

MIG LINKS



Your guide to local and regional events & information

* New item this issue

February 23, 2009

Event	Where	When	Details
THIS WEEK * Office Procedures Workshop	Mingenew Rec Centre	February 25, 2009	Learn about... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office Design • Essential Office Equipment • Sorting The Mail • Staff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Filing Systems • Farm Meetings • Physical Farm Records • Plus more This workshop is subsidised by Partners in Grain and is designed for anyone who spends time in the office i.e. the blokes too! Further Information: Rachel Bagshaw (08) 9928 1645
* MIG Committee Meeting	MIG Office	February 25 4-6 PM	This is the February Management Committee Meeting – also including election of office bearers. Further Information: Rachel Bagshaw (08) 9928 1645
* MLA More Beef from Pastures	Dandaragan Rec Club	February 26	A half day all about calving, heifer management and managing dystocia. Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Economic impact</i> • <i>Heifer nutrition</i> • <i>Calving management</i> • <i>Dystocia</i> • <i>Weaner throughput</i> Understand the principals of <i>More Beef from Pastures</i> , that will give your cows and heifers the best chance; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>for a trouble free calving</i> • <i>of conceiving next joining</i> • <i>to increase your profit</i> \$20 per farm business. Further Information: Sara at DAFWA Esperance, (08) 9083 1111
* Pasture to Pocket - Grazing Management Courses	Kalbarri Three Springs	February 23-25 February 26-28	NACC will run two Pasture to Pocket grazing management courses in February 2009. The Pasture to Pocket course combines grazing and ecological principles and an introduction to sustainable grazing land management, while equipping landholders with the tools to begin a change process for the individual enterprise. The course comprises two days in-room training, followed by a half day field trip on the final day. This course will benefit landholders who have previously or are currently establishing perennial pastures in the NAR. Farm Training WA and NACC subsidies will be available for 75% of the cost of the course. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kalbarri, Monday 23 Feb -Wednesday 25 Feb (finishing lunchtime) RSVP or more info Jane Bradley 9964 9774, 0428 649 775 or ipm@nacc.com.au • Three Springs, Thursday, 26 Feb – Saturday, 28 Feb (finishing lunchtime) RSVP or more info Katherine Johnston 9653 1266, 0419 091 834 or tipo2@nacc.com.au
Crop Updates * Document Attached	Port Denison Sea Rescue Building	March 5	A great line up of speakers has been organised. The Minister for Agriculture, Mr Terry Redman and 2008 Nuffield Scholar and Three Rivers Station Manager, Ben Forsyth to name just two. See the program attached for further information. RSVPs are now required by February 27 for catering purposes. Further Information: Kathryn Fleay (08) 9928 1506

* Pastures for Profit	Port Denison Sea Rescue Building	March 19	<p>Keynote speakers: Dr Christine Jones Soil Scientist, <i>NSW</i> "Carbon for many reasons" Dr Rod Manning <i>Vet & Grower</i>, <i>VIC</i> "Taking control of your farm business" Dr John Evans <i>Seed Researcher</i>, <i>VIC</i> "Tomorrow's temperate & tropical pastures today" Other topics: "Photosensitivity: a case study" "Profit from livestock with perennials" "Strategic nutrition for established pastures" Further Information: Evergreen Farming (08) 9475 0753</p>
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* Predicata B Tests for MIG Members	<p>Did your crops underperform or show symptoms of root disease last year? Root diseases can cause significant yield loss in crops. Fortunately they can be easily controlled with rotations and resistant varieties.</p> <p>The best way to identify if your soil is carrying pathogens is to conduct a Predicta B Root Disease Test. The test is used to determine the amount of disease inoculum in the soil and identify the paddocks that are most at risk prior to sowing.</p> <p>MIG and Syngenta are offering 25 members a free Predicta B Test, so if you are interested in having one done, contact Kathryn ASAP.</p> <p>Further Information: Kathryn Fleay (08) 9928 1506</p>
* MIG Ute – For Sale	<p>4x4 Holden Rodeo dual cab ute. All standard features including air con and electric windows. Includes tow bar, tray liner, tonneau cover, alloy roo bar and 10 months registration. Excellent condition.</p> <p>Further Information: Rachel Bagshaw (08) 9928 1645</p>
* Incentives...Rivers	<p>We have secured more funding for NACC Rivercare Incentives so those landholders who wish to protect or rehabilitate rivers/creeks in the NAR can still do so. It covers rivers and tributaries in the Arrowsmith, Irwin and Greenough catchments.</p> <p>EOI forms and fact sheets are available from MIG. Funding is limited so don't wait.</p> <p>Further Information: Sarah Knight (08) 9928 1646</p>
* Fox Baiting * <i>Document Attached</i>	<p>Following on from a hugely successful fox shoot on Saturday night (a whopping 198 foxes taken care of); baiting is encouraged to continue the battle. Forms attached.</p> <p>Further Information: Sarah Knight (08) 9928 1646</p>
Incentives...Wetlands	<p>NACC Wetland Incentives are now available. Offering up to \$4000/km for fencing plus funding for alternative watering points and stock crossings, weed management, revegetation and site stabilisation.</p> <p>If you are interested please contact Sarah to receive the EOI form. Funding is limited so don't wait.</p> <p>Further Information: Sarah Knight (08) 9928 1646</p>
Incentives...Oil Mallees	<p>NACC Eastern Oil Mallees Incentive is now available. Minimum planting size is 10ha in rainfall areas that average less than 400mm annually. Oil mallees can help control recharge, reduce wind erosion; provide crop and livestock shelter and nature conservation areas, the provision of commercial products, and the development of more sustainable farming systems.</p> <p>If you are interested in planting oil mallees on your farm, call Sarah for an expression of interest form.</p> <p>Further Information: Sarah Knight (08) 9928 1646</p>
Hosting Trials in 2009	<p>Members interested in hosting a wheat, barley, lupin or canola variety demonstration in 2009 are encouraged to contact Kathryn Fleay to register interest and find out more information.</p> <p>There are a number of good new varieties available in 2009. Put your name on the list to have on your property.</p> <p>Further Information: Kathryn Fleay (08) 9928 1506 or k.fleay@westnet.com.au</p>

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