

EUROBODALLA LANDCARE NEWSLETTER

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EUROBODALLA LANDCARE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (ELMC) EXECUTIVE MEETINGS FOR 2008

All meetings are at the Eurobodalla Shire Council, Committee Room, Moruya

NOTE: There has been a change of date for the Eurobodalla Landcare
Management Committee AGM – now WEDNESDAY 30TH APRIL

- ELMC Executive Meeting to plan Eurobodalla Landcare AGM, 2pm, Thursday 27th March, Committee Room
- ELMC Executive Meeting, 4pm Wednesday 30th April (Prior to the AGM), Committee Room
- **ELMC AGM, 5.30 for 6pm, Wednesday 30th April , Committee Room**
- ELMC Executive 12 for 12.30, Thursday 22nd May, Committee Room
- ELMC Executive 12 for 12.30 Wednesday 27th August, Committee Room
- ELMC Executive 12 for 12.30 Wednesday 26th Nov, Committee Room

Please contact Peter Gow to book for meetings on 4474 1329

EUROBODALLA LANDCARE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2008

Wednesday 30th April, 5.30 Supper, 6pm Meeting, Eurobodalla Shire Council, Committee Room, Moruya.

Could Eurobodalla Landcare groups who have carried out activities in 2007/ 08 be prepared to give a brief summary of their activities at the AGM.

Delegates from active ELMC Landcare groups may nominate for positions on the Executive

Contact Peter Gow on 4474 1329 for nomination forms and to book by 23rd April

Milton Animal Health Day

All interested landholders are invited to attend the Milton Animal Health Day, organised by the South Coast RLPB in conjunction with the Small Farms Network and our local partners.

Proposed Agenda:

1. **Ian Lugton** (South Coast RLPB) discusses survey of infectious causes of infertility in cattle and in particular Vibriosis.
2. **Elizabeth Patrick** (Pfizer) presents information on pestivirus infection and Pestigard.
3. **Mark Beard**, (Ancare) presents information on liver fluke and flukicides. Will include dissection of flukey liver.
4. **Alison Gunn**, (Sydney Uni) presentation on calf scours prevention.
5. **Chris and Ann Hole** (Landholders & Host), talk about their farm, their aspirations and progress. Demonstration of the growth retardation caused by salmonella scours and stomach tubing a young calf for rehydration therapy.
6. Lunch and finish

When: Friday 2nd May 2008.

Where: Chris and Ann Hole's property
"Green Hills", 210 Woodburn Rd, Milton
(map available from Peter Gow 4474 1329)

Time: 9.50 am—1:00 pm (ish)

BBQ lunch and morning tea provided by Small Farm Network

BYO Chair, Hat & Sunscreen

RSVP: Friday 29th February to Andrew Britton Ph: 4232 3200 or

Email: abritton@southerncouncils.nsw.gov.au

EUROBODALLA REGIONAL BOTANIC GARDENS TO HOST NSW SENIORS WEEK PRESENTATION

10 – 12, Wednesday 9th April 2008

Landcare volunteers have been invited to attend a complementary Morning Tea at the Botanic Gardens, where the Mayor will be presenting the shire's Senior Citizen of the Year award.

NSW WORKCOVER FARM SAFETY CHECKLIST

Click on the following link to go to the NSW Workcover Farm Safety Self Assessment Checklist

http://www.workcover.nsw.gov.au/NR/rdonlyres/C6CDC3AC-CD70-4FF5-BE57-02979558FA04/0/15_minute_farm_safety_checklist_666.pdf

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT FUNDING

“CARING FOR OUR COUNTRY ANNOUNCED”

Caring for our Country is the Government's new natural resource management program. Caring for our Country is designed as an integrated package with one clear goal, a business approach to investment, clearly articulated outcomes and priorities and improved accountability. It will commence on 1 July 2008 and will integrate delivery of the Commonwealth's existing natural resource management programs, the Natural Heritage Trust, the National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality, the National Landcare Program, the Environmental Stewardship Program and the Working on Country Indigenous land and environmental program.

To go to the Media Release click on

<http://www.maff.gov.au/media/releases/2008/024bj.html>

To go to the Australian Government Natural Resource Management – Funding website click on <http://www.nrm.gov.au/funding/future.html>

NATURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY COUNCIL (NRAC) FORGING PARTNERSHIPS GRANTS PROGRAM

Applications are now invited for the 2007-2008 round of the Natural Resources Advisory Council (NRAC) Forging Partnerships grants program.

Information about this round can be found on the NRAC Website

www.nrac.nsw.gov.au

Closing date is 21st April

NSW ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST FUNDING

Environmental Restoration and Rehabilitation Grants

Aim of the program

The aim of the Restoration and Rehabilitation (R&R) program is to facilitate projects of significant environmental benefit to NSW, run by community organisations and State and local government organisations. Through these projects, we also aim to improve the capacity of communities and organisations to protect, restore and enhance the environment.



Objectives

The Objectives of the Environmental Restoration and Rehabilitation Program are:

- to restore degraded environmental resources, including rare and endangered ecosystems
- to protect important ecosystems and habitats of rare and endangered flora and fauna
- to prevent or minimise future environmental damage

- to enhance the quality of specific environmental resources.

