

EUROBODALLA LANDCARE NEWSLETTER

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OVERSEAS VOLUNTEERS HELP CARE FOR EUROBODALLA'S ENVIRONMENT

Teams of volunteers have been working alongside Eurobodalla Landcare groups to care for the local environment. Backpackers with the Conservation Volunteers Australia have been undertaking a range of environmental projects across Eurobodalla. At Bingie they worked on removal of Fireweed and Fleabane on various properties. At Eurobodalla they removed Turkey Rhubarb and planted 150 native plants. Rosedale Landcare appreciated their assistance in weed removal and pruning back vegetation from beach walkways.

The next week they worked on control of Moth Vine and Cape Ivy with Congo Landcare around the foreshore of Congo Creek. The group will also be removing environmental weeds around Newstead Pond, South Head; and at Surf Beach Creek.



Ready for work at Congo are Kim Deawon (S. Korea), Cheng Ngun Yip (Hong Kong), Tanja Thees (Germany), Daniela Glattfelder (Switzerland), Elizabeth Hood (Congo Landcare), Patrick Larscheid (Germany), and Andrew Mathers (Supervisor – Conservation Volunteers Australia)

INTERESTED IN WETLANDS??

Visit the Wetland Care Australia website

<http://www.wetlandcare.com.au/>

LAST CHANCE FOR REGISTERING YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR 2007/08

Please get your completed Project Activity Register (Yellow sheets) to Peter Gow for tallying. The information provided by your Landcare group shows that the group has been "Active" in 2007/ 2008

NSW REGIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AND COMMUNITY AWARDS FOR 2008!

It is time to nominate again for the NSW and ACT Regional Achievement and Community Awards. The 2008 nominations have just opened and this year could be your year! Closes 8th August

There are now 6 Categories to nominate in:

- * Business Enterprise Award
- * Crown Reserve Trust Award – NEW!
- * Events and Tourism Award
- * Community of the Year Award
- * Regional Service Award
- * Environment and Landcare Award

All new this year is criteria sheets to make your update or new nomination much easier. I have attached the sheets for each category and these are just to give you a help along, please feel free to just use them as a guideline and write in your own format. If you haven't already received our letter with this years Nomination Form, visit our website for this years form!

Remember if you nominated last year, all we need is an update on the last 12 months and also any new photos or supporting material. Maybe you won another award this year or had a new event in town, either way we would love to hear about it, big or small!

Please forward all nominations to us at: PO Box 2262

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OR

You can email it through to me at gina@awardsaustralia.com

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or queries as we are here to help. I look forward to seeing how 2008 is going for you and your organisations.

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KEEP AUSTRALIA BEAUTIFUL – CLEAN BEACH CHALLENGE

Nominations are being called for by 18th July in the Clean Beach Challenge.

For more information click on

<http://www.kabnsw.org.au/Whatcanyoudo/CleanBeaches.aspx>

For an entry form click on <http://www.kabnsw.org.au/content/documents/86049-CBC%20Entry%20form.pdf>

ENVIROFUND SUCCESS

The Australian Government Envirofund has announced the success of the following funding applications, which were previously unsuccessful:-

1.Coila Lake Foreshore Rehabilitation – Tuross Lakes Preservation Group / Tuross Lakes Landcare

At the ELMC Executive meeting on May 22nd 2008, Maureen Baker from Tuross Lakes Preservation Group described the origins and purpose of this grant of \$12,540. “Jennie Le Cussan prepared a grant application last year on our behalf, to fund a Project Officer and bush regenerators to weed (and where necessary revegetate) the foreshore near the cycle/walk from Coila Sandbar to the upstream side of the boardwalk. The purpose was to complement work already being undertaken from the boardwalk to the sports area by Norm Lenehan (Council’s Estuary Program officer)”.

2.Coastal Communities Saving Coastal Ecosystems – Eurobodalla Landcare Management Committee

The purpose of the project is to protect coastal plant communities from invasive environmental weeds on public lands in the Eurobodalla Shire. Environmental weeds are one of the key processes threatening the ongoing viability of remnant coastal vegetation. This project will help to maintain the ecological function of coastal vegetation on community owned land that is outside of formal reserve systems such as National parks. The grant will contribute \$29 550 towards the project.

A community education program utilising informative weed pamphlets and the local media will operate in conjunction with the weed control program. Pamphlets and information will be distributed through Landcare groups; Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Gardens; Council offices and depots; and the Council website.

NATIONAL TREE DAY

July 27th is National Tree Day – and we would love to see you get involved again! Last year, thanks to the efforts of thousands of site coordinators, over 290,000 volunteers planted 1.2 million trees at 3,100 sites Australia-wide. A fantastic result! We feel, that due to increasing public awareness of the environment, there will be even more volunteers choosing to help with the planting of native trees and shrubs.

We have launched an all-new user friendly [Tree Day website](#) with refreshed content. Still included is the Case Studies page where you will get ideas and

inspiration from other coordinators Tree Day activities. Look out for details of this year's competitions, soon to be announced.

For 2008, National Tree Day falls on Sunday 27 July, with Schools Tree Day taking place on Friday 25 July.

SEA SPURGE APPLICATION

A Regional Application to Community Coastcare to raise community awareness on the emerging problem of Sea Spurge, and to undertake control works is currently being investigated. The project, if successful, will extend across Bega, Eurobodalla, and Shoalhaven Shires.

COMMUNITY COASTCARE GRANTS

Small grants up to \$50,000

Larger grants up to \$250,000

Details on these grants can be accessed at

<http://www.nrm.gov.au/funding/coastcare.html>.

Applications close on the **25th July 2008**.

Fact sheets and the electronic application form can be downloaded from the website.

INVITATION National Tree Day Celebrations At Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Gardens Friday 25th July

As a Eurobodalla Landcarer you are invited to attend a morning tea to celebrate National Tree Day. Without your efforts, countless habitats would be struggling to survive. The Eurobodalla Regional

Botanic Gardens and Eurobodalla Shire Council
would like to thank you for your great and continued
support.

Venue – Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Gardens

Time - 10.00am

Date - Friday 25th July

RSVP – No later than Tuesday 22nd July to Bernadette Davis
02 44741037

The Gardens will supply you a plant for your own garden to
plant on Sunday 27th July, National Tree Day.