Cranbrook salt forum

This year in March the fourth annual EverTrain Saltland Forum is being held at the Gillamii Centre in Cranbrook.

The forum will focus on delivering information and tools for landholders to turn marginal, salt-affected country back into productive land.

It has the backing of Department of Agriculture and Food WA, the South Coast Natural Resource Management Caring for Our Country program, Shire of Cranbrook and Bendigo Bank.

Information will be presented to participants on the first day, with guest speakers University of WA plant biology Professor Ed Barrett-Lennard and CSIRO livestock industries research scientist Hayley Norman to share knowledge on saline rehabilitation and animal nutrition.

Hydrology and economics are also expected to be discussed on the day, with participants to learn how to use the tools provided in a take-home Salt Bag.

Dinner and entertainment at night during day one has been organised to encourage networking between participants.

The second day is due to be hands-on, with groups of participants to tackle a challenging site to suggest management strategies learned the previous day.

This exercise is tipped to provide practical application for gained information. The event has proved popular in previous years and is a fantastic opportunity for people to help bring marginal land back into profitable production.

Participants’ salt bags are valued at $200 each and include a variety of items people can use on-site to assess and manage saline areas.

If you would like to know more or register for this event, contact the centre on 9826 1234 or email jenny.adams@agric.wa.gov.au.