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

'The World of Tidbinbilla' was launched by Simon Corbell MLA on the 9th of October at Floriade. The World of Tidbinbilla is a user-friendly guide to the beauty, the riches and the history of Tidbinbilla. A large crowd was in attendance and 50+ books were sold on the day. Since then sales have continued and the Tidbinbilla Visitor Centre along with the Canberra and Region Visitor Centre are selling the books with a 25% commission. The Botanical Gardens Bookshop is also selling them but at a 40% commission. The books are also 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. Steve will now acquit both Heritage Grants.

2. The Southern ACT Catchment Group AGM

The Annual General Meeting for the Southern ACT Catchment Group Inc. was held on Tuesday 26 October at Tuggeranong Homestead, Richardson. Jennie Gillies from TAMS outlined plans for water storage ponds in ACT.

The election of office bearers resulted in the following committee:

Chair: Glenys Patulny

Vice Chair/Treasurer: Fiona Spier

Secretary: Jenny Horsfield

General Committee members: Joan Goodrum, Geoff Pryor, Deb Kellock.

3. 2010-11 Caring for our Country funding announced

The Australian Government recently announced more than \$241 million in Caring for our Country funding.

Information about the 2010-11 business plan successful projects can be found at: <http://www.nrm.gov.au/business-plan/funded/index.html>.

The ACT NRM Council was successful in its application for 'Caring for the Cotter Catchment'. This project will use a collaborative approach including an Aboriginal Green Team, volunteer Greening Australia Team, and community groups to undertake activities to manage key threats to the Cotter Catchment and monitor progress.

4. Conservation Council ACT Region – Member Forum

Canberra 2030 - The Vision for a Green, Liveable and Sustainable City In the light of the ACT Government's 'Time to Talk' campaign, CONSACT will be providing presentations and debate on:

- ❖ How can we all take personal responsibility for reducing the ACT's energy use and carbon footprint?
- ❖ How do we ensure better urban design and construction to gain support for urban infill, and thus reduce greenfield sprawl?
- ❖ How do we preserve the bushland, its species, and its connections across the landscape?

Speakers: Sarah Sharp, Sheila Hughes, Alan Kerlin, Hamish Sinclair
Thurs 4th November 5:30 for 6pm start at Havelock House, 85 Northbourne Ave, Turner.

5. 'The Australian Roo Survey'

Announcing the online survey 'The Australian Roo Survey' which 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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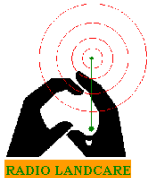
6. Radio Landcare

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.



7. Websites

The following local websites may interest our members:

- ACT NRM Council - www.actnrmcouncil.org.au
- UMCCC - www.umccc.org.au

- ACT Landcare - www.actlandcare.org.au
- Southern ACT Catchment Group www.sactcg.org.au
- Molonglo Catchment Group www.molonglocatchment.com.au
- Ginninderra Catchment Group www.ginninderralandcare.org.au

8. Joel Salatin Public Talk, 24th November 2010

In association with Slow Food Canberra, Milkwood Permaculture presents an evening with Joel Salatin.

Join us for an evening with Joel Salatin, the *'worlds most innovative Farmer'* (TIME Magazine) as he speaks on how to create pathways towards local food systems and food security for both regional and city centres. As featured in Michael Pollan's *'The Omnivore's Dilemma'* and recent films like FOOD INC and FRESH, Joel will explain how his family farm has used natural systems, community and common sense to become a key example of 'beyond organic' food production that is clean, fair and strictly local. An electrifying speaker who will change the way you think about real food as a catalyst for change in our society today.

Venue: Copland Theatre (building 25), Australian National University, Canberra.

Time & Cost: 6pm - 9pm : \$15 full price, \$10 concession / SFC members

Presale tickets available from www.MilkwoodPermaculture.com.au or at Canberra Farmers Markets. Limited tickets on the door on the night.

9. Remembrance Day event at Tuggeranong Homestead

To mark the week of Remembrance Day, there will be a talk at Tuggeranong Homestead, Johnson Drive, Richardson, on Sunday 14 November at 2pm.

Respected Canberra historian, Michael McKernan, will talk about *'The Australian People and the Great War'*. Michael will also have copies of his new book on Gallipoli for sale and signings.

Bookings to Jenny on 6231 4535. Cost of \$10 includes Devonshire Tea.

10. Tuggeranong Community Council Meeting

The next general meeting of the Tuggeranong Community Council will be held from 7.30pm on Tuesday 2nd November at the Southern Cross Club Tuggeranong.

Guest speakers will talk about *Planned aged care facilities in Tuggeranong and Future plans for the Hyperdome*. <http://www.tuggcc.com/>

11. Tuggeranong Homestead work-party: All welcome

Jenny Horsfield is planning a workparty at Tuggeranong on Saturday afternoon (30 October) to do some slashing and weeding along the creek-line and tackle the large growth of spring weeds around our native plantings. Jenny would be very grateful if any of you were able to join her there at 12.30 for the afternoon. Bring water and a snack, and make sure you have sturdy boots and long trousers and gloves - and if you have a mattock or whipper-snipper to bring, that would be great. Park around the back near the machinery shed, Jenny will open the white gates. Could you let Jenny know if you are free to come? We would cancel in the event of steady rain. Contact: Jenny Horsfield - Chair, Minders of Tuggeranong Homestead: 6231-4535 robhorsfield@bigpond.com