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1. SACTCG new address!

We are moving offices on the 16th of June to **Erindale Business Park, 2 Lansell Circuit Wanniasa**. Pop in to check out the new space and say hi. Any helping hands for the pack and unpack are welcome!

2. SACTCG Group Business Meeting and Field Trips

SACTCG next general meeting will be held on the **24th June 2014 4:30 to 6:00** at the Erindale Business Park, 2 Lansell Circuit Wanniasa. All are welcome. Please RSVP to Martine on 62578969 or info@sactcg.org.au

SACTCG are holding field trips 2nd monthly on the last Tuesday of that month. The next field trip location will be at Castle Hill property in Tharwa. Date and details to follow.

3. Events, Field Days, Workshops and Forums

"Spray Safe and Save": Chemical accreditation course.

SACTCG will be running it's next Spray Safe and **14th and 15th of June** at Lyons Youth Haven in Kambah with funding from the Regional Facilitators Program. The target audience will be ACT farmers but remaining spots will be available for ParkCare and Landcare volunteers. Places are still available. Please contact Martine on 62966400 to register. All registrations require a registration form to be filled out.

Park Care and Share Workshop series

The Southern ACT Catchment Group in partnership with their member groups have developed a rolling series of workshops *run by ParkCarers and Landcarers for ParkCarers and Landcarers*. These events will utilise the great knowledge bank within the volunteering community managing our natural environment and will assist in building capacity and support for fellow volunteers.

Next workshop: **11.00am -1.00pm 19th June at Farrer Ridge.**
Details to follow

Urambi Hills Planting Day

With a groundswell of interest in Urambi Hills we will be running a Planting Day on Urambi Hills when we hope to get 500 plants in the ground. This event will be supported by the Woodlands Restoration Project and other volunteer groups in collaboration with SACTCG.

When: 29th of June 10am to 1:00pm, followed by a free BBQ.

Where: We will meet at the entrance to Urambi Hills Reserve between 32 and 42 Meredith Circuit. Please car pool if possible.

What to bring: Wear covered shoes. Some tools supplied - BYO mattock and gloves if you have them.

Registration is essential. Please RSVP to Martine on 62578969 or info@sactcg.org.au

National Reconciliation Week 2014 Planting Day

National Reconciliation Week is celebrated across Australia between 27 May and 3 June 2014. The theme this year is Let's walk the talk. The ACT Government invites you to come along and celebrate National Reconciliation Week 2014 by planting local native plants and learn about the significance they have to local traditional custodians and the cultural landscape.

Where: Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Cultural Centre, Yarramundi Reach

When: Friday 30 May, 9.00am – 4.30pm

What to expect: Planting native species, weaving demonstrations, understanding Canberra's cultural landscape, free BBQ lunch, understanding local bush tucker, learning about Ngunnawal history and culture

What to bring: hat, sunscreen, long sleeves, long pants, gardening gloves, sturdy boots, mattock (if you have one) and a water bottle.

RSVPs are essential due to limited space in activities

Contact: Scott Collins T (02) 6207 1110 • E scott.collins@act.gov.au

For more information on National Reconciliation Week visit:

<http://www.reconciliation.org.au/nrw/>

Students of Sustainability Conference 1-5 July 2014. ANU

Bringing together networks from across Australia's environment movement, this annual conference is returning to Canberra after 23 years of travelling across the continent spreading ideas, creating communities and inspiring a whole generation of change makers.

Five days of celebration, indigenous solidarity, delicious food, networking and camping. Workshops on food co-ops, social justice issues, extractive industries, climate action and much more!

For more info go to [Students of Sustainability website](#)

4. Assistance available and funding opportunities

Free plants and seed!

Free Native tube stock and seed are available for parks and reserves in the Southern Catchment through the SACTCG. If your group or property would like stock and/or assistance in organising a planting event, please contact Martine or Martin on 62966400, we would love to help out!

Grants and Funding Websites

Grantslink - www.grantslink.gov.au/

DAFF grants & assistance - www.daffa.gov.au/about/grants_and_assistance

DEWHA grants & funding - <http://www.environment.gov.au/about/programs/index.html>

FRRR grants - www.frrr.org.au/currentprojects.asp

Caring for our Country funding - www.nrm.gov.au/funding/index.html

ACT NRM Council: - <http://www.actnrmcouncil.org.au/>

5. Equipment Available

Small Equipment

SACTCG has a range of small equipment available for lending to ParkCarers/Landcarers and landholders including:

- 5 motorised backpack sprayers with 20L capacity
- GPS /tablets for mapping weeds and pests (rabbits)
- Tools including long handled loppers, shovels, picks and long handles rubbish collection tools, gloves and eye protection
- Display boards, sandwich boards, marquees, tables etc.

Please call 62966400 if you are interested in borrowing any of these for your volunteer activity or email info@sactcg.org.au

6. Frog Watch support needed!

As you may be aware the frogwatch program will run out of funding by the end of this year and are now seeking volunteer support to raise funds and assist the program to continue. Four identified action groups have been identified including: corporate funding, sponsorship/fundraising, grant applications, and webpage improvement. If you are able to be involved in any of these please Phone Anke Maria at Ginninderra Catchment Group: 6278 3309 or Email: frogwatch@ginninderralandcare.org.au

7. 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.

8. Native Seed Harvester

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 or phone Martine Franco on 6296 6400

9. 'A Labour of Love' and 'The World of Tidbinbilla'

If you are yet to get your copies of these great books you can purchase one from the SACTCG Offices, Botanic Gardens bookshop, Arboritum, National library, Tidbinbilla Visitors Centre or the ANPS.

10. 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!

11. The Weed's News

The Weed's News can be read on-line at any time by visiting www.weedsnetwork.com

12. Australian National Botanic Gardens Botanical Resource Centre

Have a specimen you want to identify? Why not use the The Botanical Resource Centre, located within the Australian National Botanic Gardens. This is a free facility available to anyone interested in learning to identify and obtain information about native plants. The centre is open daily from 9.30am to 4.30pm. See the website for further information: <http://www.anbg.gov.au/gardens/research/resource/index.html>

13. Looking for more information of events across the ACT region?

Why not try the ACT Landcare website at <http://www.actlandcare.org.au/>