

EUROBODALLA LANDCARE NEWSLETTER

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EUROBODALLA LANDCARE AGM

The Eurobodalla Landcare Management Committee (ELMC) Annual General Meeting was conducted the 14th May 2009.

Executive positions for 2009/10 are as follows:-

Chair – Paul May

Deputy Chair - Reina Hill

Secretary - Alison Baird

Treasurer – Christina Potts

Publicity Officer – Margaret Mundy

Councillors appointed to the ELMC – Clr G Scobie, Clr A Brown

Representative to South East Landcare - Maureen Baker

Thanks again to the volunteers who are willing to participate on the ELMC Executive.

WETLANDS

REHABILITATION

WORKSHOP

Twenty eight people learnt about Wetland Rehabilitation at the workshop conducted on the 1st May at Bodalla. The presenter, Alison Elvin, spoke on the importance of conserving our freshwater wetlands as they provide habitat for a wide range of wildlife, including invertebrates, fish, frogs, reptiles, marsupials, and birds. There are intricate food webs which are dependent on healthy wetlands. The Wetland Rehabilitation Workshop was conducted in partnership with Eurobodalla Landcare and was run by Susan Rhind, Conservation Volunteers Australia (CVA), as part of the Wetlands Carers

Network project, a partnership project funded by the Natural Resources Advisory Council. Thanks go to Peter Motbey and Jenny Brosch for allowing us to visit their wetland rehabilitation sites.



Alison Elvin and Wetland Workshop participants at Harpurs Lagoon, Tuross Valley

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, Slime moulds, 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.

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.

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.**

SURF BEACH

Saturday 13th June

To attend please RSVP Emma Patyus – 4474 1201

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>

SOUTH EAST LANDCARE (SEL) COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY WORKSHOP AND AWARDS PRESENTATION

The presentation of Regional Landcare Awards will be in Braidwood on 11th June. Long Beach Landcare has been nominated for a Coastcare Award by Coastwatchers. We are aiming for a 9.30 registration and a 10am start of the Workshop. For more details contact Peter Gow on 4474 1329

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 2009

Friday 5th June

Central Tilba Primary School will be participating in a planting day on the coast south of Mystery Bay.

Wetland Carers Network Forum

Batemans Bay



This forum of the Wetland Carers Network is coordinated by Conservation Volunteers Australia and has been funded by the Natural Resource Advisory Council as part of the 'Healthy Wetlands Healthy People' Forging Partnerships project.

When: 16 & 17 June 2009
Time: 10 am Tuesday - 4 pm Wednesday
Where: Coachhouse Marina Resort
Cost: Free
RSVP: For your registration package contact:
Susan Rhind 0408 354 927 or
srhind@conservationvolunteers.com.au

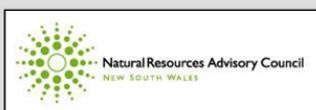
Landholders, community groups, and individuals who work on wetlands are invited to this FREE two day forum. The program will feature:

- ◇ keynote speakers
- ◇ case studies of wetland projects
- ◇ field site visits
- ◇ a social evening.

The aim of the forum is to support and encourage the communities in the Southern Rivers region that are working on wetlands. From estuaries to farm dams, people will be sharing stories, ideas and information. If you have a story to share during the case study sessions, contact Susan for details about making a presentation.

Registration is essential and required by 9 June.

Discounted accommodation available at the Coachhouse Marina Resort



Cross Council Co-operation to Protect our Beaches

Bega, Eurobodalla and Shoalhaven Councils are joining forces to fight Sea Spurge (*Euphorbia paralias*), a highly invasive weed changing the shape of beaches on the south coast of NSW. Sea Spurge is recognised as a significant threat to NSW coastal biodiversity and its spread can lead to the loss of nesting sites for threatened shorebirds birds such as the Little Tern and Hooded Plover, increase beach erosion and impact Aboriginal heritage sites.

Introduced from Europe, sea spurge first appeared about 70 years ago in Western Australia. Each plant can produce up to 5,000 salt-tolerant seeds which are carried and spread by ocean currents, remaining viable for several years. Sea Spurge has established vast infestations along the southern Australian coastline and over the last 25 years, there has been a progressive spread northward along the NSW coastline.

A cross-regional project, involving co-operation between 3 local government areas – Bega, Eurobodalla and Shoalhaven is aimed at establishing a NSW containment line for this weed. Three part time project officers (1 per Local Government Area) have been appointed to oversee the project which will lead to a significant reduction in sea spurge and help protect our coastal environments. The role of the Project Officers is to monitor, map and assess the severity of infestations on all beaches in their Local Government Area, determine appropriate control methods for each site, engage work crews and increase community awareness. Local indigenous communities, coastal volunteer groups, councils, state agencies such as NPWS

and the federal government will work cooperatively to establish a containment line beyond which all infestations will be eliminated and implement control measures to bring remaining infestations to manageable levels.

The project is co-ordinated by Southern Councils Group, through funding from the Australian Government's Caring for our Country Program. At the completion of this project, it is anticipated that infestations on all NSW South Coast beaches could be reduced to levels that could be wholly managed by local volunteers and agencies. The plants can be easily removed by hand, however they exude a white milky sap which can cause painful irritation and inflammation. Gloves and eye protection must be worn. For more information or to report an outbreak of Sea Spurge contact Jo Lane at Eurobodalla Shire Council on 4474 7300.



Members of the Regional Sea Spurge Steering Committee at Booderee National Park
L-R Greg Thompson, Peter Gow, David Brown, Paul May, Anne Herbert, Stuart Cameron.



CARING
FOR
OUR
COUNTRY

Eurobodalla

Slow Food

Celebration

June 19th, 20th and 21st
2009.

The **Slow Food** movement is about regional production of good food, its preparation and enjoyment.

With this in mind, Slow Food Eurobodalla will be holding a Celebration of good food and all things related to the growing, preparation and consuming of it over the weekend of June 19th, 20th and 21st 2009.

Our aim over this weekend will be to showcase existing regional good food producers and also to highlight the tremendous opportunities for a quality, sustainable regional food production movement on the South Coast. We propose to have stalls selling, displaying and educating visitors and locals alike based on the outstanding food

production resources and future potential within our region

Within the site, Moruya Riverside Park, we anticipate that visitors will be able to learn how to grow their own vegetables, fruit and livestock, how to prepare their own produce and how to thoroughly enjoy the benefits of consuming it slowly. Also, we envisage significant displays promoting businesses and products associated with the production of good food in our region. In addition to site activities, we anticipate that local restaurants will develop suitable regionally based menus to compliment the slow food philosophy over the weekend.

For more information visit the website at [http://www.eurobodallaslowfo
od.com.au](http://www.eurobodallaslowfood.com.au)

Sustainable Agriculture and Gardening Eurobodalla

The SAGE project is the vision of a group of concerned residents of the Eurobodalla Shire and is intended as an education and demonstration site for sustainable agricultural and horticultural practices at the old Community Gardens site in Queen Street Moruya . This project will have an initial role as a organic farming demonstration site for the Eurobodalla Slow Food Celebration in June 2009 with the longer term goal of being developed as a Training Facility for the teaching of sustainable horticultural and agricultural practices to both the home gardener and the small commercial producer. This facility would have wide ranging community benefits such as the gaining of food production and preparation knowledge, enhancing the sense of community in the shire, the production of good food for those in need in our community and the development of sound horticultural skills to increase employment or self-employment prospects for job seekers. For more information visit the website at <http://www.eurobodallaslowfood.com.au>



Working Bee at the SAGE - Moruya Community Gardens site,

Sunday 24th May