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Coastwest Funding Announced

In the recently announced first round of successful Coastwest funding for 2011, the metropolitan coastal region has received nine projects to the value of nearly \$230,000.

Projects targeting coastal rehabilitation, erosion control, invasive species management and biodiversity restoration will be undertaken in the local government areas of Cockburn, Mosman Park, Cottesloe, Cambridge, Stirling, Joondalup and Wanneroo.

At Coogee Beach in Cockburn, dune rehabilitation will be carried out in addition to the installation of bandicoot refuge sites and an osprey nesting pole, which will be monitored by community volunteers and will encourage native fauna to the area.

In Cottesloe, significant improvements will be made to a high profile location at Cottesloe Main Beach, with new timber staircases, fencing and planting of local provenance coastal vegetation.

Within Stirling, targeted weed eradication will occur as a result of a previous Coastwest-funded invasive species mapping project, and will result in long term biodiversity improvement to the area.

Through the metropolitan Coastcare Officers, Perth Region NRM will partner with the volunteer coastcare groups and local governments to implement these projects.

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Launch of Table Grape Irrigation Booklet

Waterwise on the Farm launched the publication "Irrigation Management for Table Grapes in a Drying Environment", to thirty-three table grape growers in the Swan Valley on the 21st June 2011.

David Gibb, Waterwise on the Farm Coordinator, said "Information in this booklet focuses on maximising water use efficiency through necessary irrigation management techniques and improving vineyard management practices".

"A range of practices are used in the vineyard to conserve and manage water resources efficiently and sustainably which will ultimately improve the profitability of the vineyard" David said.

Some of the major topics in the publication include:

- soil water relationships,
- managing vine growth, yield and fruit quality with irrigation,
- maximising water use efficiency in vineyards,
- irrigation system design and maintenance,
- water quality, and
- improving management practices in the vineyard.

This booklet can be used as a guide to support your irrigation management decisions in the vineyard. Irrigation Management for Table Grapes in a Drying Environment is an accompaniment to another publication titled Water Management for Wine Grapes in a Drying Environment. These publications were produced by the Wine Industry Association of WA and Perth Region NRM through funding from GWRDC and Department of Water's Recycling and Efficiency branch.

Both booklets can be found on the Perth Region NRM website under [Waterwise Downloads](#).

The production of this booklet was made possible with funding from the Australian Governments Caring for our Country program and delivered through Perth Region NRM's Waterwise on the Farm Program. Special thanks go to AHA Viticulture for writing this booklet.

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NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC stands for National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Day of Observance Committee. The acronym for this Committee “NAIDOC” has now become commonly known as a week-long Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural festival celebrated annually in the first full week of July. The festival has a long history, stemming back to a human rights movement for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders people in the 1920s. NAIDOC however was not officially started as a Committee until 1957.

The 2011 National NAIDOC theme is 'Change – the next step is ours'. The theme is about taking responsibility for our future. To control the change we need to plan and take action to make it happen.

For more information and a list of events happening in your Local Government Area, please visit www.naidocperth.org.

The Aboriginal Flag:



The Aboriginal flag was recognised under Federal legislation, as was the Torres Strait Islanders' flag, in July 1995. The Aboriginal flag was first displayed on 12th July 1971, National Aborigines' Day, at Victoria Square in Adelaide. It was also used at the 'Tent Embassy' in Canberra in 1972.

Designed by Indigenous Elder Harold Thomas in 1971, this flag symbolises Aboriginal identity. Yellow represents the sun (giver of life) and yellow ochre. Red represents the red earth (the relationship to the land) and the red ochre used in ceremonies. Black represents

the Aboriginal people.

The flag is flown or displayed permanently at Aboriginal centres throughout Australia. It is popularly recognised as the flag of the aboriginal peoples of Australia and should only be flown by other Australians when permission has been granted. (Australian National Flag Association).

The Torres Strait Islander Flag:



The flag, designed by Islander Mr Bernard Namok, was adopted in 1992. Green represents the islands, blue the sea and black the local Melanesian people. A stylised dancer's head-dress known as a DARI and a five pointed star appear on the flag. The star alludes to the five main island zones and is sometimes interpreted as a symbol of the "Coming of the Light" - Christianity. (Australian National Flag Association).

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The Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act

Jol Taber, Environmental Liaison Officer for the National Farmers' Federation, recently visited Perth Region NRM to deliver a presentation on the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act.

Jol has made his presentation documents available and we have loaded them onto the [Perth Region NRM website](#). He has also provided a number of useful links;

EPBC;
<http://www.environment.gov.au/epbc/index.html>

ERT reporting link;
<http://www.environment.gov.au/epbc/pmst/index.html>

SPRAT profiles link;
<http://www.environment.gov.au/cgi-bin/sprat/public/sprat.pl>

Significant Impact Guidelines 1.1:

Matters of National Environmental Significance

<http://www.environment.gov.au/epbc/publications/nes-guidelines.html>

Should you be interested in receiving more information from Jol please contact Perth Region NRM.

