



*Your guide to local events & information*

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## Events

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### \*Combating the Diabetes Epidemic

**Friday, 6 August, The University Club, University of WA, Crawley**

Presented by the Centre for Food and Genomic Medicine, this symposium will highlight four years of research into diabetics and obesity. Hear about the latest in cutting edge research investigating how to prevent and manage these diseases.

**Further information:** [Click here](#) for further info. RSVP to [carolynw@waimr.uwa.edu.au](mailto:carolynw@waimr.uwa.edu.au) or by calling (08) 9224 0338 by 30 July 2010

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### Succession Planning with Rabobank (with RSM Bird Cameron & Allion Legal)

**Postponed until further notice**

Due to unforeseen circumstances, this workshop has been postponed until further notice.

**Further information:** Jane Bradley on 9928 1645

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### FarmSafe – Managing Farm Safety Course

**30 August, Mingeneew**

FarmSafe is accepting expressions of interest to attend a FarmSafe workshop in Mingeneew on 30 August 2010. For farmers participating in MIG's Healthy Farms Program, this is an opportunity to gain FarmSafe accreditation, which is part of the Healthy Farms suite of certifications.

**Further information:** Michelle Gardiner at [Admin@farmsafewa.org](mailto:Admin@farmsafewa.org) or Jane Bradley on 9928 1645

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### Biochar and Biology

**7 September, afternoon field walk and evening seminar at the Hampton Arms, Greenough**

MIG and DAFWA are planning a biochar energy and agriculture field walk and evening seminar, which will also look at the soil biology associated with biochar.

**Further information:** Paul Blackwell on 0429 102 105 or Jane Bradley on 9928 1645

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### \*Low Stress Stock Handling Workshop

**20, 21 & 24 September, Mingeneew**

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. This course is FarmReady approved.

**Further information:** Jane Bradley on 9928 1645

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### \*Pasture Cropping/No Kill Cropping Workshop

**22 & 23 September, Mingeneew**

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. This course is FarmReady approved.

**Further information:** Jane Bradley on 9928 1645

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### Women's Field Walk

**What would you like to hear about?**

MIG is planning to run a Women's Field Walk. We would like your input into what you would like to do. Complete the online survey at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/miqwomensfd>

**Further information:** Kathryn Fleay on 0427 281 006

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## Information

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### 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](http://www.agric.wa.gov.au/PC_90642.html) for the most up-to-date edition.

**Further information: Naomi Simpson, Development Officer, 9956 8542**

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### Fall prevention in the agricultural sector

#### Public comment invited before 23 July 2010

The Commission for Occupational Safety and Health is seeking your comments on its draft guidance note: Fall prevention in the agricultural sector. This draft **guidance note** outlines ways to prevent falls from height in the agricultural sector.

**Further information: Comments can be submitted at [worksafersvp@commerce.wa.gov.au](mailto:worksafersvp@commerce.wa.gov.au)**

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### \*Caring for Our Country Funding Available

#### Community Action Grants opens 6 July 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](#), visit [www.nrm.gov.au](http://www.nrm.gov.au) or call Sarah Knight (08) 9928 1646 or Tegan Winterbottom (08) 9928 1658**

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### \*Marketing Matters

#### CBH Grain's e-newsletter

<http://cbhgrainpool.createsend5.com/T/ViewEmail/r/352887CBC8266428/D30E5B1BC8C95EEEF6A1C87C670A6B9F>

**Further information: Contact CBH Grain at [cbhgrainwa@cbh.com.au](mailto:cbhgrainwa@cbh.com.au)**

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### NACC Incentives

#### Wind Erosion

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: Sarah Knight (08) 9928 1646 or Tegan Winterbottom (08) 9928 1658**

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### MIG Contact Database Update

We are in the process of updating MIG's contact database. If you have changed phone numbers, fax numbers, postal addresses or email recently, please let us know so we can keep your details current. If employees have moved on and new people have started in your organisation, the same applies.

**Further information: Jane Bradley at [jane@mig.org.au](mailto:jane@mig.org.au)**

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### MIG Photo Comp

**LAST CHANCE** - June's theme is "**Bugger – The Biggest Blunder**". Don't forget your May photos "Open – in black and white". This is the last month of the MIG photo competition – so don't miss out! Entries still being received for Jan-June 2010.

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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