



EUROBODALLA LANDCARE NETWORK NEWSLETTER

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Coming Events -

PROTECTING THE NAROOMA LITTORAL RAINFOREST FIELD DAY

10am, Tuesday 19 April
Take a walk through the Wagonga Inlet Littoral Rainforest with Botanist Jackie Miles. Book with Peter Gow on 44751001. FREE

Caring for our Tuross Dunes WeedBlitz

11.00am – 12.30pm, Sunday, 1st May 2016
One Tree Point Carpark, Tuross Head.

LANTANA WORKSHOP

When: Saturday 23rd of April
Time: 11am -1pm
Where: Central Tilba
FREE

FARMS WITH A FUTURE GROUND WORK DAYS

9am-4pm Thursday 28 April, Bombala
9am-4pm Monday 23 May, Tilba
\$20

March / April 2016

GREEN ARMY ADD TO ONGOING WORKS

It's Year 4 of the Deua River Restoration Project and the team just keeps growing! The most recent recruits assisting on the project were the Green Army, local youth interested in protecting their local environment employed to carry out hands-on, practical environmental activities.



The Green Army team plant in areas of bank erosion on the Deua River.

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The Green Army has been working in the Eurobodalla over the past 12 months with the most recent team concentrating their works in the central section of the shire, which includes the Deua River Valley. The team have worked on a range of projects including fencing, weed control, path construction and erosion control. Up the Deua the team was able to assist on both public and private property with their most recent works spent rehabilitating areas of erosion caused by last year's flooding through the planting of native plants. These plants will increase bank stability during similar events and will assist with weed control works conducted nearby through the Deua River Restoration project.

The Deua River Restoration project began in 2012 with funds provided by the NSW Environmental Trust for weed control on land adjoining the Deua River. The grant aims to create a corridor linking the hinterland to the coast through removal of invasive weed species over a massive area spanning 42kms from Araluen Creek junction right down to Burra Creek. The project aims to engage as many landowners in this stretch as possible and to date more than 80% of residents adjoining the Deua have become involved in the project, with more joining as the word spreads and the achievements become more noticeable on ground.

The project is now in its fourth year and some fantastic achievements have been made with support from local residents, Deua Rivercare volunteers, Moruya TAFE, Moruya Primary School, Moruya High School, ESC, Local Land Services, National Parks and Wildlife Service, local bush regenerators and now the Green Army.

Project Officer, Emma Patyus, says "We are extremely grateful for the financial assistance from Environmental Trust which has funded the Deua project for the past 4 years and for their ongoing commitment until 2018". For more details on the project or to find out how you can become involved please contact Emma on 4474 7300.

GREEN ARMY TEAM GRADUATES

The Eurobodalla Green Army team 2015/16 graduated recently with a ceremony conducted at the Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Gardens. Their achievements in conducting natural resource works with Council, Landcare, NPWS and the Eurobodalla Botanic Gardens are greatly appreciated by all.



Eurobodalla Green Army participants with their Graduation Certificates along with Emma Patyus, supervisor Damon Lane, Peter Gow and Michael Analzark

DESIGNING FOR DIVERSITY

Report on the Designing Edible Landscapes Workshop

On Wednesday 23 March seventeen local landholders attended the “Designing Edible Landscapes” workshop organised by South East Local Land Services. This workshop focussed on how to design a practical edible landscape that is both productive & beautiful.

Participants gained an understanding of the basic design process and discovered those plant species that can be used as both food and landscape plants as well as native species suitable for windbreaks.

The program included short walks around the SAGE Community Garden at Moruya to better understand design principles and suitable species.

The workshop was presented by Stuart Scobie, a local Landscape Architect. Stuart has worked in both the public and private sectors in Australia and the UK and has over 27 years' experience in the field of Landscape Architecture. He has a passion for promoting and encouraging the growing of sustainable, good food with particular emphasis on heirloom seed production.



Stuart Scobie talking on Property Planning at SAGE Community Garden, Moruya

Suzanne Gray from Mossy Point said the strong point of the workshop was “Being able to walk the property and see and discuss the different design options and why they were used, after firstly being educated in the theory of design”.

Skills learnt about property design can be applied to backyard gardens or larger rural properties.

COMING EVENTS:

PLANTS AND FUNGI OF THE NAROOMA LITTORAL RAINFOREST FIELD DAY

10am – 3pm, Tuesday 19 April, Narooma

Itinerary:

10 – 12pm Ringlands Point Littoral Rainforest

12 – 1 Lunch Break at Quarterdeck Park, Riverside Drive, Narooma. BYO lunch or purchase something from the Boatshed Cafes. Toilets available.

