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Coming Events -

Sustainable Soil Management Workshop with Bruce Davison

Date: Sunday, 26 June 2015

Where: CWA Rooms, 64 Queen Street
and SAGE Garden, 110 Queen Street,
Moruya

Time: 8.30am – 4.30pm

Cost: \$30 (SAGE Member) and \$45
(Non Member).

Thanks to South East Local Lands
Services for assisting in funding this
workshop which is normally
\$125/person.

This fee includes a workbook, on going
email support with Bruce, morning
and afternoon tea and lunch.

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SAGE Film Night Moruya (Date to be confirmed)

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LANDCARE AT FRIENDSHIP DAY, TUROSS HEAD COUNTRY CLUB, SUNDAY, 29TH MARCH 2015

Tuross Lakes Landcare was one of the many
local community groups who participated
in the above Friendship Day held between
10 am and 2 pm.

Each group had a display table where both
Club members and visitors were invited to
come along and learn about all the
activities they could become involved in at
Tuross.

Jenny Dixon and I were kept busy handing
out various brochures, in particular our
brochure on the Tuross Peninsula Natural &
Cultural Heritage which, of course, had all
the details about our group on the back
page.

People were curious about the prickly pear
and asparagus fern which Jenny had potted
up and had on display. This gave us the
opportunity to explain further about our
weeding activities in the foreshore reserves
and hand out the garden escape
pamphlets. Our raffle prizes of 2 native
plants suitable for gardens also drew
people to our table.

One person offered to join in our landcare activities and quite a few people stopped to say that they appreciated our work but due to age or disabilities they were unable to carry out the physical effort required. Needless to say we are doing our best to promote our activities to the *younger* retirees.

During the day we were entertained by the local line dancers, the Club's Singers, and the drum group. All in all an enjoyable day amongst fellow volunteers.

Maureen Baker, Group Coordinator, Tuross Lakes Landcare (part of Tuross Lakes Preservation Group)

National Landcare Program 2015

Eurobodalla Landcare groups were successful with three applications to the National Landcare program. These are summarized below.

Eurobodalla Bush Heritage then and now

The 'Eurobodalla Bush Heritage then and now' project will utilise a new awareness raising and training technique recently trialled successfully in Eurobodalla. The idea is to conduct a series of 4 field days with focus on the Aboriginal heritage and history of the sites and combine that with Bushcare training with native plant and weed identification and instruction in weed control techniques.

This will raise community awareness of their environment and the encourage participation with their local Landcare group. Landcare groups will do on-ground weed control work alongside paid weed control contractors so the volunteers can learn skills on the job and on their own sites.

Eurobodalla Shire Council will be assisting the Landcare groups with project management. We are targeting sites where groups are being rejuvenated at Mystery Bay, Akolele, Surfside and where a new group has started at Burra Creek in the Deua Valley.

Conserving the coastal biodiversity of Central Eurobodalla

Environmental weeds are threatening coastal biodiversity in Central Eurobodalla. The spread of weeds, including Weeds of National Significance, are threatening the significant vegetation and the habitat of fauna in these sites. Works will be undertaken to control the spread of exotic weeds. The project will assist Landcare groups at Tuross Head, Potato Point and Kianga / Dalmeny/ Narooma.

Eurobodalla Shire Council will be assisting the Landcare groups with project management. On ground weed control will be undertaken by experienced weed control contractors and trainers.

The project will also provide on-site training in native plant identification, weed identification and weed control techniques to allow volunteers to successfully undertake weed control work into the future.

Protecting the Coastal Resilience in the North of Eurobodalla

This project will assist Landcare groups at Lilli Pilli, Mosquito Bay and Denhams Beach. These groups have been in existence for a number of years and have conducted a range of environmental works. They now require the assistance of professional bush regenerators to enable and encourage the extension of their works.

Works will be undertaken to control the spread of exotic weeds, including Weeds of National Significance, which are threatening coastal resilience by outcompeting native vegetation and reducing habitat of fauna in significant sites in the North of the Eurobodalla. Three Landcare groups and their work sites will benefit from the assistance that this project will provide.

Eurobodalla Shire Council will be assisting the Landcare groups with project management. Volunteers will have the opportunity to work alongside the experienced bush regeneration contractors learning from them while doing on-site works. Contractors will concentrate on hard to manage areas and treat infestations outside of group's capabilities. Training days will be promoted throughout the local community to encourage new members to become involved with Landcare.



Mosquito Bay Bushcare representatives, Carolyn and Allan McKendry showing Asparagus Fern which was forming a ground covering monoculture in the bushland.

Carolyn McKendry said "When the group started three years ago the Mosquito Bay creek was choked with arum lillies, asparagus fern, cassia, morning glory and garden escapees. This funding will enable weed control contractors to get into some of the more difficult sites that we are yet to reach."

SAGE EDUCATION PRESENTS

Sustainable Soil Management with Bruce Davison

8.30am – 4.30pm, Sunday 26 June, Moruya

Bruce Davison's one-day workshop delivers fundamental information and practical approaches to help you build your soil for better crops.

This workshop is ideal for anyone serious about learning how to create ideal soil conditions to support growing highly nutritious food – produce to eat and pastures for animals. There will be a revision of the basics as a refresher to those who attended last year and perfect for those who are attending for the first time.

In the afternoon we will build a high nutrient compost heap and a large scale worm farm at the SAGE Garden. This will be a comprehensive learning process focusing on sustainable soil management, improving environmental outcomes and the growing of nutrient dense food.

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To assist participants to get the most out of the workshop, we have arranged for participants to send in a sample of their own soil for analysis at a subsidised price. Then at the workshop, Bruce will guide you through the process to interpreting and understanding their own soil report, learn how to address fertility to make the necessary adjustments to improve productivity.

Please note: Although having your own soil test is not an essential part of the workshop, it is an excellent opportunity for those who want to get connected to their soil and help understand why their farm/garden isn't performing as well as it might or they expect.

BOOK EARLY and arrange your soil tested! Instructions on how to take a soil sample and the contact details of the lab will be provided when you book into this workshop. **Please note** that the cost of the soil analysis will be \$88 (a 20% discount) – this is not included in the cost of the workshop.