

SEAVROC NRM Regional ServiceShire of York

- The Environment Service has reached approximately 20 landholders/farmers within the York Shire, either by way of advice on NRM issues over the phone/email or in person, or the assistance in preparing grant applications for individual projects or their involvement in the regional Caring for our Country and Biodiversity Fund Programs.
- Caring for our Country Project – York landholders had access to seedlings and perennial pasture seed from 2010-2012 including having access to field days and up to date trial information and publications.
- The Biodiversity Fund Project will allow at least 9 farmers in York to have access to on-ground works worth at least \$123,750 over the next 3 years (2014-2016) plus access to workshops and new publications. In 2014, Gary Sergeant and Jeremy Marwick will receive seedlings, fencing and baits to the value of approximately \$12,000.
- 6 York young farmers received travel and conference expenses to attend the World Congress of Conservation Agriculture in 2011 as part of the SEAVROC Young Farmers Tour (approximately \$18,000).
- Funding has been secured regularly for continued across landscape fox control across private property through Red Card for Red Fox, benefitting 7 landholders.
- Landholders have access to funding through the State NRM Office for subsidised rabbit and fox baits for the next 12 months of up to \$300 per person.
- The service also is there to provide advice to landholders, local groups and Council in grant writing and planning of local NRM projects as required and extension of current NRM and sustainable agriculture research, news and grant opportunities via a regular email news service.
- The Service is utilised by the Shire of York Works Manager and Shire Planners in the advisement of legal requirements, associated permits and offset requirements under the Environmental Protection Act in regard to clearing native vegetation for implementation of works programs.
- The Service provides regular attendance at the Shire of York Administration Centre, Council Meetings, Works Depot or within the Community.
- The Service can arrange training on the Environmental Protection Act and in particular landholders' Compliance responsibilities especially in regard to on-farm clearing of native vegetation or projects adjoining Roads and Council Reserves.
- York will benefit through the continued collaboration of NRM services across SEAVROC, NEWROC and WEROC, sourcing funding for large scale NRM and Sustainable Agriculture projects across 17 Wheatbelt Shires. This collaboration was recognised at the 2012 WA Environment Awards, winning the 'Government Leading by Example' award.