

# EUROBODALLA LANDCARE NEWSLETTER

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## LANDCARE WEEK WETLAND PLANTING AT TUROSS VALLEY

Landcare Week was celebrated by undertaking a Wetland planting day at Harpurs Lagoon, where 90 plants were planted as part of a project to rehabilitate the shore of this substantial wetland. Margaret Smith from Tuross Valley Landcare would like to thank Jenny Dixon and Margaret Munday from Tuross Lakes Landcare for their assistance on the day.

Plants were selected and supplied by the Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Gardens and included *Isolepsis nodosa*, *Baumia articulata*, *Tristaniopsis collena*, *Melaleuca hypericifolia*, *Dianella longifolia*, *Callistemon citrinus*, *Acacia floribunda*, and *Carex appressa*. These plants will provide habitat for local birds and animals as they grow over the years. Planting training was provided by Peter Gow, Landcare Community Support Officer, with plants being purchased using funding from the Southern Rivers Catchment Management Authority. Eurobodalla Shire landholders interested in wetland protection and rehabilitation can contact Peter Gow on 4474 1329.



Tuross Valley and Tuross Lakes Landcarers working together on the rehabilitation of Harpurs Lagoon

**EUROBODALLA RAINFOREST WORKSHOP – Book now  
22<sup>nd</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

A Rainforest Workshop is being planned to be conducted in Eurobodalla Shire. You can choose to attend the one-day workshop on either the 22<sup>nd</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2008. To register please contact Courtney Fink On 44747442

**GREEN CORPS TEAM LAUNCH AT THE BOTANIC GARDENS  
8<sup>TH</sup> October 2008**

Please contact GC Team Leader, Andrew Kirkley on 0407 401 420 to book

**LANDCARE / EFARM STALL AT THE SUSTAINABLE LIVING EXPO  
Saturday 18 October**

Council is holding its second Sustainable Living Expo in conjunction with the Moruya Jazz Festival on Saturday 18 October. The Expo will showcase a range of local businesses and community organisations that provide products or services which promote sustainable living and environmental awareness. This year the event will include numerous hands-on workshops to be run by Council staff during the day. The event runs from 9am – 2pm in Russ Martin Park next to Moruya Swimming Pool. The Moruya Country Markets and Jazz in the Park are also a drawcard, so come along for a fun and informative day out. For more information about the Expo see <http://www.esc.nsw.gov.au/environment>  
Eurobodalla Landcare / Efarm will be holding a combined stall on the day. Any assistance would be appreciated on the day.

**LANDCARE / EFARM AT “FAMILY PICNIC DAY”  
Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September**

We will be once again be holding a combined stall at the Botanic Gardens Family Picnic Day on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September. This is a great family day out and includes music and entertainment.

**TENDING THE GRASSROOTS – 3 CONFERENCES AT QUEANBEYAN  
– Strengthening community environmental networks**

14–15 November

**NRM Networking Partnerships Conference**

Bringing together conservation and landcare community networks to explore future partnerships for biodiversity projects, funding and education.

16 November

**NSW Landcare Muster**

The annual muster for community-based landcare in NSW. Help set the agenda and priorities for the landcare movement for the next 12 months.

17–18 November

**Resilient Landscapes, Resilient Communities: The Next Generation of Landcare.**

Bringing together conservation and landcare community networks to explore future partnerships for biodiversity projects, funding and education.

For more information click on <http://www.landcarensw.org.au/>  
Programs will be available in October

## **CARBON FARMING CONFERENCE** **Orange Nov 18-19**

Learn about new methods of soil management which can sequester significant amounts of carbon from the atmosphere while at the same time contributing to the restoration of soil health, farm landscapes, and the viability of rural communities.

[www.carbonfarming.net.au](http://www.carbonfarming.net.au)

## **VOLUNTEER GRANTS PROGRAM 2008 – Small Equipment Funding**

The Volunteer Grants Program 2008 is part of the Australian Government's ongoing commitment to supporting volunteering, and building social inclusion and community participation in Australian communities.

The Volunteer Grants Program 2008 provides funding for eligible not-for-profit organisations to support their volunteers and encourage volunteering by:

- purchasing small equipment and sporting items to help their existing volunteers and to encourage more people to become volunteers
- contributing towards fuel costs incurred in their volunteering work, such as when using their cars to transport others to activities, deliver food and assist people in need.

