

EUROBODALLA LANDCARE NEWSLETTER

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CHEMICAL APPLICATION COURSES 2009

Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd March, (Booked Out)

Friday 13th and Saturday 14th March (Still has Vacancies)

9 – 4pm

We are currently organising for two courses to be conducted at Moruya TAFE on the dates listed above. They are two-day courses.

This Landcare initiative has been funded by the Southern Rivers Catchment Management Authority, via a Landcare Sustainable Practices grant under the Australian Government's *Caring for our Country* initiative.

Please contact Peter Gow to express interest on 4474 1329. Places are limited.

CHEMICAL APPLICATION COURSE – REFRESHER

Saturday 14th March

9 – 4pm

There are a number of Landcare people whose Chemical Application Certificates are about to expire. A number of people undertook training in March to May 2004. The certificate is current for 5 years only.

People who have previously undertaken the Chemical application course at Moruya TAFE can undertake a 1 day refresher course on Saturday 14th March (instead of the two – day course). Please pass on this information to these who you think may need to update their qualification.

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FUNGI IN THE ECOSYSTEM WORKSHOP

Narooma Ecotel

10am – 3pm, Tuesday 7th April 2009

Too little is yet known about Australia's fungi and the roles they play in ecologies of the areas in which they are found.

Healthy trees (and many other plants) depend on the help of various species of fungus growing on their roots. These are called *mycorrhizal fungi*. Certain fungi have a mutually beneficial relationship with their tree host.

The tree provides the fungi with sugars, and the fungi help the roots to collect essential nutrients and moisture.

Fungi are crucial components of virtually all ecosystems including the biodegradation of dead organic material (plant and animal).

Without fungi, our forests and lands would not be as they are today.

If you are interested in the subject of mycology and the role fungi play in the recycling of forest debris, then come along to Ecotel on Tuesday 7th April 2009 at 10am where fungal enthusiast Teresa Van Der Heul will briefly explain this phenomenon.

Light luncheon will be provided followed by a short trip to a remnant pocket of rain forest for an easy walk to see this recycling in progress.

Please RSVP to Teresa Van Der Haul on 4476 4100 by 1st April.

SEAGRASS MONITORING & HABITAT ASSESSMENT TRAINING

Tuesday March 24th, Bingie

Seagrass is vital for the functioning of a healthy ecosystem. Seagrasses provide shelter, habitat, feeding grounds for many important species, improve water quality and aid in sediment control. By attending hands on community training workshop you will understand why seagrass is important and how to monitor its health. The workshop will involve learning about seagrass, how to identify different species, herbarium pressing, water quality monitoring and training in seagrass monitoring. By monitoring the distribution and condition of seagrasses will provide an early warning of decline in the health of your local estuary. We need to help keep an eye on this vital ecosystem and ensure it stays healthy for lifetimes to come.

Habitat Assessment will also be included, mangroves & mudflats (if present), Saltmarsh and riparian zones.

For further details contact Suzzanne Gray at SRCMA on 4475 1000

PELICAN & SEABIRD RESCUE WORKSHOP

9.00am registration 9.30am – 4.30pm, Saturday 21st March 2009

Narooma Bowling Club – 88 Princes Highway, Narooma

Ø Understanding pelicans, recognising/locating injured pelicans, handling, first-aid.

Ø Capture techniques for pelicans that can still fly (and any bird that can be lured).

Ø Seabird handling and first-aid; and rehabilitation issues for pelicans and seabirds.

Note: There will be a field session where you will be in contact with birds

Pelicans and other seabirds are frequently injured by accidental hooking.

The hooks do not simply rust away, and fishing line can sever limbs and wings.

If left unattended, these injuries can cause infection, gangrene/loss of limbs and a slow, painful death.

If you'd like to learn how to rescue these beautiful big birds and become a member of Australian Seabird Rescue, or learn more about pelicans and other seabirds, come along.

