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### **Living with Lovegrass**

Southern ACT Catchment Group will host 'Living with Lovegrass - *Learning from each other on how to manage African Lovegrass.*' The workshop will be held on Saturday 22nd May at Namadgi Visitor Centre, Tharwa, commencing at 9am and finishing with a barbeque lunch. For more information or to book a place contact Steve Welch on 6296 6400 or email [info@sactcg.org.au](mailto:info@sactcg.org.au)

### **Share your views on Canberra Nature Park**

The Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment is undertaking an investigation into the Canberra Nature Park (nature reserves); the Molonglo River Corridor (nature reserves) and Googong Foreshores.

You are invited to attend one of three meetings:

- *Wednesday May 19, 5.30-8.30pm*, Burns Club of Canberra, 8 Kett St, Kambah  
or
  - *Monday May 24, 5.30-8.30pm*, Belconnen Library, 12 Chandler St, Belconnen  
or
  - *Wednesday May 26, 5.30-8.30pm*, Ainslie Football Club 52 Wakefield Ave,  
Ainslie [www.envcomm.act.gov.au](http://www.envcomm.act.gov.au)
- RSVP: 6207 2626 or [envcomm@act.gov.au](mailto:envcomm@act.gov.au)

### **2010-2011 ACT Environment Grants – Call for Applications**

The ACT Environment Grants provides financial assistance to community-based, 'not-for-profit' environmental projects in the ACT.

Applications are invited from individuals, community organisations and groups. Information and application forms can be obtained by phoning 6205 2989 or by visiting the Department of Environment, Climate Change, Energy and Water website at [www.environment.gov.au](http://www.environment.gov.au)

Applications close 5 pm on 30 May 2010.

To assist in developing applications, an information session will be held by Department of the Environment, Climate Change, Energy and Water at the Reception Room in the ACT Legislative Assembly, Civic from 5.30pm to 7pm on Tuesday, 11 May. To reserve a place, please email [esther.duffy@act.gov.au](mailto:esther.duffy@act.gov.au) or phone 6205 2913 by the close of business on Monday, 10 May.

Southern ACT Catchment Group will be applying for funds to assist weed control.

### **Pialligo Apples Field Day – 8 May 2010**

Saturday, 8 May 2010

9.30am-12.30pm followed by a light lunch

10 Beltana Rd, Pialligo, ACT

Hosted by Jonathan Banks, Pialligo Apples in association with the ACT Rural Landholder's Association, the ACT Natural Resource Management Council and the Molonglo Catchment Group.

Speakers include Jonathan Banks, David Dumaresq and David Pearson. There is limited space so please RSVP by Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May, to Anna van Dugteren, ACT NRM Council, ph: 6205 2914 or email: [anna.vandugteren@act.gov.au](mailto:anna.vandugteren@act.gov.au)  
There is no cost for the day and morning tea and lunch are provided.

### **Lower Molonglo Corridor – Walk and Talk 16 May**

It's not often that we get an opportunity to learn about a little known part of the Molonglo Valley – the Lower Molonglo River Corridor, the section of the Molonglo River just above where it joins the Murrumbidgee. It is precious because it contains rare flora and fauna, and significant geological features; it is also rare for raptors to nest in an area so close to a large city. And yet an entirely new urban development is planned upstream. Join a Parks Conservation and Lands Ranger for a walk along part of the lower Molonglo River Corridor. Learn about current river management issues along this section of the Molonglo, including weeds, native vegetation, threatened species and water quality. The walk will require a moderate level of fitness. Morning tea provided. Bookings are essential. Contact Molonglo Catchment Coordinator, Andy Westcott [coordinator at molonglocatchment.com.au](mailto:coordinator@molonglocatchment.com.au) or 6299 2119

### **Farrer Ridge Work-party**

The next work-party on Farrer Ridge is this coming Sunday - 2nd May at 10am. As Wendy is away, please email Jennie [jenniew@ozemail.com.au](mailto:jenniew@ozemail.com.au) with any queries. This time of the year is still good for weed removal, so the group will again be attacking verbasum.

## **Silenced Heritage: A Wake for Cuppacumbalong**

The Art Shed at Tharwa invites you to join the celebrations:

The event aims to raise awareness of the changes to the lease of Cuppacumbalong property, allowing for the place to be closed to the public, charging entry if desired, and for other uses that are not related to the arts and crafts like agriculture, tourism or residential as stand alone purposes. These changes were approved by the ACT government but are being contested by artists and craft people in the ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal. Come and join them in the call to keep Cuppacumbalong open and with the purpose of promoting Australian Arts and Crafts.

Do you have a memory, a photograph, a memento about Cuppacumbalong when it was open to the public and a thriving arts and craft centre? Bring it to share during the wake.

Musicians performing include:

Nirmal Chandra Jena, from Odissi Dance and Music Company, playing the harmonium! Col Bernau! Canberra Burns Club Pipe Band.

