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## 1. Southern ACT Catchment Group Annual General Meeting

SACTCG AGM will be held at Tuggeranong Homestead on the **29<sup>th</sup> October**. It will start with a walk around the homestead with Minders of Tuggeranong Homestead at **4.30pm** to see what work they have been doing, followed by the meeting at 5.30pm and a light supper at 6.30pm. All are welcome. Please RSVP to Martine on 62578969 or [info@sactcg.org.au](mailto:info@sactcg.org.au)

SACTCG are holding field trips 2<sup>nd</sup> monthly on the last Tuesday of that month. The next field trip location is yet to be determined so stay tuned. If you would like to host a meeting at your groups' site, or your property please call Martine Franco 62966400 to arrange.

## 2. Events, Field Days, Workshops and Forums

### ***Annual Frogwatch Census: We need your help!***

The Annual Frogwatch Census will be held during 20<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> of October. Contact Anke Maria on 6278 3309 or [frogwatch@ginninderrallandcare.org.au](mailto:frogwatch@ginninderrallandcare.org.au) to get involved.

### ***Canberra Centenary Trail opening - 'Try the Trail Day'***

The official opening of the long-awaited Canberra Centenary Trail.

From **10 am to 2 pm on Sunday 27 October 2013**, a 'Try the Trail Day' will be held at five different locations along the alignment – Hall School Museum, Victoria Street Hall, John Knight Memorial Park in Belconnen, Chapman near Coleman Ridge, Tuggeranong Town Park and Remembrance Park in Campbell.

People can join a guided walk led by ACT Scouts and purchase some lunch from a Rotary Club stall.

Event partner, ACT Medicare Local, will also be providing a free trail map and fresh fruit to all participants on the day.

### ***ACT Centenary Bioblitz!***

When: **25 October, 2013 - 10:00 to 27 October, 2013 - 16:00**

Location: Black Mountain

Canberra is holding it's first ever collaborative bioblitz - a race to collect information on as many kinds of plants, animals, fungi and algae between Friday 25<sup>th</sup> of October and Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October. There are plenty of surveys to participate in, or workshops to attend at CSIRO Discovery Centre, North Science Road, Acton. For a full list, as well as how to book, go to their website <http://act-centenary-bioblitz.eventbrite.com.au/>

For more information or to register for the event contact Rachel at Molonglo Catchment Group email – [projects@molonglocatchment.org.au](mailto:projects@molonglocatchment.org.au) Phone – 6299 2119

### ***Weeds Swap***

You can contribute to Weed Swap 2013 by removing any cotoneaster, privet, firethorn and broom plants from your garden. Bring the remains of your woody weeds to the green waste recycling centre at either Canberra Sand & Gravel at the end of Southern

Cross Drive, Belconnen or Corkhill Bros near the Mugga Land Tip on **Saturday 2 November and Sunday 3 November between 8.30 am and 4.45pm**, then visit the Weed Swap stall at these locations and select from a range of free local Australian native plants (complete with advice and instructions).

### ***Australian Native Plant Society Plant Sale***

**Saturday 19 October, from 8.30 am**

Australian National Botanic Gardens carpark

More than 600 species, forms and cultivars for sale, including those not normally available, as well as many local species.

Please bring bags and boxes to take home your plants.

### ***Bush Capital Celebration***

The Australian National Botanic Gardens are holding a two day Centenary celebration on **Saturday and Sunday 2 & 3 November 10.00 am - 4.00 pm** on the Eucalypt Lawn.

Catchment Groups and Parks and Conservation will be holding a joint stall so if you wish to help out over the weekend please contact Martine on 62966400.

The weekend will be full of engaging and stimulating events, talks, displays, performances and presentations under the themes of 'Bush Traditions, Stories, People, Food and Music'. Activities will take place around the Eucalypt Lawn and new Red Centre Garden of which a major feature will be a celebration of Australian indigenous cultures and their ancient connections to country and land. The program will include a range of activities for all ages to explore why our Bush Capital city and the Australian National Botanic Gardens are national treasures.

### ***Planning and Environment Dispute Resolution Forum***

The Environmental Defenders Office (ACT) with the Conservation Council ACT Region invite you to a Community Forum about Planning and Environment Dispute Resolution in the ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal (ACAT).