### **Further information:**

[www.fahcsia.gov.au/internet/facsinternet.nsf/aboutfacs/programs/sfsc-vgp\\_2008.htm](http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/internet/facsinternet.nsf/aboutfacs/programs/sfsc-vgp_2008.htm)

## **PROPERTY MANAGEMENT PLANNING WORKSHOP AT MORUYA** **1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2008**

A 2 day workshop will include the following : -

- Farm planning including Land capability, whole farm ecology
- Weeds particularly ID- short walk for this
- Animal management -prevention of overgrazing; rotational grazing
- Water -quality, quantity, storage
- Protection of wetlands and riparian areas-again look at this on a walk.
- Trees-planting options, seed collection, remnant vegetation

This workshop is being supported by funding from the Southern Rivers Catchment Management Authority. Participants will develop a series of Property Management overlays on an A3 aerial photograph of their property.

Contact Peter Gow for details on 4474 1329

## ABC SCIENCE CATCHMENT DETOX

Play Catchment Detox to see if you successfully manage a river catchment and create a sustainable and thriving economy.

It's an online game where you're in charge of the whole catchment. You get to decide what activities you undertake – whether to plant crops, log forests, build factories or set up national parks. The aim is to avoid environmental problems and provide food and wealth for the population.

Managing Australia's waterways is a huge challenge with climate change, increased demand for water and environmental problems putting our rivers under stress. Catchment Detox gives an idea of just how difficult it is to manage a river catchment.

Are you up for the challenge?

Go to <http://catchmentdetox.net.au/>

**WORKING BEE SCHEDULE for TUROSS LAKES LANDCARE VOLUNTEERS –** any time you can spare for the following would be much appreciated:

**Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> Sept. 9 am–** Kyla Park grazing land – meet at main gate on Coila Lake side. Activities: Site D – check erosion areas, planting, weeding.

**Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> Oct. 9 am–** Kyla Park grazing land – meet at main gate on Tuross Lake side. Activities: replace plants, remove bags, weeding blackberries, etc.

**Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> Oct. 9 am–** Coral Crescent Reserve (turn off Hector McWilliam Drive into Glen St. then into Coral Cres.). Activities: Weeding, planting, check previous plantings.

**Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> Nov. 9 am–** McWilliam Park ocean foreshore reserve – meet at Memorial Gardens carpark. Activities: Weeding, planting.

**Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> Nov.** – Eurobodalla Landcare newsletter will provide details of proposed bus trip for landcare group members to various rehabilitation sites.

**Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov.** – Site of this working bee will depend on how weather conditions may have affected previous scheduled working bees. Details to be advised later.

**Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> Dec. 9 am–** One Tree Point – target will be removal of garden escapee, South African daisy, and other weeds and general clean up of area – ending the morning with our Tuross Lakes Landcare Christmas BBQ.

For further details contact Maureen 44 73 8800, Doug/Julie 44 73 8406

## **TRAINING INITIATIVES – Eurobodalla Landcare / Efarm 2008/09**

### **Property Management Planning**

**1&2 Dec 08**

2 day workshop including property planning on an A3 aerial photo of your property.

### **Bush Regeneration / Bushcare**

3 hour on-site sessions – various sites and times as requested by community and Landcare groups. To be scheduled as requested by Efarm / Landcare groups

### **Healthy Soils / Healthy Profits**

Two separate days focussed on understanding your soils. To be scheduled as requested by Efarm / Landcare groups

### **Weed Removers / Pasture Improvers**

Two separate days on various aspects of weed and pasture management To be scheduled as requested by Efarm / Landcare groups

### **First Aid Certificate**

For current Landcare group members

### **Chemical Application Certificate**

For current Landcare group members

Courses are supported by the Southern Rivers Catchment Management Authority and Eurobodalla Landcare Management Committee. Contact Peter Gow for further information on 4474 1329

### **Waterwatch and Estuary Health Monitoring**

**Last week of November 2008**

Half day training on Freshwater and half day on Estuary Health Monitoring covering water chemistry, physical parameters, biological indicators, and habitat assessment for current Landcare or community group members.

Contact Suzzanne Gray on 4475 1005 for details.