When: 2 PM, 1st May 2010

Where: The Art Shed, 7 Naas Road, Tharwa [www.placemaking.com.au](http://www.placemaking.com.au)

Contact: 02 62355644 [Marily.Cintra@placemaking.com.au](mailto:Marily.Cintra@placemaking.com.au)

## **Centenary of Canberra Tree Planting**

Greening Australia will host this event on 2 May, 2010, 9am to 12pm at Pierces Creek.

A bus will pick up volunteers at the City West bus terminal on Marcus Clarke St (between University Ave and Allsop St) at 8:30am and then pick up volunteers at Deeks Forest Park on Uriarra Rd at 8:45am. RSVP essential for bus seats.

If driving from north and central Canberra, head west on Cotter Rd, cross the Murrumbidgee and Cotter Rivers, drive 2.7km past the Cotter Reserve (picnic area) towards Tidbinbilla, then turn right onto Vanity's Crossing Rd. Follow the GA directional signs to the site.

If driving from Tuggeranong, head for Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve and keep driving on Tidbinbilla Rd/Paddy's River Rd for 15km towards the Cotter until you get to Vanity's Crossing Rd on your left. Look for GA directional signs.

Please RSVP to [admin@act.greeningaustralia.org.au](mailto:admin@act.greeningaustralia.org.au) or 6253 3145

## **Tuggeranong Community Council General Meeting**

7.30pm Tuesday, 4 May 2010 at Southern Cross Club, Tuggeranong

[www.tuggcc.com](http://www.tuggcc.com)

## **World Environment Day Trivia Fundraising Night**

The Conservation Council invites you to join their World Environment Day Trivia Fundraising Night, on Saturday 5 June at the Majura Hall in Dickson.

All proceeds from the evening will go towards the Molongo Biodiversity Fund to raise money to hire a dedicated Biodiversity Campaigner. The trivia night will include 10 rounds of questions, mostly environmental, a silent auction, raffle

prizes as well as some games. Some light refreshments (coffee, tea and cakes) will be provided. Please feel free to bring BYO alcohol, food and drink.

Places are limited, so BOOK EARLY and get a discount off the ticket price.

Tickets purchased before 23 May will be \$20. Tickets after this date will be \$25.

*How Member Groups can be involved:*

- Book a table of 8 for your members?

- Sponsor a round of questions for \$50 and receive:

Free advertising for your group on the answer sheets and during our slideshow presentation.

- o Announcement by the MC during the round

This Trivia Night is open to Member Groups, EcoActivists and their friends and family. It will be open to the general public, depending on the number of remaining places available after Mother's Day, 9th May.

To book your table or purchase tickets, please call Susanna on 6229 3208 or email: [communications@consact.org.au](mailto:communications@consact.org.au)

## **Namadgi Feral Pig Control**

From the morning of Thursday the 6th of May until the end of Friday the 21st May 2010, Namadgi National Park will be conducting its annual Feral Pig - Poison Baiting Program. Depending on animal activity, the program may be extended until Friday to 28th May in selected areas of the park.

This program has been run every year for the last 15 years and in the past has been highly successful in reducing pig numbers and the ecological damage they cause within the park.

The continued success of the program depends largely on areas of operation being relatively undisturbed so that pigs in the area feel comfortable enough to approach bait stations and take the offered poisoned baits.

In response to this, a notification of closure was released earlier this week giving notice that without consultation with Namadgi National Park, vehicle access to all non public roads and fire trails within the park would be restricted to essential services and park staff for the duration of the program.

The notification also advises people of the presence of toxic baits within the park and the danger to humans and domestic animals of these baits. All baits will be removed at the end of operations.

Areas of operation will be clearly marked at each end with conspicuous red on white "1080 Poison" signs. The green, cylindrical shaped baits will be placed under red plastic tubs anchored to the ground in such a way that will prevent animals other than pigs accessing the baits.

If at all, the program will have minimal negative impact on visitor access within the park and all fire and management trails will remain open to bushwalkers and recreation groups.

For further information or vehicle access to areas of operation, please contact the Namadgi Visitor Centre on 6207 2900 or the program coordinator, Mike Rawnsley on 6207 2903 or 0418 548 957.

### **Carp Fishing with Greening Australia**

Just for something different...you are invited to participate in a Carp Fishing Competition in Boorowa as part of the Boorowa River Recovery project at Dr Kelf Park, Boorowa on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May. A bus will be leaving Aranda at 8.30am sharp and will be returning by 2.30pm. Lunch and morning tea will be provided. For further information call Lori Gould on 0439 030 058.

### **Symposium – ‘National Parks - Can they take the Heat’**

The National Parks Association of the ACT Inc. (NPA ACT) is hosting a symposium in Canberra on 7 - 8 May 2010. This symposium to celebrate The NPA ACT's golden anniversary will focus on the future of national parks in a changing world, and problems posed by changing climate and urbanisation.  
<http://www.npaact.org.au>