

**SOUTHERN NEWS**  
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**Conservation Council ACT Region Member Fora Series 2010:**

**Canberra Nature Park**

Thursday, 15th April, 2010  
5:30 for 6pm, Havelock House,  
85 Northbourne Ave, Turner

The Canberra Nature Park is important to many Canberrans. It offers space and greenery to people as well as providing invaluable habitat for our flora and fauna. The Office of the Commissioner for Sustainability and the Environment Dr Maxine Cooper is running an investigation into Canberra Nature Park to help inform efforts to monitor and protect the reserves. How is this investigation going to be run and what does the community see as important for our nature reserves? Find out and have an opportunity to ask your own questions at this month's Member Forum. Forum speakers include Dr Maxine Cooper, Sarah Sharp and Steve Welch.

**Living with Lovegrass**

*Learning from each other on how to manage African Lovegrass*

Saturday 22nd May at Namadgi Visitor Centre, Tharwa

**Program**

9.00 Guests arrive and seated in theatre  
9.20 Introduction

*What is African Lovegrass, why is it a regional land management problem?*

9.30 Sarah Sharp - *Lovegrass biology*  
9.40 Luke Pope - *Lovegrass grazing*  
10.00 Geoff Butler - *An environmental weed*

*Tackling the problem, some local experiences*

10.10 Andrew Giekie - *Managing Lovegrass on Lanyon*  
10.20 Geoff Hyles - *Castle Hill and Lovegrass*  
10.30 Peter Saunders - *Managing Lovegrass on Scottsdale*  
10.40 Darren Roso - *Managing Lovegrass in ACT Reserves*  
10.50 Steve Taylor - *Lovegrass and the ACT Government weeds program*  
11.00 Phil Graham - *African Lovegrass trials*

11.10 Morning Tea

*Towards a strategy for managing African Lovegrass*

11.30 Bill Johnston—*Perceptions of Lovegrass*  
11.40 Panel discussion and comments from the floor  
12.45 Summary and agreement on future action

1.30pm Barbeque lunch.

**RSVP:** Steve Welch - 6296 6400 or email

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### **Bottles from the Basin**

Wendy Rainbird advises that the 'Bottles' project is now live. Go to the National Museum of Australia webpage [www.nma.gov.au/bottles\\_from\\_the\\_basin/](http://www.nma.gov.au/bottles_from_the_basin/)

Although the 'Bottles from the Basin' project was originally conceived as a program to accompany the National Museum's exhibition 'Water: H<sub>2</sub>O = Life', these web pages will remain long after the exhibition closes in May as a testimonial to the work done by water watchers throughout the Murray Darling Basin.

You will note that the web site also features a 'What do you think' link which you or your friends and colleagues may wish to use to make further comments, or carry on the discussion.

The locations have been marked on the Google map as accurately as possible, based on the information provided. Feel free to notify us if you think any need correcting: contact [webpublishing@nma.gov.au](mailto:webpublishing@nma.gov.au).

### **Backyard Soil Hydration**

Upper Murrumbidgee Catchment Natural Sequence Association has arranged an event of appeal even to backyard farmers on Thursday evening, 22 April, at Orana Steiner School, Weston. It starts at 5:30, for enough daylight to inspect its biodynamic garden, guided by teacher Tim Edmonson. A talk follows, by Cam Wilson, newly-resident Permaculturalist at Mulloon Creek Farms, on backyard-scale hydration. RSVP [nsa\\_umc@yahoo.com.au](mailto:nsa_umc@yahoo.com.au)

### **Upper Murrumbidgee Catchment Coordinating Committee**

The next General Meeting of the UMCCC will be held on Wednesday 14 April from 9:30 am to 12 noon in the Small Caughley Seminar Room, CSIRO Sustainable Ecosystems 'Gungahlin Homestead', ACT (access From Bellenden Street, Off Barton Highway) CRACE ACT 2911.

Please note that you must sign in at the Homestead Building.

Contact Pauline Carder

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### **Next Meeting**

The next general meeting of the Southern ACT Catchment Group will be on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April at the Urambi Primary School from 4pm. An agenda will be sent out next week but at this stage Michael Mulvaney of Red Hill Regenerators Park Care Group will speak on why they want people to protest about incursions into the Red Hill Nature Reserve, and the reasons why this may occur.

Members of the United Ngunnawal Elders Council have been invited to attend this meeting to speak about their aims for Miowera Station.

A Waterwatch workshop on turtles in the ACT will follow the General meeting and all are welcome. 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Provincial Plants and Landscapes latest newsletter is out:

[www.plantsandlandscapes.com.au/prov\\_site/newsletter/2010-03](http://www.plantsandlandscapes.com.au/prov_site/newsletter/2010-03)

*View the Chief Minister's response to the Tuggeranong Community Council's 'Talking Tuggeranong' Issues paper at <http://www.tuggcc.com/tag/talking-tuggeranong/>*