



Network Notes

Fortnightly newsletter for the Natural Resource Management (NRM) network

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- Draft Integrated Natural Resource Management Plan for the Northern Territory - INRM Plan Update

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This newsletter is prepared fortnightly by the Regional NRM facilitators in the Territory. It is prepared for distribution, in the first instance to the Local Level Facilitator network. The Local Level Facilitators can then forward this newsletter onto any groups, individuals that may benefit from the information contained within this publication. It is also hoped the newsletter will be a medium by which NRM information can be passed onto others in the network. SO if you have any concerns, articles, adverts or news that you wish to share, please send it into the Regional Facilitator who is listed on the newsletter roster.

New Name for Newsletter Competition

Newsletter Name Competition

THANK YOU.....after much encouragement

We had four entrants in our newsletter naming competition; Donna Black, Samantha Fox, Matt Bolam and Dave Munday.

The panel deliberated over the submissions which included;

- **The NRM Connection**(NT Local Level Facilitator News)
- **The NRM Insider** (NT Local Level Facilitator News)
- **Spotlight on NRM** (NT Local Level Facilitator News)
- NT News (Only joking)
- Facilitator Facts
- Facilitator Flash
- NRM KIT (Keeping in Touch)
- What's up in NRM NT
- The Network
- "MOCK newsletter" Method Of Communicating Knowledge
- Fac Facts (as in Facilitator Facts)
- NRM Regional Roundup
- NRM Network Notes (or variations of, such as NRM Notes, NRM Net, Net notes)

And the winner is Samantha Fox....with NETWORK NOTES....thanks to everyone who participated. It's nice to know people really do care.....

And Congratulations SAM

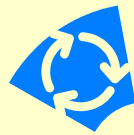
General News

People and Rivers Project

A project on people and rivers is underway by the Department of Infrastructure Planning and Environment. The project is about capturing the historical knowledge of Territory Rivers and how they have altered over the years. eg. river flows, depth etc...

If anyone has any historical photos of Territory Rivers and are willing to let them be scanned for use in this project, please contact Bev Phelts Ph: 0889 993660 email: bev.phelts@nt.gov.au

Clean up Australia Day



Putting rubbish away for good starts from the ground up, from local people and local places. Your site, when combined with thousands around the country has the ability to make a significant contribution to cleaning up, fixing up and conserving our environment. Conservation Volunteers Australia is co-ordinating Clean Up Australia Day in the Northern Territory, getting involved is easy and fun. Clean up Australia invites you to help your local area by registering a Clean up Australia Day Site

- Register a site for either Clean Up Australia Day - Sun 6 March 2005 or Business Clean Up Day - Tue 1 March
- For more information contact Veronica Lwin, Community Involvement Officer Conservation Volunteers Australia Phone: (08) 8981 3206 Email: vlwin@conservationvolunteers.com.au

Give our coasts a hand this Coastcare Week

Australians are being urged not to destroy what they came to enjoy this Coastcare Week, which runs from December 1-7. Australian Minister for the Environment and Heritage, Senator Ian Campbell, said with around 85 per cent of the population living on or near the coast people needed to think about how their 'sea change' might be affecting fragile coastal ecosystems. Coastcare is a partnership between the Australian, state and local governments and is a theme of the Australian Government's Natural Heritage Trust.

For more information about the Trust visit www.nht.gov.au/index.html.

To get involved with Coastcare call 1800 151 105.

Check out the website: <http://www.deh.gov.au/minister/env/2004/mr22nov04.html>

Draft Integrated Natural Resource Management Plan for the Northern Territory - INRM Plan Update - please note the dates for Tennant and Alice Spring meetings where incorrect in the previous newsletter and the Ministerial Launch is on 6th December 2004.

The Draft Integrated Natural Resource Management Plan for the Northern Territory will be launched for public exhibition by Minister Burns on Monday December 6th 2004 there will be a seven-week public exhibition and comment period, which will end on Monday 31 January 2005. In line with the exhibition period we will be running 'Open House' forums and meetings in major centers across the NT, commencing on the 13th December (see below for meeting dates and times).