Funding for 2008

Total funds being offered under the R&R program in 2008 are: \$1.5 million allocated to the Community grants program and \$1.5 million allocated to the State and Local Government grants program. Grants between \$5,000 and \$100,000 will be available.

Closing date is 5pm on Friday 23 May 2008

For further information click on the following link

<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/restoration.htm>

UPDATE ON THE PEST SPECIES GREEN SHORE CRAB – MARCH 2008

The green shore crab (*Carcinus maenas*) is a medium sized crab native to the Atlantic coast of Europe and northern Africa that has spread to other countries outside its natural range, including NSW and other parts of Australia.

NSW DPI has recently confirmed several new sightings of the green shore crab in NSW; in Wagonga Inlet in December 2007, in Nelson Lagoon and Nangudga Lake in January 2008, and in Wonboyn River in February 2008, bringing the number of estuaries documented by NSW DPI to have the species present to nine: Wonboyn Lake, Twofold Bay, Merimbula Lake, Pambula Lake, Bermagui River, Nelson Lagoon, Wapengo Lake, Nangudga Lake and Wagonga Inlet.

The green shore crab sighting in Wagonga Inlet was detected by an oyster farmer in his oyster trays during the harvesting process. The sightings in Nelson Lagoon, Wonboyn Lake and Nangudga Lake were reported by local oyster farmers and a member of the general public respectively. In all cases photos and/or frozen samples were sent into NSW DPI and the species was positively identified as the green shore crab. Oyster farmers are thanked for their vigilance in identifying and reporting this pest.

During 2007, NSW DPI conducted an education campaign to help oyster farmers identify the green shore crab, should they find it in their culture equipment. Green shore crab identification (ID) cards were sent to NSW oyster farmers, and information was included in the Department's June Aquaculture Newsletter. The green shore crab pest ID card has been an important tool in the recent sightings and reports of the green shore crab.

Wagonga Inlet is approximately 40km north of the previous most northerly sighting documented by NSW DPI, and Wonboyn Lake is approximately 30km south of the previous most southerly sighting, implying an extension of its previously known range in NSW. The January 2008 sightings in Nelson Lagoon and Nangudga Lake are just south of Wagonga Inlet. However, the green shore crab is known to occur in Victoria and historical records suggest that the green shore crab has been found as far north as Sydney. Records from the Australian Museum suggest populations of the green shore crab are underestimated, and it is likely that populations are present in many estuaries in NSW, with historical sightings of the species in Jervis Bay, Lake Conjola, Burrill Lake and Narawallee Inlet.

Given this information, and NSW DPI's recent efforts to raise awareness, it is highly likely that the recent discoveries of the green shore crab do not reflect a range extension. It is likely that it is an existing population which has not been identified and therefore not documented previously. NSW DPI is also continuing its green shore

crab trapping program throughout several NSW estuaries and coastal lakes to gain a better understanding of its distribution and abundance.

How you can help?

- **Learn** to recognise the green shore crab so that you can report any suspected new sightings to NSW DPI on the 24 hour recorded hotline: 02 49163877 or email aquatic.pests@dpi.nsw.gov.au,
- **If you are unsure of the species please take a photo or collect a sample** (freeze crab in a plastic bag) and send to NSW DPI, including a description of where it was found and GPS points or a map if possible.
- **Inspect** all oyster aquaculture equipment for these crabs: if a positive identification has been confirmed by NSW DPI, or you are certain the species is the green shore crab, please record numbers of green shore crabs found and then remove and dispose of them away from the waterway.
- **Report** the following details to NSW DPI if possible:
 1. Are the green shore crabs affecting oyster production?
 2. Date found and type of cultivation the green shore crab was found in.
 3. Average number of crabs per "basket/tumbler/tray".
 4. Number of "baskets" with crabs and number without.
 5. Any other information on where the crabs tend to be and impacts they have.

RESIDENTIAL SUSTAINABILITY WEBPAGE

A new webpage has been created to provide information about the increasing number of home rebates now available for:

- Solar hot water systems
- Solar panels (photovoltaic systems)
- Rainwater tanks
- Ceiling insulation
- Front loading washing machines

If you have customers seeking information you can direct them to <http://www.esc.nsw.gov.au/Environment/Rebates/index.html>

There is also a PDF factsheet for download providing further info.

PROJECT ACTIVITY REGISTER (YELLOW) SHEETS

The following Eurobodalla Landcare groups have been supplying information on their Projects and Volunteer hours for 2007 / 08.

Broulee / Mossy Point, Burrawang, Congo, Dalmeny / Kianga, Narooma, ELMC, Guerilla Bay, Hanging Rock, Lilli Pilli / Malua Bay, Long Beach, Mystery Bay, South Durras, Surf Beach, Tuross Lakes, and Tuross Valley.

If your Landcare group has been active in 2007 / 08 please supply your completed Yellow sheets to Godfrey Marple or Peter Gow. Your activities do not have to be limited to On – ground works, but can include Training; Education; Flora, Fauna, and Water Monitoring.