

EUROBODALLA LANDCARE NEWSLETTER

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EUROBODALLA LANDCARE AGM

Thursday 14th May, 5.30pm

ESC Committee Room, Moruya

5.30 for Supper, 6pm Meeting commencement

Guest Speaker Topic – Indian Myna Birds

Nomination forms for Executive positions are available from Peter Gow

Important – Please RSVP to Peter Gow on 4474 1329 ASAP

FUNGI WORKSHOP TO BE CONDUCTED AGAIN – Tuesday 23rd June 2009

The Fungi Workshop held at Narooma on Tuesday 7th April was very informative and enjoyed by all attendees. We learnt not only about Fungi but also Lichens, Slimemoulds, Liverworts, Hornworts and other organisms which often go unnoticed but are an important part of the ecosystem. The workshop will be conducted again Tuesday 23rd JUNE 2009. Please contact the presenter, Teresa Van Der Heul, on 4476 4100 to book.



Fungi tour at Box Cutting Rainforest, Kianga



Armillaria leutobubolina
– a parasitic Fungi

Photo: Teresa Van Der Heul

WETLANDS REHABILITATION WORKSHOP

9am – 4pm, Friday 1st May

Bodalla Community Hall

Bookings Essential

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

REGIONAL WETLANDS FORUM

A Regional Wetlands Forum is planned for 16th and 17th June 2009 and will be held in Eurobodalla Shire. More details will be available in your next newsletter

smallfarms.net.au

Small Farms and Rural Living Network

Healthy Soils, Healthy Profits Workshop

When: 9.30 – 4pm, 6th and 20th May 2009 (Two day course)

Healthy pastures require healthy soils. Soils are the foundation of all productive and sustainable systems; however, they remain one of the last great mysteries on the farm. The Healthy Soils, Healthy Profits workshop looks at what is happening underground, and how improving soil health can increase the profitability and sustainability of a grazing system.

Strategies to monitor and manage soil health

The workshop will help you find ways to monitor and manage soil health. You will learn how to identify individual property soil health issues, evaluate how management can affect soil health, and develop action plans to address soil health problems.

Who should attend?

All that you need is an interest in understanding how to make soils healthier. The two-day workshop is ideally run over two sessions, about three weeks apart. Consecutive days are not recommended because it won't allow you to assess your own paddocks for discussion and interpretation.

Why you'll enjoy the workshop

This practical workshop includes theory, group discussions, individual and group activities and practical hands-on demonstrations in the paddock. Stuart Burge, who is a qualified agronomist with over 20 years experience working with pasture management and sustainable grazing systems, is conducting the Course.

Location: Katinya, 411 Womban Rd, Moruya

<http://www.ozebiz.com.au/katinya/Location.htm>

Contact: RSVP to Peter Gow, Eurobodalla Landcare Community Support

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This workshop is a key activity of the project "Small Farm Producer Networks - Supporting Sustainable Productive Land Management" and has been funded by a Landcare Sustainable Practices grant under the Australian Government's *Caring for our Country* initiative.



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Weed Removers, Pasture Improvers Workshop

When: 9.30 – 4pm, 5th and 19th May 2009 (Two day course)

Keeping weeds out of pasture is a constant battle. They reduce levels of desirable species, pasture quality, animal production and ultimately income. While once weeds were thought to be responsible for pasture decline, it is now widely accepted that they are the result of it. Completing this workshop will enable you to achieve more productive pastures through weed management using a wide range of cost-effective tools.

About the workshop

The two-day workshop is about managing pasture composition to maximise opportunities for the desirable species, and to make life as difficult as possible for weeds. The workshop will work through the following steps, applying these principles firstly to the host farm, and then to your own example.

- Where am I? The starting point, specific pasture composition problems, pasture analysis and some weed identification.
- Where do I want to be? A pasture composition target providing the basis for selecting the best tools from the range of options.
- What tools do I need? The range of tools that might provide a cost-effective schedule to weaken weeds and strengthen desirable species in the pasture (eg spraying, fertiliser and grazing management).
- How do I get there? Practical application of the options selected above to achieve the pasture composition target.
- How do I stay there? Once the desired pasture composition is achieved, most importantly, how do I maintain it?
- Stuart Burge, who is a qualified agronomist with over 20 years experience working with pasture management and sustainable grazing systems, is conducting the Course.

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VALE – Neville Gough

It is with sadness that I have to inform you of the passing of Neville Gough of Narooma. Neville was a great supporter of the Dunecare / Landcare movement and for many years was the ESC Councillor appointed to the Eurobodalla Landcare Management Committee. Neville initiated a range of Dunecare projects including weed control, dune fencing, and planting from Handkerchief Beach, south of Narooma, to the beaches of Kianga / Dalmeny.

EUROBODALLA LANDCARE EXECUTIVE MEETING DATES FOR 2009

Wednesday 10th June,

Wednesday 9th September

Wednesday 9th December

ESC Committee Room

1pm for 1.30 meeting commencement

Please contact Peter Gow if you have items for the Agenda or wish to attend representing your Landcare group.