After the 13th December 2004 the Draft INRM Plan can be viewed on the Internet at www.inrm.nt.gov.au and will be available free of charge on CD-ROM (please phone 1800 208 239 to order a copy). Hard copies of the Draft Plan will also be on public display in major regional centers. For further information on forums and meetings please contact your Regional NRM Facilitator.

Draft INRM Plan Open House/ Meeting Sessions

Location	Venue	Date	Time
Kalkarindji*	TBC	Monday 13 Dec 2004	10:00am - 12:00noon
Mataranka*	Primary School	Tuesday 14 Dec 2004	5:00 - 7:00pm
Katherine*	Katherine Training Centre (19 Second St)	Wednesday 15 Dec 2004	4:00 - 7:00pm
Borroloola*	Borroloola Town Council	Thursday 16 Dec 2004	5:00 - 7:00pm
Darwin: Urban Area*	Darwin Wharf Precinct Function Centre	Thursday 13 Jan 2005	5:00 - 7:00pm
Darwin: NT Govt & Industry*	Darwin Wharf Precinct Function Centre	Friday 14 Jan 2005	1:00 - 3:00pm
Nhulunbuy/Yirrkala	Yirrkala Training Centre	Monday 17 Jan 2005	9:00am - 2:00pm
Groote - Anindilyakwa Land Council	ALC Office	Tuesday 18 Jan 2005	10:00am -
Tennant Creek*	Tennant Creek Training Centre	Wednesday 19 Jan 2005	3:00 - 6:00pm
Alice Springs*	Alice Springs Resort	Thursday 20 Jan 2005	4:00 - 7:00pm
Darwin: Rural Area*	Taminmin High School - Gymnasium	Thursday 20 Jan 2005	6:00 - 8:30pm
Tiwi - Bathurst Island	TBC	Monday 24 Jan 2005	TBC

* Open House



“Round 6 NOW OPEN – Applications for Round 6 close at 5pm on Friday 18th February 2005.”



Funding

ENVIROFUND - <http://www.nht.gov.au/envirofund/2004-2005/round-one/index.html>

What's new in Round 6

- ❖ The funding limit has been raised to \$50,000 (GST inclusive) for projects where the magnitude, complexity or public benefit of the project is such that additional funding would be beneficial. Applicants seeking more than \$30,000 will be asked to provide reasons why their project merits funding above that amount.
- ❖ The standard rate paid for fencing has been raised to \$2,000 (GST inclusive) per kilometre.
- ❖ A matching contribution that is less than the funding sought will be acceptable, particularly against amounts above \$30,000, provided that the applicant has made a genuine effort to provide a reasonable contribution to the project.
- ❖ There is no longer a requirement for applicants to provide a 50 per cent cash contribution for contractors undertaking weeding and revegetation activities.

The successful applicants for round 5 have been announced

Project ID	Applicant	Application Title	Trust Funding (GST exclusive)
48147	Heytesbury Beef Pty Ltd	Determining Current Extent and Raising Awareness of Calotrope on the Barkly Tablelands	21,109.09
48148	Barkly Landcare and Conservation Association	Harvesting Native Grass Seed for Conservation and Rehabilitation on the Barkly Tableland	8,036.36
48149	Julalikari Council Aboriginal Corp	Dust Suppression Epenarra Community	4,590.18
48170	The North Australian Pastoral Company Pty Limited	Relocating Stock Watering Points to Restore Riparian Vegetation, Mittiebah Station	27,272.73
48172	Minyerri Aboriginal Rangers	Implementing Improved Fire Management on the Alawa Aboriginal Land Trust	12,811.76
48303	Tiwi Islands Local Government	Biodiversity Protection - Tiwi Islands	24,763.64
48305	Pirlangimpi Community Management Board	Kilu-impini Creek Riverbank Stabilisation Melville Island	13,636.36
48533	Apmwerre Aboriginal Corporation	Apmwerre Aboriginal Corporation "Looking After Our Country"	12,381.82
48535	Low Ecological Services Pty Ltd	Biodiversity Conservation on Private Lands in Central Australia Through the Land for Wildlife Program	7,400.00
48536	Dundee Envirocare	Fencing, Signing and Slashing to Preserve and Protect the Dundee Coast	16,820.00
48538	Ramingining Homelands Resource Centre Aboriginal Corp	Fencing Nangalala Waterhole and Springs	3,363.64
48540	Numbulwar Homelands Council Association Inc	Managing Impacts of Commercial Fishing Around Numbulwar, NT	15,530.00

