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1. 'The World of Tidbinbilla'; a resource and memento for Tidbinbilla visitors'

Written by local experts 'The World of Tidbinbilla' is a user-friendly guide to the beauty, the riches and the history of Tidbinbilla. The book is available direct through our catchment office for \$25 (no commission!). This is a not for profit exercise with all monies going back into reprints.

This wonderful publication has been made possible by two grants from ACT Heritage.

2. Hope for the Future

The Fenner School of Environment and Society is holding a film and discussion evening on 9 December as part of the Ecological Society of Australia conference. Event is free and open to the public. The aim of the night is to present engaging and inspiring stories, through short films and discussion, of successful ecological restoration projects which are restoring degraded land, supporting biodiversity and helping local communities to become sustainable and informed about their local environment. The format is 3 short films followed by Q&A with the Panel. The first two films show the issues associated with land degradation and climate change, and demonstrate that large scale restoration is scientifically and economically feasible, and the social, economic and environmental benefits that flow from functioning ecosystems. The lessons are as applicable to Australia as developing countries. The third film is of a local project that aims to integrate restoration, conservation and sustainable development in an urban setting. The Q&A session following the films will allow the audience to engage more deeply with the issues by asking their own questions about the topic.

The Expert Panel that will lead discussion include: Professor Richard Hobbs, Dr Tein McDonald, Professor Jann Williams and Dr Sarah Ryan.

For more information contact Helen King 0410 664 832 or 6125 9718.

These films may be similar so the link I sent in a previous newsletter entitled 'Hope in a Changing Climate' <http://www.hopeinachangingclimate.org/>

3. 2010-11 Community Action Grants announced

The Australian Government recently announced
Information about the 2010-11 CAG projects can be found at:
<http://www.nrm.gov.au/cag/cag-projects/2010-11/index.html>

The SACTCG was successful in its application for Regional education on African Lovegrass - an integrated approach. CAG will fund \$16075 with the three catchment groups contributing \$2000 each, CROWK \$500, RLA \$500 and the NRM Council \$2000 in kind.

This project that will work with project partners to:

- * Identify areas to target for priority control through analysis of existing data to produce a map indicating the ALG distribution in 2000, undertake surveys to map the 2010 distribution, and provide an estimate for the likely 2020 distribution, based on current control levels;
- * Produce a poster explaining ALG impacts and how rural landholders and urban dwellers can take action to reduce these impacts;
- * Place articles in local press with same aim as poster (above), place ads in local press and targeted newsletters when conditions for the control by herbicide is optimal;
- * Conduct Field days to demonstrate best-practice control methods on nearby farms where trials on ALG control are established;
- * Add to existing information to ACT Landcare, Parkcare and catchment group websites and encourage community groups to add links to their websites.

The current community action grant project for Tuggeranong Homestead woodland is progressing with planting underway on the 1st to 3rd December

4. 'The Australian Roo Survey'

The online survey 'The Australian Roo Survey' is part of a PhD on the Human Dimensions of the Kangaroo in Australia at the University of Western Sydney. The survey is open to ALL Australian citizens and residents over the age of 18. It will only take about 10 mins to complete. As a public opinion survey you don't have to be knowledgeable about kangaroos as the questions cover general topics relating to them. To complete the survey go to www.kangaroosurvey.com and click on the 'Start Survey' button. NOTE: if you want to Google the survey, you must type in 'kangaroosurvey' (one word, no gap).

The final question allows you to write any additional comments. All survey responses are completely anonymous. This is the first time a national survey on kangaroos has been done, so it is an excellent opportunity for you to have your say.

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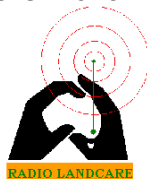
5. Radio Landcare

For an interesting update on local landcare listen to:

2XX FM 98.3 Tuesdays 9 - 10am

QBN FM 96.7 Sundays 8 - 9am

Southern ACT Catchment Group has a regular spot on 2XX every third Tuesday of the month. Contact Steve or Martin if you have a desire to be involved.