1-3pm Box Cutting Rainforest, Kianga Rd, North Narooma

LITTORAL RAINFOREST ON THE FAR SOUTH COAST

Littoral Rainforest is listed as an Endangered Ecological Community (EEC) under both NSW State (*Threatened Species Conservation Act*) and Commonwealth (*Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act*) legislation, due largely to clearing and the threat to remaining stands from weeds, feral animals such as deer, fire and the activities of people (track creation, littering, plant collection, soil disturbance etc).

Other less obvious threats include the loss of critical fauna elements from the ecosystem, that are needed for pollination or seed dispersal (e.g. cassowaries in north Queensland, which are the only dispersal agents for some large-fruited tree species), and the introduction of plant pathogens such as the recently arrived South American myrtle rust.

Take an informative walk through the Wagonga Inlet Littoral Rainforest and the Box Cutting Rainforest with Botanist Jackie Miles. Identify the native plants, weeds, and learn weed control techniques.

The Importance of Fungi

Fungi specialist, Teresa Van Der Heul, will also point out some amazing fungi which are present in these ecosystems.

Here is a taste of why fungi are so important.

“Fungi are vastly underappreciated, yet without them our world would not be the same. They are nature’s recyclers turning dead wood and plant material such as lignum and cellulose, back into individual components to be reabsorbed by living organisms including humans.

Without fungi we would not have bread, alcoholic beverages or cheese; cows and other ruminants would be unable to digest plant material which would effectively eliminate dairy and beef from our diet. Gardening would cease and nutrients taken from the earth would never be replaced.

Plant debris would be washed into the water ways essentially chocking off life to seagrass and aquatic critters. There would be no antibiotics..... neither we nor our ecosystem can survive without fungi.”

Book with Peter Gow on 44751001

LANTANA WORKSHOP

When: Saturday 23rd of April

Time: 11am -1pm

Where: 379 Punkalla Tilba Road, Central Tilba

What: how to use a Splattergun; how to make access easier; future visions

A field day about Lantana including recognition and similar species, managing lantana in bush and pasture environments, control techniques, what’s worked and what hasn’t. BYO chair.

RSVP: by 22nd April to Mitchell Jarvis: 0429 445 897 or mitchell.jarvis@esc.nsw.gov.au

Sausage sizzle and drinks provided.



Farms with a Future



Two More Ground Work Days Announced

9am-4pm Thursday 28 April, Bombala

9am-4pm Monday 23 May, Tilba

<http://farmswithafuture.scpa.org.au>

Registration is now open for the next two 'Farms with a Future' Ground Work Days. To be eligible to attend you need to have a farm property within the [SE Local Land Services](#) area and agree to submit a Sustainable Farm Plan* within 8 weeks after you attend the Ground Work Day.

By attending a Ground Work Day and submitting a Sustainable Farm Plan* for your farm property, you will be in the running for \$1,000 towards the cost of furthering your plan, and up to \$4,000 towards implementing the plan and hosting a Ground Work Day on your property.

Palarang, Bombala - Thursday 28 April

Palarang is run by John Walker. Read the Case Study [HERE](#). John also runs Palarang Meats (Quality Butcher & Providore) in Bombala. Join us and [Josh Dorrrough](#) from [Natural Regeneration Australia](#) on Thursday 28 April to participate in the establishment of a native grass 'nursery' area at 'Palarang'.

Activities will include collecting seed from plants already existing on the property such as Kangaroo Grass (Themeda), Stipa Grass and Forbs.

OR

Symphony Farm, Tilba - Monday 23 May

Symphony Farm is run by Amanda and Graham Thompson who are implementing Yeoman's practice of placing fencing along the land contours created by natural water movement.

They are developing on contour paddocks for multi-tiered grazing of cattle, pigs and chickens.

Read the Case Study [HERE](#). Join us on Monday 23 May to learn about rational grazing on contour. Visit the on contour paddocks where we will be setting out fence lines on contour using dumpy levels.

Select the Ground Work Day in your shire or which demonstrates practices most relevant to your farming environment.

COST: \$20 per person (max 2 per farm property). Lunch provided.

REGISTRATION: essential, places are limited. [Register HERE](#).

The Farms with a Future Project is part of the \$125 million of National Landcare Programme investment that Local Land Services is delivering to boost farm gate productivity and improve environmental health across NSW.

CARING FOR OUR TUROSS DUNES WEEDBLITZ

11.00am – 12.30pm, Sunday, 1st May 2016

One Tree Point Carpark, Tuross Head.

The Tuross Coastal Landcare group and the Surfrider Foundation/Eurobodalla would like to invite people to join them for a short WeedBlitz followed by a BBQ at One Tree Point. Join with Peter Gow from South East Local Land Services to learn about native plant identification, weed identification and weed control techniques.

Book with Peter Gow for catering purposes on 44751001