When: **Thursday 31 October 2013, 5.30–7.00pm**

Where: ACT Legislative Assembly

Speakers:

- Professor Peta Spender, Presidential Member, ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal
- Ben Ponton, Deputy Director-General Planning, Environment and Sustainable Development Directorate
- Clare Henderson, Executive Director, Conservation Council ACT Region
- Camilla Taylor, Principal Solicitor, EDO (ACT) Inc

Discussion will be about the types of matters that have been and can be brought to the ACAT in the planning and environment area, how disputes are resolved: standing, case management, the experience of the Conservation Council in ACAT and the services the EDO (ACT) Inc provides. Please register for this free event at [acatforum.eventbrite.com.au](http://acatforum.eventbrite.com.au)

### ***Conservation Council's Spring Mingle***

**Fri 25 October, 6:30pm.**

Conservation Council are holding a Spring Mingle on their new rooftop gardens. This is a free event, with finger food provided and a cash bar serving wine, beer and cold drinks. This is an official welcome to our new office located on the Ground Floor of the Unilodge@ANU's student accommodation building 'Lena Karmel Lodge'.

Where: Lena Karmel Lodge (Unilodge@ANU), Level 5 Rooftop Garden, 26 Barry Drive Acton

When: Friday 25 October 7:30pm

A free event. Bookings are essential at <https://springmingle.eventbrite.com.au/> due to space limitations.

### ***Murrumbung Yurung Murra Cultural Tours***

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Experience Ngunnawal Country with an Aboriginal Ranger and gain an insight into the cultural landscape of the region. Discover why Ngunnawal people and neighbouring nations have gathered here for tens of thousands of years for ceremony, marriage, seasonal foods, trade and lore. Learn how that connection is still held strong by the Traditional Custodians today, and view Canberra's significance as a nationally important meeting place from a different perspective. Tours to various sites are currently being developed. Every month, and on demand throughout 2013, minimum numbers required for some tours. Visit the Murumbung Yurung Murra Cultural Tours page on the TAMS website for more information.

### **3. Grants News/Funding Opportunities**

#### ***ACT Heritage Grants***

SACTCG, on behalf of Friends of Tidbinbilla have been successful in an ACT Heritage Grant for four Canberra Tracks signs at Nil Desperandum Cottage area to be erected in the next 12 months.

#### ***ACT Environment Grants***

SACTCG have also been successful in an ACT Environment Grant to assist a group of Landholders in the Paddy's River Catchment in weed management.

#### ***Greening Australia funding opportunities***

Funding is currently available for projects that may be able to assist landowners with funding for more specific projects:

- ACT Woodlands / Greater Goorooyarroo (woodland restoration)
- Whole of Paddock Rehabilitation (WOPR) available to ACT and NSW landholders.

For further details about any of the above projects please call Angela Calliess at Greening Australia Capital Region 6253 3035 or mobile 0413 921 28

### **4. The ACT landcare book 'A Labour of Love'**

If you are yet to get your copy of a Labour of Love you can purchase one from the SACTCG Offices, Botanic Gardens bookshop, Arboritum, National library, Tidbinbilla Visitors Centre or the ANPS. Copies of 'The World of Tidbinbilla' are also available from these outlets.

### **5. Mobile QuikSpray Unit**

The SACTCG Mobile QuikSpray Unit is available to assist landholders and managers across the ACT or in the Googong or Upper Murrumbidgee catchments (within 50 km south of the ACT border) to undertake weed control. It is booked out till the end of the year but will be available . To find out more or book the spray unit contact Martine Franco or Martin Lind on 6296 6400.

### **6. Seed Harvester available**

Bush Heritage Australia supported by The Southern ACT Catchment Group has available a Mobile Grass Seed Harvester to assist environment groups, landholders and managers across the ACT and surrounding regions to harvest native grass seed. This rotating brush style harvester is road registered and is fitted with electric brakes. To find out more or book the Mobile Grass Seed Harvester email: [info@sactcg.org.au](mailto:info@sactcg.org.au) or phone Martine Franco on 6296 6400

### **7. Radio Landcare**

For an interesting update on local landcare listen to Radio Landcare:

**2XX FM** 98.3 Tuesdays 9 - 10am and **QBN FM** 96.7 Sundays 8 - 9am

Southern ACT Catchment Group has a regular spot on 2XX every third Tuesday of the month. Contact Martine or Martin if you would like to join us to talk about your patch and activities live on air!

### **8. African Lovegrass posters and pamphlets**

A reminder that the SACTCG posters and pamphlets are available in any quantity from our office at Kambah. Contact Martine on 6296 6400

### **9. The Weed's News**

The Weed's News can be read on-line at any time by visiting [www.weedsnetwork.com](http://www.weedsnetwork.com)