

SOUTHERN NEWS
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Pavan Sukdev - What is the world worth? Putting nature on the balance sheet

In his only public lecture in Canberra, Pavan Sukhdev will explain why saving nature saves money. He'll also look at what Australia needs to do to put our environmental budget back in the black. Dubbed 'Nick Stern for Nature', Pavan Sukhdev is a pioneering environmental economist and leader of the United Nations Green Economy Initiative.

Wednesday 4 August

5.00pm

Weston Theatre

Level 1, new Crawford Building

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Living with Lovegrass

[Following on from the Living with Lovegrass event](#) an ALG working group met on Thursday 22 July to discuss how we can promote recommendations out of the forum. Summary of the actions to be undertaken arising from 22/7/2010 meeting:

1. Steve Welch to start work on a Community Action Grant application (supported in kind and with some \$ from the NRM Council and Rural Landholders Association) to produce a map showing ALG infestation boundaries across ACT in 2000, 2010 and projections of a possible ALG scenario in 2020. The grant application would also have a small education component;
2. Steve Welch to talk to Sarah Sharp re mapping and projection;

3. Anna & Esther to organise a NRM Council tour for the politicians and Steve Taylor look at how much support there is in PCL for a tour/briefing by landholders and experts for Ministers Stanhope and Corbell of ALG areas;
 4. Anna & Esther to provide support and some \$ to run ALG field days with Rural Landholders Association & SACTCG;
 5. Steve Welch to attend Conservation Council Biodiversity Committee meetings on 28th to input into agenda item on ACT Weeds budget;
 6. Steve Welch to work with Drew English to draft a letter from the Catchment & Landcare Association to the Chief Minister protesting the cuts to the weeds budget;
 7. Steve Welch to determine what interest there may be in starting a Roadside Care group as a pilot project;
 8. Steve Taylor has already instigated new contract arrangements for roadside herbicide spraying that should ensure better outcomes;
 9. Steve Taylor to investigate EPA position on imported soil into the Territory.
- Forum information is now on www.sactcg.org.au

2010 Landcare Week: National Citizen Science campaign with ClimateWatch

The 2010 Landcare Week campaign encourages landcare groups, schools and youth groups, business and industry, and everyone from the general community to register as a 'Landcare ClimateWatcher' for Landcare Week.

Registration is free and participants are asked to monitor, collect and record data that will be used by scientists around the world who are studying the impact of climate change on ecosystems.

Visit www.landcareonline.com.au to find a local group or to register for the Landcare Week campaign. On the website you will also find other citizen science programs that you can link in with such as programs to map the spread of rabbits, weeds or water quality.

To help people get involved with Landcare Week, a *Landcare Week Resource Kit* has been created. This is available on the web site for you to download. The kit includes:

- Template media release

- Web site graphic

- Email signature

- Poster

- Landcare Week advertisement you can use in your staff newsletters

- Landcare Week invitation template (if you have an event)

Tuggeranong Community Council submission to the Chief Minister

Darryl Johnston, President of the Tuggeranong Community Council (TCC) advises that the Chief Minister, John Stanhope, has invited the President and Vice President of the TCC to meet with him on 9 September 2010. All TCC members had been invited to contribute to a submission (Talking Tuggeranong) that was presented to the Chief Minister at a meeting in March. The TCC plans to present a similar submission

(an update to Talking Tuggeranong) to the Chief Minister at the meeting in September. Darryl is seeking your contributions by no later than 27 August 2010. The Talking Tuggeranong document can be found on the TCC website.

Visit: <http://www.tuggcc.com/2010/03/talking-tuggeranong-an-issues-document/#more-322>

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Visit: www.tuggcc.com

Algae Workshop

What: Workshop with Dr Skinner and Martin on using new algae recording system as part of Waterwatch monitoring.

When: Saturday 7th August 10am – 12pm (ish)

Where: Meet at Tidbinbilla NR Visitors centre.

Who: Current and potential Waterwatcher volunteers who have yet to discover the joys of the new algae recording system.

Cost: nil

Note: There is a maximum of 20 places, please book early. There will be coffee and cake.

RSVP: waterwatch@scactcg.org.au

Community Action Grants 2010–11

In the 2010-11 round of the Community Action Grants up to \$8 million is available to help community groups protect the environment and to support sustainable farming practices. Applications opened on Tuesday 6 July 2010 and will close 31 August 2010. More information is available at www.nrm.gov.au including the 2010-11 Community Action Grants *Applicant Guidelines*, *How to complete the Community Action Grants application* and the on-line registration and *application form*. If you are unable to access the website please call 1800 552 008 to obtain any or all of these documents in hard copy. Enquiries may also be made at communityactiongrants@nrm.gov.au.

Identification and preservation of Australia's biodiversity

The Taxonomy Research & Information Network presents: 'Accelerating discovery' and the TRIN Interactive Field Day. 'Accelerating discovery' is the first of two interactive online booklets highlighting the products, outcomes and protocols from the TRIN research projects, that assist with the identification and preservation of Australia's biodiversity. We will be showcasing these products, outcomes and protocols, along with other applications that support biodiversity, at the TRIN Interactive Field Day in Canberra on August 31, 2010. To find out more or to register visit: <http://taxonomy.org.au/fieldday.html>

Environmental Law Fact Sheets

The Environmental Defender's Office (ACT) has produced a series of eleven Environmental Law Fact Sheets. These fact sheets are designed to give plain English background knowledge of ACT environmental laws. The EDO Fact Sheets Project was carried out with the assistance of funds made available by the ACT Government under the ACT Environment Grants Program and the EDO gratefully acknowledges the assistance of the ACT Government.

The titles are:

- Introduction to environment and planning law and the legal system
- Freedom of information
- Challenging environmental decisions
- Becoming an incorporated group
- Biodiversity law
- Biodiversity: managing pests
- Biodiversity and domestic animals
- Tree protection law
- Heritage protection law
- Pollution control law; and
- Noise pollution.

Copies of these updated fact sheets are available online at our newly redesigned website www.edo.org.au/edoact/ or by contacting the EDO office on 6243 3460 or edoact@edo.org.au.

NSW/ACT Regional Achievement and Community Awards 2010

Applications are invited for the NSW/ACT Regional Achievement and Community Awards 2010. (Nominations close August 13)

Award categories include:

The Land and Property Management Authority **Crown Reserve Trust Award**

The Land and Property Management Auth. **Community of the Year Award**

The Industry and Investment NSW **Business Enterprise Award**

The Industry and Investment NSW **Events & Tourism Award**

The Salvation Army Employment Plus **Employment & Training Award**

The Peabody **Environment & Landcare Award**

Contact Kiri Lewis, Awards Coordinator- Awards Australia

NSW/ACT Regional Achievement & Community Awards

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Junior Landcare Grants Available

Round 3 of the Yates and Coles Junior Landcare grants will close Friday 6th August.
www.juniorlandcare.com.au