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Women of Flowers: Botanical Art in Australia

Leonie Norton will give a talk about her book *Women of Flowers: Botanical Art in Australia from the 1830s to the 1960s* at the Tuggeranong Homestead. Leonie is one of Australia's leading botanical artists and an international botanical art tutor. The book pays tribute to 11 colonial women botanical artists and features many beautiful works that were sourced primarily from the National Library of Australia's Pictures Collections. Leonie's book is a social history of the women that celebrates their achievements and their contribution to botanical art. The book will be available at the talk and the National Library's book shop.

When: 2 pm Sunday 11 July 2010

Where: Tuggeranong Homestead, Johnson Drive, Richardson

Cost: \$10 includes Devonshire tea

Bookings please to: Jenny Horsfield 62314535

Junior Landcare Grants Available

Round 3 of the Yates and Coles Junior Landcare grants will close Friday 6th August. www.juniorlandcare.com.au

Indra Esguerra to address Nature and Society Forum public

The speaker at the Nature and Society Forum meeting next Wednesday, 16 June, will be Indra Esguerra. Indra is the Greens candidate for the seat of Fraser, the seat held for many years by Bob McMullin.

Date: Wednesday 16 June

Time: 7:30 pm

Venue: CSIRO Discovery Centre

Indra will talk about what is happening with the SE forests at the moment, and the transition the forest industry is about to have to undergo. She will also talk about

other Greens environment policies, with a focus on climate change and biodiversity, from both the national and local levels. Indra has agreed to take questions from the floor, so we can use this opportunity to learn about the Greens and also to alert a candidate to the issues you see as important and deserving a higher priority. Of course, issues that have traction in an election are not necessarily those that need - and receive - attention from parliamentarians, and we need to bear this in mind in the Q&A part of the evening. This is an open meeting, so please invite your family, friends and acquaintances.

www.natsoc.org.au

Government response to the report on the ACT lowland native grasslands

To view the Government response to the Report on the ACT Lowland Native Grassland Investigation by the Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment presented by Simon Corbell MLA, Minister for the Environment, Climate Change and Water in March 2010 go to:

http://www.environment.act.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0003/189840/Government_response_to_Report_on_the_ACT_Lowland_Native_Grassland.pdf

Tidbinbilla Draft Plan of Management available for public comment

Members may recall that in February last year we submitted comments on the discussion paper for the Tidbinbilla precinct. The issues we addressed included:

1. accommodation;
2. public safety with particular reference to European wasps;
3. an increased emphasis on education about sustainability and Landcare;
4. the role of volunteers;
5. water quality and quantity;
6. the preservation and interpretation of both Aboriginal and European sites;
7. transport, and;
8. the natural vista.

The Tidbinbilla Draft Plan of Management May 2010 is now available for public comment until Monday 26 July 2010. The purpose of the draft plan is to seek community views on the values of Tidbinbilla, the issues and options associated with their conservation and use, and the current and future management policies for the Tidbinbilla precinct.

The draft plan can be viewed at

http://www.tams.act.gov.au/play/pcl/parks_reserves_and_open_places/national_parks/tidbinbilla_nature_reserve/tidbinbilla_draft_plan_of_mgt

Living with Lovegrass

‘Living with Lovegrass’ a forum designed around learning from each other on how to manage African Lovegrass was held at the Namadgi Visitor Centre on Saturday 22nd May.

Around sixty people attended the forum and it was interesting to hear the range of views expressed about lovegrass. Some graziers expressed the view that lovegrass is here, cattle can use it, so perhaps we are better off devoting resources to Serrated Tussock. Others thought that lovegrass is potentially our worst environmental and agricultural weed species. Whatever the view there is no denying African lovegrass is a highly persistent, summer growing, perennial grass weed that is invading rural properties, urban parklands and roadsides and nature reserves across our region.

