Welcome to the first edition of LFGN Newswire, providing information about a range of local group activities, news, training opportunities, newsletters, field days and funding opportunities.

This edition focuses on Spring Workshops and Funding Opportunities. You are welcome to forward this Newswire to others who may be interested and encourage them to join the email list.

NEW WORKSHOP OPPORTUNITIES

MANAGING HERBICIDE RESISTANT
The Western Australian Herbicide Resistance Initiative has release a new round of workshops for based on the Resistance integrated Management program. This workshop allows grower to test different strategies for profitable herbicide resistance management. Visit our website for more details.

GRAIN QUALITY STORAGE WORKSHOP
Do you need to know more about managing grain insects and fumigation procedures in on farm storage? This ½ day workshop is conducted with sealed silos by the Department of Agriculture and CBH grain storage specialists. More details visit our website.

SOIL NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP
A two day course for grain growers to assist in planning fertiliser strategies for the coming season, run by independent professionals. More details visit lfgn website.

GRAIN MARKETING AND RISK MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP
The one day workshop aim to provide an understanding of current drivers of today’s market and the tools growers have at their disposal to manage their grain marketing. More details can be found by visiting lfgn website

LFGN EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER:
Mon 19 Grass Patch Field Day, Ron Longbottom, 90757040
Tue 20 Salmon Gums Field Day, Salmon Gums, Jeremy Lemon, 9083 1111
Tue 20 "Farming our Futures" Day, Dumbleyung, Ella Maesep, 9863 4225
Wed 21 Condingup/Beaumont Field Day, Andrew Fowler, 9075 0036
Wed 21 Precision Ag. "Hands on Day" Freebairn Progress Group, Kulin Rec Centre From 8.30am, Sid Turner 08 9880 1312
Wed 21 CSBP Fertilisers and Conservation Tillage, CSBP Labs, Birba Lake CSBP
Thur 22 Cascade/Coomalbidgup Field Day, Cascade Coomalbidgup, Wayne Walter, 9079 2022
FriD 23 Wittenoom Hills/Neridup Field Day, Wittenoom Hills Neridup, Mick Fels, 9078 3014
Wed 28 RAIN Spring Field Walk, Ravensthorpe, Jenny Chambers, 9838 1018
Thur 29 10 – 12.30pm, SGSL/SPA Bundilla Field Day, Lake Grace, Michael Lloyd, 9871 2041 michael_lloyd@esat.net.au
Thur 29 1pm, Jerdacuttup Variety Trials tour, Goldfinches, Julianne Hill, 9838 1997
Fri 30 Deadline for Expression of Interest in LFGN Spring workshops.
FOR THE COMPLETE CALENDAR

IMPORTANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES CLOSING SOON

HEALTHY SOILS FOR SUSTAINABLE FARMS  Close 28th Sept 2005
This is a new Land and Water Australia Program aimed at promoting better soil management. Groups interested in developing a project in the areas of demonstration, extension and trials; and participative research; visit: http://www.lwa.gov.au/funding.asp?section=292 (insert hyperlink via our website) for more information before contacting PaulCarmody.

GRDC TRAVEL AWARDS, applications close 30th September 2005

GRDC INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AWARDS, applications close on 30th Sept 2005

GRDC AGRICULTURAL TRAINING AWARDS close on the 28th October 2005
These awards are open to anyone in the industry for travel to conferences or field days etc. The application form can be found at http://www.grdc.com.au/

SMALL GRANTS FOR SMALL RURAL COMMUNITIES Applications close 30 September 2005
A small grants program for small rural Australian communities will offer grants to benefit people in rural and remote communities. More details at http://www.frrr.org.au/pageContentDetail.asp?ID=32

COMMUNITY WATER GRANTS, Applications close 04 October 2005
This funding will provide grants of up to $50,000 to eligible community organisations to encourage wise water use. In some instances the grants can be combined to provide larger grants to community based non-government organisations. More information go to http://cisci.org.au/node/view/473

RURAL WOMEN’S AWARD, RIRDC, Applications close 15 October 2005
The 2006 Award will provide a Bursary of $10,000 for the WA winner and the opportunity for the winner and runner up to attend the Australian Institute of Company Directors Course. More information http://www.ruralwomensaward.gov.au/

Email any of your ideas or events to LFGN Newswire  admin@lfgn.org.au