COST: \$30.00 – Includes morning/afternoon teas, & comprehensive manual,

PLEASE CONTACT JULIE TO REGISTER Phone: 0431 282 238 ·Email:

julieclarke.ica@bigpond.com

EUROBODALLA SHIRE COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT UNIT STAFF PROFILES

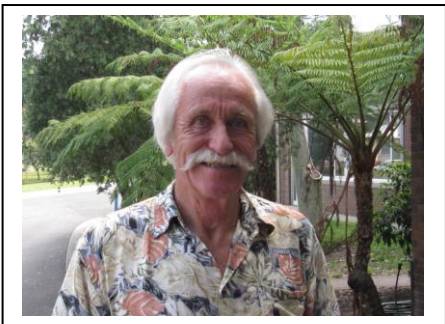
There have been a number of Environment Unit staff changes recently. Heidi Thomson has left to pursue a future in Queensland and Courtney Fink – Downes is in a new role as Estuary and Environment Coordinator. Therefore, new Project Officers will be working on the Envirofund, Biodiversity, and Caring for our Country projects. Peter Gow is the first point of call for Landcare enquiries.

Courtney Fink – Downes



Estuary and Environment Coordinator
Coordinating Environment Unit Projects
and Initiatives
Implementing Estuary Projects

Graham Harding



Senior Noxious Weeds Officer
Regional weed control initiatives
Noxious Weeds Regulatory duties
Assistance with grant funding

Peter Gow



Landcare Community Support Officer
Landcare Training, Communications,
Funding, Administration
Regional Wetland Carers Network
Regional Sea Spurge Project

Emma Patyus



Environment Project Officer

Bengello Envirofund
Sth Durras Envirofund
Rosedale Envirofund
Surfbeach Envirofund
ELMC Coastal Communities Envirofund
Reedy Creek Community Coastcare

Greg Watts



Landcare Project Officer

NLP Sustainable Agriculture Grant.
National Lantana Program Grant.
NSW Environmental Trust Grant
- *Zieria tuberculata* conservation

David Crass



Biodiversity Project Officer

Assisting Private Property landholders
implement Biodiversity conservation projects.

Vanessa Place



Biodiversity Project Officer

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implement Biodiversity conservation projects

WEED REMOVERS COURSE

5th and 19th May (Two day course)

9.30 – 4

Moruya

HEALTHY SOILS COURSE

6th and 20th May 2009 (Two day course)

Moruya

9.30 – 4

These workshops / events are a key activity of the Southern Rivers Catchment Management Authority project “Implementation of Priority Landcare Works in the Southern Rivers” and has been funded by a Landcare Sustainable Practices grant under the Australian Government’s *Caring for our Country initiative*.

Contact Peter Gow for further details on 4474 1329

NEW MANUAL ESSENTIAL READING FOR CONTROLLING BITOU BUSH

Eurobodalla Shire Council is offering free copies of the recently launched **Bitou Bush Management Manual** to Eurobodalla landholders who are actively involved in controlling bitou in the Shire.

This **Bitou Bush Management Manual** was produced through the Weeds of National Significance Program and has been jointly funded by the Australian Government and the Department of Environment and Climate Change NSW.

For a free copy of the manual, please contact Graham Harding at Eurobodalla Shire Council on 4474 1269. Copies may also be ordered from Hillary Cherry, National Coordinator, Bitou Bush and Boneseed Pest Management Unit, NSW Department of Environment & Climate Change, at: hillary.cherry@environment.nsw.gov.au. The full manual is now also available online at <http://www.weeds.org.au/WoNS/bitoubush/>

NSW SENIORS WEEK – MAYORAL MORNING TEA

10.00 – 12.00, Wednesday, 18th March 2009

Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Gardens

Invitation to Senior Citizens to attend and enjoy a complementary morning tea, music, and guided walks.