SOUTHERN NSW REGIONAL INDIAN MYNA CONFERENCE Nowra on 13th May 2009.

The “Towards Best Practice Indian Myna Control” conference is being organized by the Canberra Indian Myna Action Group Inc. with funding support from the federal government, and with assistance from the Shoalhaven City Council. It will be held in the Shoalhaven City Council offices.

The conference will hear from a number of top-line speakers in the field of feral animal management and myna research (such as Prof Tony Peacock, the CEO of the CRC for Invasive Animals and Dr Chris Tidemann, Visiting Fellow of the Australian National University). A key element of the program will be short speaking segments of 10 minutes by a number of local councils and community-action groups on their issues and control approaches: what they are doing, what has worked, what hasn't etc. This will cover such things as: the elements to successfully establish a community-action group; trapping do's and don'ts; how councils and community-groups can work together on a myna control program. The afternoon will be devoted to a free-flowing discussion in full plenary where the participants will discuss 4 or so nominated key issues / questions. The day will finish up with a panel of practitioners answering any questions that might still be in attendees' minds. A report on “best-practice” approaches and options will be produced as an output of the conference.

Attendance at the conference is by invitation and will be free.

If you would like to attend the conference, please contact Courtney Fink at Eurobodalla Council on 4474 7442.

CHILDREN ATTENDING LANDCARE ACTIVITIES

It has been clarified by Council management that children can attend Landcare activities provided that they are under parental / adult supervision, and that parents are aware that children under the age of 10 years are not covered by insurance. Thanks to Deb Lenson for clarification on this issue.

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 2nd May

Saturday 23rd May

LILLI PILLI / MALUA BAY LANDCARE-

Saturday 16th May

SURF BEACH

Saturday 6th June

To attend please RSVP Emma Patyus – 4474 1201

INVITATION TO TUROSS LAKES LANDCARE WORKING BEES

Tuross Lakes Landcare welcomes volunteers for following planting activities. Please bring food & drink for mid-morning break and wear protective clothing:-

10th May 9 am Coila Lake Foreshore - Planting in forested area at the top of the rise above the cycle/walk timber bridge. You may like to park your car on Tuross Blvde near Coila Bar and walk westward on cycle/walk along lake foreshore, or park at end of Chauvel Cres. and walk down reserve next to last house in Chauvel Cres. to the lake foreshore forest.

24th May 9 am Coila Lake Foreshore - More planting as per details above. Phone 44 73 8800 or 44 73 8406 for further details.

SWIFT PARROT AND REGENT HONEYEATER SURVEYS

For the past 15 years, volunteer surveys have been an integral component of the Swift Parrot and Regent Honeyeater recovery efforts, and community involvement has made a demonstrable positive contribution to the ongoing success of a range of other conservation projects throughout the temperate woodlands region.

The season is upon us again whereby Swifties have returned to the mainland from Tasmania (and have already been recorded at several locations) and Regents are expected to show their faces any time soon (we hope!). This year the survey weekends are **May 16-17** and **August 1-2**, however we seek records of these species at any other time too. The average number of survey forms received each year is 2,020 – this is a significant volunteer contribution and these recovery programs rely heavily on your ongoing participation. However, we're keen to get more than that this year. If you are keen to participate in these survey weekends or additional searches at other times, please get in touch

Birds Australia Website <http://www.birdsaustralia.com.au/our-projects/woodland-bird-conservation.html>

ROSEDALE LANDCARE BUSHCARE TRAINING



Maree Cadman providing Bushcare training at Rosedale. This is a great opportunity for Rosedale Landcare to recruit some new volunteers to assist with the work at Banksia Flat, Rosedale.

PHOTOS WANTED

Peter Gow is looking for Digital images to be used in Reports, and Case Studies to go on the Eurobodalla Landcare Website. Please email images to Peter at [mailto:Peter.Gow @ eurocoast.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Peter.Gow@eurocoast.nsw.gov.au)

REGIONAL LANDCARE AWARDS OPEN

Nominations will be open from **17 April to 22 May**.

Presentation of Regional Awards will be in Braidwood on **11 June** at the SEL/SRCMA Communications Strategy workshop. All nominations for Regional Awards will be sent on to the NSW Awards organisers.

Categories:

- Individual Landcarer Award
- Landcare Community Group Award
- Local Government Landcare Partnerships Award
- Coastcare Award
- Landcare Primary Producer Award
- Landcare Education Award
- Landcare Indigenous Award
- Landcare NRM Region Award
- Young Landcare Leader
- Urban Landcare Award
- State & Territory People's Choice Award

The criteria for the NSW State Landcare Awards are now available from the Landcare Australia Limited (LAL) website - use address below.

<http://www.landcareonline.com/page.asp?pID=93&p=awards>