6. Launch of Atlas of Living Australia website.

The Atlas of Living Australia website has gone live to the public. You are invited to visit the website at <http://www.ala.org.au> and provide feedback. While the site is still a work in progress, it already provides access to a variety of information about Australian biodiversity - animals, plants, fungi and microorganisms, including:

- species pages
- species names list
- ID information
- more than 23 million occurrence and distribution records
- information on key Australian biological collections
- mapping tools
- citizen science tools.

Through the Atlas, users can discover information on species in a particular area, in their neighbourhood or around their school.

Over the next eighteen months, the Atlas will continue to grow through the integration of more information on Australian biodiversity as well as the development of additional services and tools such as a Sensitive Data Service. Please send your feedback about the Atlas of Living Australia website to Lynne Sealie, Communications Manager, 02 6246 5901, lynne.sealie@csiro.au

7. Grassland Information & Identification Day.

Come and see some rare, vulnerable and endangered Flora and Fauna and a wide range of native grasses. Date: Saturday, 27 November, 2010 - 09:00 - 16:30
Where: Thistlebrook Park, 237 Jerangle Rd, Bredbo, NSW. David Eddy (Grassland expert) Lauren Van Dyke (K2C Facilitator) and Bredbo Landcare Members will be leading the day. Gold coin donation on entry. Enquiries and RSVP to Bredbo Landcare bredbolandcare@gmail.com or contact Sue Connelly on 6454 4400.

8. Managing Horses on Small Properties

The Molonglo Catchment Group will be running a field day with Jane Myers on Managing Horses on Small Properties as a follow-up from our very popular seminars with Jane earlier in the year. The day is being run with the assistance of the Australian Government's Caring for our Country and ActewAGL.

The field day will be held at Burra on Saturday 27th November 2010, 9am to 3:30pm. Meet at the Burra Hall, on the Burra Road, approximately 11.6 km from the Old Cooma Road junction at 8:45am for a 9am start. For more information go to http://www.molonglocatchment.com.au/news_&_events.htm#Managing_Horses_on_Small_Properties Places are limited; please book a place by contacting the Molonglo Catchment Coordinator at coordinator@molonglocatchment.com.au or 6299 2119.

9. Rainer Rehwinkel's Open Garden in Bungendore

Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 November 2010. Rainer Rehwinkel's garden at 23 McCusker Drive, Bungendore will be open as part of the Australia's Open Garden Scheme. Proceeds of the event will go to Friends of Grasslands. The garden features a range of grassy ecosystem species, along with other native and exotic plants.

10. Mobile Quikspray unit available to landholders

Funding of \$22000 was received for the ACT Community Weed Control Assistance Project. The project will enhance the weed control resources and training available to land managers and associated groups by the provision of a trailer mounted spray unit and appropriate training. The trailer and QuikSpray unit are currently with an engineering company in Hume for some final modifications. Queries to Steve Welch on 6296 6400

11. Bats and Scats

A community event hosted by the Conservation Partners Program, 'Bats and Scats' is aimed at landholders who are interested in learning more about the native fauna that live in the Southern Tablelands. Discover what animals might live in your area, how to identify signs left by native fauna as a way to establish what might be present on a property and how to improve and maintain native animal habitat. It is an evening event (7 – 10pm) on the 16th December. Please see details below on how to RSVP. Places are limited.

Do you know what native animals might live on your property or how to determine what might be there? What habitat features are important for those animals and what can you do to help maintain those features?

The Conservation Partners Program invites all landholders to attend a community event to learn about the native animals that occur on your property.

<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/cpp/ConservationPartners.htm>

Thursday 16 December, 7pm to 10pm at 'Gundhawar', 229 Mt Livingstone Road, Michelago. Follow the signs off the Monaro Highway 4km south of the Michelago service station. Numbers are limited and RSVP is essential.

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