

# EUROBODALLA LANDCARE NEWSLETTER

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## EUROBODALLA LANDCARE EXECUTIVE MEETINGS FOR 2008

The next meeting of the ELMC Executive is scheduled for 12 for 12.30, Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> February 2008. It will be held in the Committee Room at Council, Moruya.

Please contact Peter Gow to RSVP

## IDENTIFICATION OF NATIVE GRASSES WORKSHOP / FIELD TRIP

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2008**

Southern Rivers Catchment Management Authority (SRCMA) has provided funding to present this workshop. The field trip will be visiting sites in the Broulee/ Moruya area where native grasses will be identified. Jackie Miles, who recently conducted the Wetlands Plants workshop, is the main presenter. Hayden Kingston from Department of Primary Industries (DPI) Agriculture will also be assisting on the day. Contact Peter Gow for more information and to book on 4474 1329

## LANDCARE SKILLS TRAINING

SRCMA have provided funding for Landcare volunteers to undertake training in the Senior First Aid Certificate and the Chemical Application Certificate.

Contact Heidi Thomson on 4474 1201 to express your interest.

## MONEY TO FIGHT LANTANA

Grant funds are now available to assist Eurobodalla landholders in the fight to control lantana. Eurobodalla Shire Council has matching funds of up to \$12,500 to share out between landholders who have an infestation of lantana, and property owners are being encouraged to apply for a grant to help them eradicate the noxious weed.

These grants have been collectively provided from the Weeds of National Significance Program through the Natural Heritage Trust Program, the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, and the Department of Environment and Heritage.

Council's Noxious Weeds Officer, Graham Harding, says that lantana is one of Australia's most debilitating invasive weeds because of its impacts on primary industries, conservation and biodiversity. "There are more than 200 native plant

species threatened or at risk because of lantana infestation,” he said. “Lantana infests more than four million hectares of eastern Australia and it can also be found in Western Australia, Northern Territory and the Torres Strait Islands.”

The Regional Lantana Weed Management Plan objectives include lantana containment and management zones. Under the Management Plan, with the exception of “core” areas immediately surrounding Gulaga (Mt Dromedary), all new and small infestations south of Ulladulla to the Victorian border will be eradicated and marginal infestations will be substantially reduced by the end of 2008.

Grant funding for lantana control has also been provided to the Bega Valley and Shoalhaven City Councils, and the Illawarra Noxious Weeds Authority.

Applications for the grants close on 2 February 2008 and the work is to be completed by 30 April 2008

Follow up work on previous control work will be considered the highest priority, with isolated infestations of medium density the next priority through to dense infestations. Application forms are available at Pam’s Store, Tilba Tilba, Bates Store, Central Tilba, Council’s Narooma Depot, and Council’s Administration Centre at Moruya.

For further information contact Graham Harding, Council’s Senior Noxious Weeds Officer, on 4474 1269.

### **2008 Calendar available**

The ‘Kids’ Voices for Cooler Choices’ 2008 Eurobodalla Environmental Calendar is available from Moruya Shire Offices, local libraries, Batemans Bay and Narooma visitors centre and Mogo book store.

### **THE PLIGHT OF THE PELICAN**

Australian Seabird Rescue (ASR) invites you to a practical and entertaining Information Day all about pelicans and seabirds including how to recognise when they’re sick or injured, how to rescue birds, get help and get involved. Presented by ASR’s South Coast Coordinator Julie Clarke, on: Sunday 9th March 2008

Everyone is encouraged to come along. Beach & Riverside Walkers, Wildlife lovers, Recreational Anglers very welcome, but numbers are limited so book early to avoid disappointment...

**WHERE:** Bermagui Community Centre  
corner Young and Bunga Street, Bermagui

**TIME:** 9.00AM – 4.30PM (Registration 8.30am)

**COST:** \$30 singles / \$45 couples sharing notes ▪

Includes manuals & notes, morning/afternoon teas

Bring your own lunch

**REGISTRATION:** By Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2008

Please contact Australian Seabird Rescue South Coast (ASR):



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