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Coastwest Grants Open

Coastwest Grants provide funding for projects that improve the condition and amenity of Western Australia's coasts and are available to partnerships of community groups and coastal managers.

Applications open Monday, 4 July and close Thursday, 29 September. Funding of \$1.3 million is available.

The 2012 Coastwest Grants are funded through a partnership between the Western Australian Planning Commission and the Australian Government's Caring for our Country.

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Biosecurity Online Training (BOLT)

Plant Health Australia has developed an e-learning module on a new online interface they call Biosecurity Online Training (BOLT). This module provides an overview of the biosecurity system, together with the response arrangement in place if a new pest is detected. The module can be completed in as little as 20 minutes.

Access to BOLT is free and available to anyone with an interest in biosecurity. First time users should read the joining instructions for assistance.

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Biodiversity and People Symposium

Biodiversity sustains and inspires, and is intrinsically valuable and crucial to human wellbeing. Accordingly the Curtin Institute for Biodiversity and Climate (CIBC) has organised a free all-day event to celebrate Biodiversity and People on the 7th July in the Council Chamber and Foyer at Bentley Campus, Perth.

To find out more about this event or register please email:
CIBC@curtin.edu.au.

Research Prize for Citizen Science

To celebrate Earthwatch's 40 years of global scientific outreach, Earthwatch Australia and Rio Tinto are proud to announce the 2011 Earthwatch-Rio Tinto Prize for Citizen Science.

The \$25,000 cash prize will recognise an individual or group, whose outstanding environmental research directly involves, educates and inspires the Australian community.

To download an application form go to:
<http://www.earthwatch.org.au> or email Chris Gillies at:
cgillies@earthwatch.org.au

Applications close July 11, 2011, with the winner to be announced at the Earthwatch 40th Anniversary Oceania Gala at Crown Palladium, Melbourne on August 10th. APPLY NOW!

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Media Statements of Interest

FarmReady grants to re-open, will include Agritourism and Food Tourism - [Click here for more information](#)

Kings Park becomes home to 40,000 new native trees -
<http://www.mediastatements.wa.gov.au/Pages/Results.aspx?ItemID=141789>

Coastwest grants awarded to coastal projects State-wide -
<http://www.mediastatements.wa.gov.au/Pages/Results.aspx?ItemID=141894>

Resources help schools become waste wise -
<http://www.mediastatements.wa.gov.au/Pages/Results.aspx?ItemID=141694>

New members appointed to waste authority -
<http://www.mediastatements.wa.gov.au/Pages/Results.aspx?ItemID=141559>

Farm leaders discuss skills shortages -

<http://www.abc.net.au/rural/news/content/201106/s3250344.htm>

Minister congratulates agencies on wildlife smuggling bust -

<http://www.mediastatements.wa.gov.au/Pages/Results.aspx?ItemID=141943>

WA welcomes Ningaloo Coast's World Heritage listing -

<http://www.mediastatements.wa.gov.au/Pages/Results.aspx?ItemID=141788>

Work starts on drain transformation project -

<http://www.mediastatements.wa.gov.au/Pages/Results.aspx?ItemID=142106>

Climate Adaptation Research Grants announced -

<http://www.nccarf.edu.au/node/676/>

Nominations open for 2012 Coastwest grants -

<http://www.mediastatements.wa.gov.au/Pages/Results.aspx?ItemID=142091>

Rezoning of land at Fremantle Port to bring economic, social and environmental benefits -

<http://www.mediastatements.wa.gov.au/Pages/Results.aspx?ItemID=141679>

Events in the Perth Region

Perth Region NRM are keen to help you find out about relevant and interesting events, training and workshops happening in our region.

If you have an event coming soon please email us details at enquiries@perthregionnrm.com so we can include it on our website and in our new newsletter.

To find more details about a listed event please click on the hyperlinks provided.

Topic	Venue	Date and Time	Host
Biodiversity and People Symposium	Council Chambers, Bentley Campus, Curtin University	Thursday 7th July, 2011.	Curtin Institute for Biodiversity and Climate (CIBC)
Bird Watching	The Chittering Area	Saturday 8th July, 2011	Chittering Landcare Centre
Planting Day - Friends of Lake Claremont	Lake Claremont	Sunday 10th July, 2011, 9:00-11:00am	Friends of Lake Claremont
Canning Work Day	Access via Bridgeway Ave, Grace & Nields Sts; park along Colahan Way	Saturday 16th July, 2011. 9:00am start. Brush cutting and raking.	Canning River Regional Park Volunteers
Canning Meeting	Canning River Eco-Education Centre	Wednesday 20th July, 2011.	Canning River Regional Park