RSVP by 11th March to heatherh@melbpc.org.au or phone 4471 2544

ALPACA MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

The Small Farms Network will deliver an Alpaca Management workshop on the 14th March 2009 at Milton.

Fiona and Ian Vanderbeek operate Birrong Suri Alpacas, located in the Southern Highlands of NSW (www.birrongsurialpacas.com.au/index) and will cover the following topics.

Proposed Agenda:

- The alpaca industry in Australia
- Farm layout
- Nutrition, pasture and weeds
- General husbandry
- Mating and birthing
- Shearing
- Selecting your first animals

Location: Michelle Marshall's property
254A Evans lane, Milton (*look out for the red field day signs*)

Time: 9.45am (cuppa) 10am to 1-2pm

BYO: Chair and Sunscreen

BBQ Lunch provided

RSVP: Friday 6th March (limited spaces) To register your interest, call Peter Still on 0402398181 or email stillp@shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au

EUROBODALLA GREEN CORPS GRADUATION INVITATION

When: 6th March 2009

Time: 12:00 pm

Where: Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Gardens, Deep Creek Dam Rd, Batemans Bay (approx 5 Km south of Batemans Bay on the Princess Highway).

Greening Australia would like to invite you to the graduation of participants from the Green Corps 'Eurobodalla Protection of Biodiversity Hotspots' project.

This exciting Green Corps project, in partnership with the Eurobodalla Shire Council, has delivered a wide range of on-ground environmental outcomes across the region. The project has focused on conserving and enhancing the environmental condition of valuable riparian and coastal zones including Wetlands, Endangered Ecological Communities and locations that host Threatened Fauna Species.

This project has also provided valuable support to Landcare and Dunecare groups across the Shire and private landholders who are conserving biodiversity 'hotspots' including wetlands and waterways on their own land. Green Corps participants have completed nationally recognised training in Conservation and Land Management and will be presented with their certificates at the graduation.

Please stay afterwards for a barbeque lunch.

We would love to see you at this important graduation.

RSVP by 5 Mar 09 to Andrew Kirkley Ph 0407 401 420

SRCMA / SEL REGIONAL LANDCARE AWARDS

Call for Nominations - Closing date April 17th

- Individual Landcarer Award

- Rivercare Award

- Nature Conservation Award

- Community Group Award

- Local Government Landcare Partnerships Award

- Primary Producer Award

- Education Award

- Indigenous Award

Contact Peter Gow for further details on 4474 1329

WETLANDS REHABILITATION WORKSHOP

Friday 1st May

Bodalla Community Hall

Keep an eye out for further information in your next Eurobodalla Landcare Newsletter.

For more details and to RSVP – Susan Rhind 4228 9246, 0408 354 927

BUSHCARE TRAINING 2009

A number of Eurobodalla landcare groups will be again participating in the popular Bushcare training program. You are welcome to attend other group's training days to learn about what flora is present in different ecosystems. **If your group would also like on-site Bushcare training, or additional training days, please contact Peter Gow on 4474 1329, or Emma Patyus on 4474 1201.**

SURFSIDE BUSHCARE GROUP-

Saturday 28th March

Saturday 2nd May

Saturday 23rd May

ROSEDALE LANDCARE GROUP-

Tuesday 21st April

Thursday 23rd April

Saturday 25th April

LILLI PILLI / MALUA BAY LANDCARE-

Saturday 16th May

To attend please RSVP Emma Patyus - 4474 1201



Kianga / Dalmeny Dunecare group learning about the Cut and Paint technique of Herbicide application at the recent Bushcare training conducted by Maree Cadman

EUROBODALLA LANDCARE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE MEETING

The first Eurobodalla Landcare executive meeting for 2009 will be held on Wednesday 11th March. Included in the agenda will be discussion on funding applications to the Caring for our Country program.

The meeting will be held at the Moruya Council Offices - 1pm for 1.30 start
If you would like to add anything to the agenda or attend one of the meetings please contact Peter Gow on 02 4474 1329