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AUCTION FOR LANDSCAPE RECOVERY - NEW ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION PROGRAM

IF you want to enhance and protect nature conservation assets such as bushland and/or control salinity and waterlogging, or improve water quality on your property, then you may be interested in the new and innovative conservation program, Auction for Landscape Recovery.

The Auction for Landscape Recovery is a voluntary land and nature conservation program for landholders operating as a pilot project in the north east wheatbelt. It allows landholders in the NEWROC Shires of Koorda, Mount Marshall, Mukinbudin, Nungarin, Trayning, Westonia and Wyalkatchem to "name their own price" for conservation work that they want to do on their farms.

What sets this conservation program apart from the rest is the ability for you, the landholder, to include all costs, including forgone income, into your tender: there is no need to include 'in-kind' contributions and there is relatively very little paper work involved. You nominate the management activities that you are willing to undertake to protect conservation assets on your land and the amount of money required to do that work.

Tenders are evaluated on the basis of 'value for money' for nature conservation and other benefits including dryland salinity control in the region. Farm projects with the highest long-term nature conservation value that meet multiple environmental outcomes in the area are most likely to be funded. The focus of the project is on achieving nature and land conservation benefits at the landscape scale.

Currently the first round is under way. However there is still a chance to be a part of the program as the project involves two rounds, with the second round of calls for interest opening mid July - mid August. Field staff (community support officers) based in Wyalkatchem, Nungarin and Mt Marshall, are more than willing to provide you with more information or answer any questions you may have.

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AWARD

Congratulations!

to Hidden Valley Forest Retreat, Yelverton, national winner of the Australian Tourism Award, Hosted Accommodation category. This is a strongly contested award, showcasing the very best tourism enterprises. The Retreat provides self-contained accommodation in a pocket of very good quality jarrah and banksia woodland with a creek and soak. Ann-Marie Lynch and team can be contacted on 9755 1099.

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