



YARRA YARRA OUT AND ABOUT

2010 DALWALLINU AGRICULTURAL SHOW

On 21st August 2010, NACC and Yarra Yarra Catchment Management Group attended the Dalwallinu Show. With a fantastic display, the attendance of Lizzie and Dene from Perenjori and Shelley (CEO of NACC) and Tom (Finance Manager) from the NACC office in Geraldton it turned out to be a great day. Lots of local farmers visited the stall, and there were lots of tree seedlings given away to farmers. Thanks also to the NACC chair Chris King for helping out on the stand, its great to have the board involved at this level.

The stall provided a lot of information to farmers in the area with regards to sustainable farming and what they can do to improve their land. Also there was information about the different incentives Currently available to landholders in the Yarra Yarra region. If you would like more information on the incentives available, please read further or contact Kirsty on 0428663015 or Dene on 0427731425.



Chris King (Chair) assisting



Shelley Spriggs (NACC CEO) with local Sandra de Trafford



Lizzie with some of the locals, giving away free seedlings

Dalwallinu Discovery Centre Opening

On 10th September, 2010, NACC and Yarra Yarra CMG attended the opening of the new Dalwallinu Discovery Centre, a fantastic new building located in the main street of Dalwallinu, opposite the Shire building. Shelley Spriggs, the CEO of the Northern Agricultural Catchments Council (NACC) attended the opening and had this to say:

"I think the Shire of Dalwallinu have done an outstanding job: the building is beautiful conceptually (the notion of the environment incorporated into the structural pieces and in its positioning to capture the reflection of the huge tree in the window), and practical and simple in its design. It's a great asset and, with the information that will be housed there, also a great resource."

Soon, Yarra Yarra CMG hopes to become more closely involved in this fantastic new building, in helping local landholders 'discover' what is available to them.

PERENJORI FARMING FORWARD MEETING

On Tuesday 19 October, the Yarra Yarra Catchment Management Group was asked to attend the Perenjori Farming Forward meeting, held at the Perenjori Sports Club, to talk about what is available to landholders



with regards to sustainable farming options, and what incentives are currently available from the Australian Government, through NACC and YYCMG. 30 farmers from Perenjori attended the meeting and enjoyed a few drinks and a nice meal following the meeting.





WHATS AVAILABLE TO YOU???

Action	Incentive rate and Activities
Perennial Pastures	<p>Fencing: \$1725/km for mesh fencing, \$1150/km for plain wire fencing or \$575/km for electric fencing.</p> <p>Pasture Establishment: \$85/ha for the establishment of perennial pastures, \$140/ha for the establishment of tagasaste and perennial pastures at the same site - criteria apply</p> <p>Watering Point: \$1,000/point</p> <p>Industry Membership: 12 month membership to Evergreen or up to \$110 towards a grower or industry group of farmers choice (if not received from NACC before)</p> <p>MAX INCENTIVE PER SITE \$10,600</p>
Strategic Revegetation	<p>Mesh Fencing: Sites <5ha \$2,300/km, sites 5 - 10ha \$2,875/km, sites >10ha \$3450/km</p> <p>Plain Wire Fencing: Sites <5ha \$1150/km, sites 5 - 10ha \$1325/km, sites >10ha \$1500/km</p> <p>Revegetation: Sites <10ha \$750/ha, sites >10ha \$1000/ha</p> <p>Weed Control: \$30/ha/yr for 2 years (not for establishment activities)</p> <p>Pest Control (rabbits only) : \$20/km/yr for 5 yrs, \$40/warren (max 30 warrens) for warren ripping for one year, \$20/warren (max 30 warrens) for Phostoxin treatment for one year</p> <p>MAX INCENTIVE PER SITE \$16,000</p>
Fodder Shrubs	<p>Fencing: \$2,000/km for mesh fencing, \$1,000/km for plain wire fencing</p> <p>Fodder Shrub Establishment: \$0.20/stem</p> <p>Industry Membership: 12 months membership to Evergreen or up to \$110 towards a grower or industry group of farmers choice (if not received from NACC before)</p> <p>MAX INCENTIVE PER SITE \$8,000</p>
Tree Crops	<p>Tree Crop Establishment: Oil mallee, Broombrush or Sandalwood host \$250/ha</p> <p>Industry Membership: 12 months membership to Oil Mallee Association, Australian Sandalwood Network or up to \$110 towards a grower or industry group of farmers choice (if not received from NACC before)</p> <p>(Trees must be ordered before the middle of November - hurry so you don't miss out)</p> <p>MAX INCENTIVE PER SITE: \$3,360</p>

If you think any of these incentives might be for you, please contact
Dene on 0427731425 or email dene.solomon@iipb.net.au

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Kirsty on 0428663015 or email kirsty.carter@iipb.net.au

Lease Agreements

The lease agreements have been formalised and completed during October. Some changes were required prior to sending to Landholders to complete this process. Unfortunately this meant many hours redoing much of the work previously achieved.

In total 29 agreements have been produced, they have been signed by the CEO and President and are currently in the hands of the landholders. Once signed they will be lodged with Landgate to formalise the lease.

Can anyone name this lizard below?



SANDALWOOD UPDATE

Why not take advantage of a 50% discount for a 1 year membership to the Australian Sandalwood Network. With the membership, you will be entitled to free/discounted entry to field days, access the fantastic peer monitoring system ASN has in place (where long-term growers will come to your Property and provide advice tailored to your situation), as well as all the information required for you to begin your own Sandalwood plantation

A vegetation survey will be carried out in the near future to find a range of local host seedlings to set up a local demonstration site at Dale Goodwin's property in 2011

For more information, please contact
Kirsty on 9973 1425 / 0428 663 015 or Dene on 9973 1425 / 0427 731 425



DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR



STAFF NEWS

My name is Kirsty Carter and I started working with NACC and YYCMG on 30 August 2010. I am based in Perenjori each Tuesday and from Dalwallinu/in the field 2 other days per week. I am a born and bred Dalwallinu girl and my family owns Xantippe Farms. I attended St Marys Anglican Girls School and lived in Perth for 2 years once I completed my schooling years before deciding to move back to Dalwallinu. Until April 2010 I worked for the Shire of Dalwallinu when I decided to travel through the United Kingdom and Europe for a few months. On returning I discovered the NRMO position advertised and thought it would be a fantastic opportunity to be involved in working with the farmers in the YYCMG region, and the NACC team.

We also would like to congratulate Lizzie and Geoff on the arrival of their baby boy "Thomas Geoffrey" who came into this world on 13 October 2010. We hope they are all doing very well. We will have some pics for the next edition of the newsletter I'm sure.