Competitions/Awards



INDIGENOUS GOVERNANCE AWARDS

The *Indigenous Governance Awards* have been established to encourage, reward and promote best practice in Indigenous governance. The awards are an annual event and incorporated Indigenous organisations from across the country are invited to enter. **The National Award winner will receive \$10,000 and there will be two Achievement Awards of \$5,000 each.** The award money will be used to further the development of the winning organisations. <http://www.reconciliation.org.au/igawards/about.html>
Applications must be received by 30 November 2004

YOUNG ACHIEVERS AWARDS

The purpose of these awards is to acknowledge, encourage, reward and most importantly promote the positive achievements of young Territorians aged between 14 and 26. The Awards recognise the achievements of the Northern Territories youth in eight categories, they are: Community Service; Sport; Arts; Environment; Career Achievement; Science & Technology; Regional Initiative and Excellence in Youth Leadership.

Be quick though, **nominations close on Friday 10th December 2004.** Nominations can be made through the awards website at www.awardsaustralia.com or on an official nomination form which can be posted to you direct by contacting (08) 8981 0244.

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Newsletter Roster

Publication Date: 10 Dec 2004

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No Newsletter

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No Newsletter

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Editor: Kath

Submissions by: 18 Jan 2005

Websites

Looking for a grant from the Australian Government? Try grantslink.

www.grantslink.gov.au/

<http://www.farmersinfo.com.au/newsletter.htm>

- **EnviroInfo**, *A bi-weekly eNewsletter for professionals in the natural resources and environment management fields*, 25 November 2004

<http://news.envirocentre.com.au/enviroinfo/enviroinfo041125.htm>

- **Local Level Facilitator and NRM newsletters**

<http://www.ipe.nt.gov.au/whatwedo/landcare/newsletters/index.html>

- **Marine And Coastal Community Network (MCCN)**, 24 November 2004
Wetstuff is MCCN's weekly, electronic news service, providing marine and coastal news of international and national interest

<http://www.mccn.org.au/wetstuff.html>

- **The** Centralian Land Management Association (CLMA) is the pastoral industry's Landcare group in central Australia. It was formed in 1988 by a group of local pastoralists and has developed into one of the most successful Landcare groups in Australia, having won two National Landcare Awards.

The aim of the group is to promote land management practices that will ensure the sustainable and productive use of pastoral lands. Beef cattle is the primary enterprise and CLMA represents about 300,000 km² (30 million ha) of land under pastoral lease. About 80 properties occupy this area of which close to 60% are members of the CLMA. The average size of cattle stations in central Australia is over 3,000 km² (300,000 ha). Most cattle stations are family-run properties in remote locations.

<http://www.clma.com.au/>

Events

ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE ECOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA (SA)

7th - 10th December 2004, Adelaide

Details can be found on their website at

www.ecolsoc.org.au/Conference/ESA2004/ESA2004.htm.

THE 4TH NATIONAL WATERWATCH CONFERENCE – CALL FOR ABSTRACTS AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Please note, early bird registration closes on December 20

The 4th National Waterwatch Conference '*Navigating the Rapids*' will be held at the historic University of Melbourne in the Economics & Commerce Building, Parkville campus from the 7 to the 10 February 2005. Come and join us in the challenge of "Navigating the Rapids" as community water monitoring and Waterwatch networks across Australia integrate into the regional NRM framework to achieve sustainable

