



Your guide to local events & information

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Events

*MIG Spring Field Day

Thursday, 2 September, Rob Campbell's property, Midlands Road

The MIG Spring Field Day 2010 is promising to be an information-packed event, with something for everyone. Please note the date in your diaries and we look forward to seeing you there.

Further information: Kathryn Fleay on 9928 1506

Biochar and Biology Field Walk

Tuesday, 7 September, 9.30 am at the Hampton Arms, Greenough

This field walk will visit the Wheat Trial with Biochar at Springy Creek, Irwin, the Wheat Experiment (with lysimeters) and Saligna Trial with Biochar at Moonyoonooka, and finish with a demonstration of a biochar kiln and microscope viewing of biochar and soil biology (mycorrhizal fungi). Participants are welcome to stay for dinner at the Hampton Arms at the completion of the tour.

Further information: [Click here ...](#) RSVP for catering to Jane Bradley on 9928 1645

GGA Tour – South

13-16 September

Want to check out the latest research in a different part of the state? Gain ideas for your group or business? Meet farmers outside your region? Then come on tour with the GGA! Two tours, one of the northern agricultural region and the other of the southern, are being planned to enable grower group representatives to learn new information to take back to their groups and network with industry and grower groups beyond their area.

The tours 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.

Tour of the South will include RAIN Spring Field Day, EDRS Spring Field Day, Intergrain site at Holt Rock, Esperance Port tour, Farm visit.

Further information: Please register your interest with Megan megan.meates@uwa.edu.au ASAP as places are limited. Go on, see what's on the other side!

Stress Free Stockmanship Workshop

20, 21 & 24 September, Craig Forsyth's property "Avoca", Milo Road, Irwin

A course that covers the theory, principles and practical exercises in low stress stock handling. There is an emphasis on practical results that can make a difference to your livestock operation. FarmReady approved.

Further information: [Click here](#) for the flyer, [Click here](#) for a course overview, [Click here](#) for the registration form. RSVP to Jane Bradley on 9928 1645

WANTFA Spring Field Day

22 September, Cunderdin

Further information: [Click here](#) for more information, [Click here](#) for registration form

Pasture Cropping/No Kill Cropping Workshop

22 & 23 September, MIG Office, Mingenev

Pasture Cropping and No Kill Cropping are land management systems that involve the planting of an annual grain or oilseed crop into an existing perennial pasture (native or introduced). The systems mimic the natural functionality of grasslands, with the crop and grasses complementing each other.

Both systems provide opportunities for low risk cropping whilst maintaining and enhancing perennial pastures for grazing livestock. FarmReady approved.

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Information

WA Pilot for Drought Reform

Funding available to farmers

The WA Government, in partnership with the Australian Government, is conducting a pilot program of drought reform measures in part of Western Australia. Farmers can access funding through this scheme to help prepare their farm businesses for the challenges that lie ahead.

MIG is seeking expressions of interest from farmers who would benefit from participating in this program. We would need a minimum of 10 farming businesses (and a maximum of 15) to be able to nominate a group from the Mingenew-Irwin Group area.

Further information: Contact Jane Bradley on 9928 1645 if you are interested. Visit www.agric.wa.gov.au/PC_94005.html?s=507784654

DAFWA AgTactics Newsletter

Available on-line

The AgTactics team meet each week to discuss the topical issues around the region, with agribusiness input. The AgTactics newsletter is available weekly or fortnightly on the DAFWA website. Go to http://www.agric.wa.gov.au/PC_90642.html for the most up-to-date edition.

Further information: Naomi Simpson, Development Officer, 9956 8542

Caring for Our Country Funding Available

Community Action Grants applications due by 31 August 2010

Ministers Peter Garrett and Tony Burke have announced the launch of the 2010-11 Caring for our Country Community Action Grants round which will provide up to \$8 million to help community groups protect the environment and support sustainable farming through its 2010-11 Caring for our Country Community Action Grants program.

Further information: [Click here](#), or call the MIG office on 9928 1645

NACC Incentives

Oil mallee seedlings available at 5 cents per stem – must be planted this month!

Interested in planting perennial grasses, tree crops (including oil mallees, broombush & sandalwood), fodder shrubs, or strategic revegetation (primarily as wind breaks)? If so, please fill out an **EOI form** and return it to MIG. Funding is on a first in first served basis. Please note that there are criteria that need to be met.

Further information: Jen Bairstow (08) 9928 1646 or Tegan Winterbottom (08) 9928 1658

GRDC's "The Way We Were"

MIG is encouraging members to enter the GRDC's **The Way We Were** competition, a national search for grower accounts of grain industry progress over the past 20 years, particularly because of research and development. By sharing your thoughts, you could win an overseas tour to leading research facilities in Syria, Russia, Mexico and the USA.

Kathryn Fleay is happy to help anyone who would like to enter with their entries.

Further information: [Click here](#) or call Fleur Jacobs/Charlie Carter, Porter Novelli on 03 9289 9555

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