



*Your guide to local events & information*

\* *New item or events occurring [this week](#)*

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## Events

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### **\*Free Cattle Seminar**

**Wednesday, 15 April 2010 – Bookara**

The seminar will be focussing on backgrounding cattle in the NAR and improving the flow of cattle between the pastoral country and the NAR.

Speakers include Matt Carrick (Bos Vet Service), Tony Gray (DAFWA), Craig Forsyth (MIG), Sean D'arcy (Gascoyne Catchments Group) and Steve Meerwald (Wellard Rural Exports)

**Further information: Jane Bradley (08) 9928 1645 or 0427 281 007 [Click here](#)**

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### **\*NACC Landcare Field Walk – April 1**

**Eradu, Pindar and Irwin**

Join a tour of local innovative farmers who have successfully adopted sustainable agricultural practices in the Northern Agricultural Region including oil mallees, cell grazing, biodiversity plantings, broom bush and sub-tropical perennial pastures. Places limited.

Speakers include Yvonne Marsden, Mike Kerkmans, Craig Forsyth.

**Further information: Stanley Yokwe, NACC (08) 9964 9774 or 0434 583 710 [Click here ...](#)**

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### **Saltland Pastures Training – April 8**

**Mingenew, All Day**

Learn how to use your saltland areas more effectively.

Speakers Mike Clarke and Russel Speed (DAFWA) and Dr Hayley Norman (CSIRO).

A mix of workshop and field visits. Places limited.

**Further information: Sarah Knight (08) 9928 1646**

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### **Northern Agri Group Autumn Field Day – April 14**

**Binnu and surrounds**

Morning session will include site visits to look at composting and microbial soil treatments, NAG trial site and trial of surfactants for non-wetting soils.

Afternoon session will have speakers from DAFWA, Carbon Conscious, The Grain Pool and Great Northern Rural Services.

**Further information: Jim Wedge 0427 512 052 or Carol Ford 9933 1045 or [Click here ...](#)**

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## Information

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### **NACC Wind Erosion Devolved Grants**

**Funding available up to \$10,000**

Grants of up to \$10,000 are available for farmers or community groups to help combat wind erosion. This can include workshops/training as well as on ground works or trials. Grants close Friday, May 7. [Click here ...](#)

**Further information: Margi Weir, Wind Erosion Co-ordinator on 0448 939 040**

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### **Wheat Breeder Trial**

**Site required for trial**

Kalyx Agriculture are looking for a site for their wheat breeder trial this year. The site needs to be uniform

yellow sandplain and preferably in the Arrino area.

**Further information: Kathryn Fleay 9928 1506**

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### **Environmental Community Grants**

**Community grants for environment works now open.**

Projects can include

- Biodiversity conservation
- Sustainable catchment management
- Bush Forever sites
- Protection of high value areas by landholders on private land

**For more information and guidelines go to [www.dec.wa.gov.au](http://www.dec.wa.gov.au).** Applications close **8th April 2010**

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### **Phosphine Strategy Released**

**Grain Trade Australia Ltd**

GTA recently distributed the attached Phosphine Strategy document to its members and members of the National Working Party on Grain Protection (NWPGP).

The Strategy identifies appropriate means of usage of phosphine post-harvest on stored grain. The goal of the Phosphine Strategy is to ensure the long-term sustainability of phosphine. This is done through the strategic adoption and implementation of commercially viable, practical and scientifically-based management strategies. Compliance with this strategy will assist industry to:

- Reduce selection of resistant insects; and
- Destroy resistant insects.

**Further information: Shane Madigan (02 9247 6408) or [Click here...](#)**

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### **NACC Incentives**

**Wind Erosion**

Do you want to plant perennial pastures (perennial grasses with or without tagasaste), oil mallees, fodder shrubs (saltbush), or strategic revegetation (primarily as wind breaks)?

If so, please fill out the [EOI form](#) and return it to MIG.

As always NACC has limited funding so it is on a first in first served basis. Please note that there will be criteria that need to be met but as yet this has not been set.

**Further information: Sarah Knight, west (08) 9928 1646 or Tegan Winterbottom, east (08) 9928 1658**

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### **MIG Photo Comp**

March's theme is "**People/Faces**". Don't forget your February photos "Ugly or Evil".

Monthly winners will be displayed on the MIG website and in Cecil Newton Park.

Syngenta and 335 Productions are comp sponsors and have donated prizes for our cleverest photographers.

**Further information: Jane Bradley (08) 9928 1645 or [Click here...](#)**

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### **Diamond Sponsors**



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