

EUROBODALLA LANDCARE NEWSLETTER

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EUROBODALLA LANDCARE CHRISTMAS TOUR

Friday 19th December

10.00 Depart Moruya Library by bus

10.45 Cullendulla Creek Littoral Rainforest – Courtenay Cres, off Blairs Rd, Long Beach

Meet with Long Beach Landcare for a tour of the Littoral Rainforest on the northern side of Cullendulla Creek.

12.00 Lunch at Murramarang, Sth Durras

1.30 Cookies Beach Viewing Platform, South Durras

Meet with South Durras Dunecare for an inspection of the recently completed Viewing Platform and Beach Access.

4.00 Arrive by bus back at Moruya Library

Please RSVP to Peter Gow by 10th December on 4474 1329

EUROBODALLA LANDCARE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE MEETING

At the Executive meeting on 26TH November a Motion was moved that:

ELMC seeks an opportunity to meet with Councillors to showcase and relay information on Eurobodalla Landcare activities.

A Report has been drafted to the next Council meeting on this Motion

Recent Landcare initiatives include:

- Wetland Planting Training - Harpurs Lagoon
- Bugwatch Training - Narooma PS
- Workcover Construction Induction - 2 people from S Durras
- Bushcare Training - Burrawang, Guerilla Bay, 3 Longbeach
- Bushcare Training- Wagonga LALC, Budd Island
- Property Management Planning Course
- First Aid Training - Guerilla Bay 2 people & Lilli Pilli 2 people
- Environmental education stalls were conducted at the Botanic Gardens Family Fun Day and the Sustainability Expo to provide information on Weeds and Weed Control.

- The Efarm network will be assisted by a Small Farms Project Officer based in Ulladulla. A training needs survey is currently being developed for rural landholders, and training will be offered in the new year.
- A meeting was held with Conservation Volunteers Australia to facilitate the development of a Regional Wetland Carers Network.

Eurobodalla Envirofund projects 08/09

Envirofund projects are underway at South Durras, Broulee / Bengello, Deua Valley, Rosedale, Tuross Coila Lake Foreshore, and the ELMC Coastal Communities project (Weed Control - Caseys Beach to Malua Bay)

NATIONAL LANDCARE AWARDS

Over 500 guests celebrated the National Landcare Awards at Parliament House, and cheered on the landcarers who took out top honours. For the first time, they were joined by hundreds of viewers across Australia who logged in to the live webcast. If you missed the action, the webcast will be available to re-watch at www.landcareheroes.com

CLEAN BEACH CHALLENGE WINNERS

Congratulations to Mystery Bay who won the Young Legends Award, Moruya Beach who came equal first in the Community Partnership and Action Award with Surfside Beach highly commended in the same category and to Bengello Beach (South Broulee) for winning the Environmental Protection Award.

BROULEE ART ON THE PATH

For the third year Broulee Mossy Point Dunecare will host 'Art on the Path' at North Broulee Beach bike path, 4pm on Thursday 18th December. Art on the Path is a community event showcasing local art and ecologically sustainable practices.

PROJECT ACTIVITY REGISTERS

(Yellow Sheets Booklets)

New Project Activity Registers are now available for Eurobodalla Landcare groups to record daily on-site Risk Assessment and for Monitoring of volunteer project participation.

COMMUNITY COASTCARE GRANTS

Community Coastcare grants have just been announced. Some of the successful local projects include

- Long Beach Landcare - Coastal wattle management study and weed control for the Long Beach foreshore
- Lilli Pilli / Malua Bay Landcare - Reedy Creek Rehabilitation
- Wagonga Rangers enhancing cultural and environmental values
- Southern Council's - Sea Spurge
- Please find details of the announcement and a full list of successful grants at <http://www.nrm.gov.au/funding/coastcare-successful.html>
- You'll find the media release at <http://www.environment.gov.au/minister/garrett/2008/mr20081203.html>

“INTRODUCTION TO BUSHCARE” TRAINING AND WORKS UPDATE



Above Pictures: Kianga / Dalmeny Dunecare group training at Bar Beach

Eurobodalla Shire Council has been conducting on site “Introduction to Bushcare” training sessions during November and December at various locations throughout the Shire.

Groups assisted with Training &/ or Works to Date:

Burrawang, Tuross Valley, Surfside, Guerilla Bay, Surfbeach, South Durras, and ELMC

12th November Kianga

17th November – Cullendulla Creek, Long Beach

24th November – Long Beach Wetland and Foreshore Reserve

Monday 1st December – Cullendulla Creek, Long Beach

Tuesday 2nd Dec – Burrawang

Future Events

9am – 12.00 Friday 5th Dec – Deua

9am – 12.00 Monday 8th December – Sth Durras

Tuesday 9th December – Tuross Head* Not for general public

Thursday 11th December 11th Dec Budd Island* Not for general public

9am – 12.00 Saturday 13th December – Broulee

9am – 12.00 Tuesday 16th December – Dalmeny

Mystery Bay * Date yet to be set

The three hour long sessions will provide an introduction to Native Plant Identification; Weed Identification; and Weed Control Techniques.

As the training will be conducted in bushland participants will need to wear suitable clothing including hat, work gloves, enclosed shoes, long trousers and long sleeved shirt. Insect repellent and sunscreen are also required. Bring a pen, notebook, drink, and a snack for morning tea.

The training sessions are supported with funding from Southern Rivers Catchment Management Authority.

Landcare groups have been undertaking weed control work in these areas and would welcome new volunteers to assist with conservation work.

For further details and to book a place for training please contact Peter Gow, Landcare Community Support Officer, on 4474 1329

CARING FOR OUR COUNTRY INVESTMENT PROPOSALS FOR 2009-2010

The Australian Government's Business Plan for 2009-2010 seeks investment proposals that contribute to the delivery of Caring for our Country targets. If you wish to submit an investment proposal for a project, you should read the business plan and visit the Caring for our Country funding web pages for information (available soon) about the requirements of applications. Please note: small projects (\$20,000-100,000 per annum), medium (up to \$2-3million per annum) and large scale (up to \$20million over 4 years) are being sought. **Closing date 6 Mar 2009.** The business plan can be accessed at www.nrm.gov.au/publications/books/business-plan.html and information for applications will be available online soon at www.nrm.gov.au/index.html

Information sessions for preparing and submitting an investment proposal will be held in each state and territory shortly. Contact one of the Caring for our Country Facilitators for further details www.nrm.gov.au/contacts/ausgovt.html or call the information contact number on 1800 552 008

GRANTS & FUNDING WEBSITES

- Grantslink www.grantslink.gov.au/
- DAFF grants & assistance www.daffa.gov.au/about/grants_and_assistance
- DEWHA grants & funding www.environment.gov.au/programs/index.html
- FRRR grants www.frrr.org.au/currentprojects.asp
- Caring for our Country funding www.nrm.gov.au/funding/index.html