		7:30pm start.	Volunteers
DIG 2011 - Have your say	Murdoch University, Kim Beazley Lecture Theatre.	Friday 22nd July, 2011	Dieback Working Group
Bushland Plant Survey Techniques Workshop	DEC Woodvale Research Centre Wildlife Place, Woodvale.	Saturday 23rd July, 2011. 10:00am-3:00pm. Numbers limited to 25.	Wildflower Society of WA
6th World Environmental Education Conference	Brisbane, Australia	Tuesday 19th - Saturday 23rd July 2011	
Irrigation Efficiency – Principles to Practice workshop (Short Course for Small Landholders)	Chittering Landcare Centre, 175 Old Gingin Road, Muchea	Saturday 13th August 2011. 9am – 12noon.	Perth Region NRM
Canning Work Day	Access from the end of Eastfield Court in Ferndale; park here & walk down to the Billabong.	Saturday 13th August, 2011. 9:00am start.	Canning River Regional Park Volunteers
Bird Watching	The Chittering Area	Saturday 13th August, 2011	Chittering Landcare Centre
Canning Meeting	Canning River Eco-Education Centre	Wednesday 17th August, 2011. 7:30pm start.	Canning River Regional Park Volunteers
ECMP Community Workshop	Shire of Mundaring; 7000 Great Eastern Highway, Mundaring	Thursday 18th August 2011 10:00AM – 12:30PM. Includes light refreshments and great networking opportunities with like-minded groups. RSVP essential.	Perth Region NRM
Sound of Science	Canning River Eco-Education Centre	Sunday 21st August, 2011. 10:00am-3:00pm.	Canning River Regional Park Volunteers
State NRM Conference	Perth Exhibition and Convention Centre	23rd-25th August 2011	Perth Region NRM, WALIS, ISDE
Frogs, Feathered & Furry Friends	Chittering Landcare Centre	Saturday 27th August 2011. 9:00am-1:30pm. RSVP required by 24th August 2011. Morning tea and light lunch provided.	Chittering Landcare Centre
Irrigation Efficiency – Principles to Practice workshop (Short Course for Small Landholders)	Chittering Landcare Centre, 175 Old Gingin Road, Muchea	Tuesday 30th August 2011. 6pm – 9pm	Perth Region NRM
Threatened Species Day - Education Event	Whiteman Park	Wednesday 7th September, 10:00am - 2:00pm	Whiteman Park
Birds, Wildflowers & Weeds	Blackboy Ridge on Chittering Road	Saturday 10th September 2011. 7:30am-2:00pm. RSVP required by 7th September 2011. BBQ lunch Provided.	Chittering Landcare Centre
Bird Watching	The Chittering Area	Saturday 10th September, 2011	Chittering Landcare Centre
Wrestle the Reaper - Dieback Treatment	Bush Skills for the Hills	Saturday 17th September, 9:00am-12:00pm	EMRC & Others
		Saturday 24th	

Chemical Free Weed Control Workshop	Bush Skills for the Hills	September, 9:00am-12:30pm followed by lunch at winery	EMRC & Others
Pasture Perfect: Part II	Chittering Landcare Centre	Saturday 24th September, 9:00am-1:30pm. RSVP required by 21st September. Morning tea and light lunch provided.	Chittering Landcare Centre
5th World Congress of Conservation Agriculture	Brisbane, Australia	26th-29th September 2011	GRDC and ACIAR
Advanced Masterclass in Australian Groundwater	Perth	Monday, 26th-30th September	Sustainable Resources Industry Training
First Time Fencing	Chittering Landcare Centre	Saturday 8th October 2011, 9:00am-12:00pm. RSVP required by 5th October. Sausage Sizzle Provided.	Chittering Landcare Centre
Rapid Bushland Assessment	Bush Skills for the Hills	Saturday 15th October, 9:00am-12:00pm	EMRC & Others
Bird Watching	The Chittering Area	Saturday 22nd October, 2011	Chittering Landcare Centre
Biological Bulldozer	Burley Park, Cnr Smith & Chittering Rd, Bullsbrook	Saturday 5th November 2011, 9:00am-12:00pm. RSVP required by 2nd November 2011. Morning Tea provided.	Chittering Landcare Centre
Be Smart with Seed - Native seed Collection Shortcourse	Bush Skills for the Hills	Wednesday 23rd November, Saturday 26th November, Wednesday 7th December	EMRC & Others
Free Information Seminar - design a more energy efficient and sustainable new home	Murdoch University	Anytime	Solaraspects
Bird Watching	The Chittering Area	Saturday 12th November, 2011	Chittering Landcare Centre
Bird Watching	The Chittering Area	Saturday 10th December, 2011	Chittering Landcare Centre

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