When the write-up of the forum is completed I will let you know that it is on our website. Anna Van Dugteren, Esther Duffy, Geoff Hyles, myself and potentially David Shorthouse will meet to discuss how we can promote recommendations out of the forum.

[If you attended the forum and left your notes behind contact Steve on 6296 6400 or email \[info@sactcg.org.au\]\(mailto:info@sactcg.org.au\)](#)

The Future - K2C Landholders – Links - Landscapes Expo

Sunday, 10th Oct 2010 at Bredbo Village

Over 25 stalls to field your questions and offer options for you on your land.

Key Presenter, Sam Archer - Cattle and Crop Farmer, MLA Nuffield Scholar

- Calling on all landholders in a 100km radius to head to Bredbo Village for this exciting event.
- 10 K2C Partners + many more industry and community groups will be there to discuss all types of land matters with you.
- Discover a range of sustainable land uses that can yield profits while enriching landscape health.
- Come on a visit to the Bush Heritage “Scottsdale” Property, listen and talk to presenters on land use, birds, reptiles, weeds, wattles and much more.
- Celebrate 2010 — Year of Biodiversity

Contact Lauren Van Dyke—K2C Project Facilitator facilitator@k2c.org.au

www.k2c.org.au

‘the bidgee from behind the lens’ –

a photographic competition about valuing natural heritage

The Murrumbidgee Catchment Management Authority (MCMA) has announced the opening of ‘The Bidgee from Behind the Lens’ photographic competition to celebrate the Murrumbidgee catchment’s natural assets. The Murrumbidgee catchment has one of the most diverse climates in NSW – from alpine areas of Kosciuszko National Park, through to the rich grazing belts of the South-West Slopes and grasslands of the semi-arid western Riverina. The MCMA would like to capture the diversity, beauty and sustainable management of the Murrumbidgee catchment and invites entries that may include, but are not limited to, images of wildlife, flora, landscapes, wetlands and rivers, sustainable farming practices and communities living in and caring for the catchment.

There are four categories – Primary Student; Secondary Student; Open Amateur; and Open Professional. Photographs can be historic or recent, black and white or

colour – but they must be from the Murrumbidgee catchment. Only digital entries will be accepted.

Cash prizes of \$250 will be offered for first place and \$100 for runner up in each category.

Entries close 5 pm, Friday 18 June 2010.

For more information visit www.murrumbidgee.cma.nsw.gov.au or contact Sue Buik, Murrumbidgee CMA on (02) 6940 2942.

Position Vacant

ActewAGL Water Division is currently seeking a Source Water Protection Officer to join the Source Water Protection Program team. The focus of the role will be on providing assistance to Local Government, Emergency Services, community groups and all other catchment stakeholders, in implementing and monitoring programs that protect the ACT's drinking water catchments.

Selection documentation is available by via email to

advertised.vacancies@actewagl.com.au quoting Ref No. ER 62/2010 or visit the website: www.actewagl.com.au/careers Contact Belinda Green 6270 7978.

NSW/ACT Regional Achievement and Community Awards 2010

Applications are invited for the NSW/ACT Regional Achievement and Community Awards 2010. (Nominations close August 13)

Award categories include:

The Land and Property Management Authority **Crown Reserve Trust Award**

The Land and Property Management Auth. **Community of the Year Award**

The Industry and Investment NSW **Business Enterprise Award**

The Industry and Investment NSW **Events & Tourism Award**

The Salvation Army Employment Plus **Employment & Training Award**

The Peabody **Environment & Landcare Award**

Contact Kiri Lewis

Awards Coordinator- Awards Australia

NSW/ACT Regional Achievement & Community Awards

1300 735 445 www.awardsaustralia.com

Your vote needed

The Landcare Awards People's Choice voting website is now live and ready for you, your family, friends, community and networks to vote.

So vote for the wonderful ACT finalists, leave a message of support or be inspired by the other finalists that are all winners from their own states. You can access the website from www.landcareonline.com.au and click on the "People's Choice Awards