dick Perry Ave, Kensington) on 28 September to 1 October 2010.h



The aim of the conference is to provide updates on the latest, most relevant information, and opportunities to link up with other people working to conserve our native flora.

There will be one-day field trips during the conference and a three-day field trip after the conference. This will give you a chance to be guided by experts through one of the world's richest and most diverse floras in the international biodiversity hotspot of South-West Australia.

Further information can be found on the ANPC website: <http://www.anpc.asn.au/conferences/2010> or contact the ANPC office: 02 6250 9509.

## **JOB OPPORTUNITY**

**The Northern Agricultural Catchments Council is currently seeking Biodiversity Project Coordinator**

Location: **Geraldton**

Salary: **\$55,913-\$77,405** dependent on skills and experience

NACC is a not-for profit organisation delivering Natural Resource Management programs across the Northern Agriculture Region – extending from Gingin to Kalbarri and into the Wheatbelt as far as the Shires of Perenjori and Dalwallinu.

The Coordinator will be responsible for the planning, delivery, monitoring and management of NACC's biodiversity projects with emphasis on Weeds of National Significance and Threatened Species.

The successful applicant will ideally have knowledge and have experience in:

- Coordinating, managing and delivering NRM projects
- Monitoring of projects
- Strong communication skills
- Developing partnerships with community and/or government and scientific agencies
- Publicity and promotion of projects
- Relevant qualifications and training in biodiversity and its aspects

This is a fantastic job opportunity to join a dedicated and supportive team delivering real outcomes in protecting the environment and achieving sustainability in the region.

**Applications close 9am Monday September 6, 2010**

**Further Information:** For more information or complete job description email Marieke Jansen on [marieke.jansen@nacc.com.au](mailto:marieke.jansen@nacc.com.au) or phone 9938 0108.