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The NEW Natural Resource Management Board (NT)

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A certified financial planner who has lived in the Territory for 20 years is the new chair of the inaugural Natural Resource Management Board, Environment Minister Marion Scrymgour announced on 16 November 2005.

Darwin's Sue van Cuylenburg will head the new six-member board which met for the first time on the 15th November 2005.

Ms Scrymgour said the Board would implement the Northern Territory Integrated Natural Resource Management (INRM) Plan and Regional Investment Strategy (RIS), under the framework agreed between the Northern Territory and the Commonwealth Governments.

Courses and Events



You are invited to attend the second Community Consultation Day for the Darwin City Environmental Management Plan (EMP). This is an opportunity to come and speak with Darwin City Council environmental planners and elected councilors responsible for the EMP project and to discuss specific environmental management issues in the Darwin region.

A sausage sizzle will be held at Anula Primary School between 4 and 6 pm on Sunday the 20 November 2005. This is being held in conjunction with the Anula, Wulagi, and Northlakes Neighbourhood Christmas Party. Free.

The **EMP Education Trailer** will have a supply of the EMP Atlas extracts for Environmental Management Unit 9 – which includes the suburbs of Bleeser Creek/ Berrimah, 20- South West Leanyer Swamp/Water Park and 21 - West Leanyer Swamp , also included is the EMP Atlas containing all areas and extra survey forms for anyone who wishes to complete one. We hope to see you there.



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A Partnership with The Natural Heritage Trust

WANT TO START YOUR OWN BUSINESS? ALREADY IN AN ESTABLISHED BUSINESS?

Then you should come along to our

DISCOVERING ENTERPRISE WORKSHOP

28th – 30th November 2005
Knotts Crossing Resort
Cnr Giles & Cameron Streets, Katherine

First Australians Business (FAB) and Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) Darwin will present a Discovering Enterprise Workshop for Indigenous people who are establishing or further developing a small business venture.

The workshop will take a practical approach focusing on identifying business opportunities, marketing and promotion, financial management, business planning and cultural barriers to business.

The regional workshops are practical, with an interactive teaching style.

The 3 day intensive workshops are aimed at:

- Creating a vision of participation in the mainstream economy
- Identifying business opportunities
- Developing short term plans for small enterprise at the community level
- Assisting established businesses overcome difficulties

At the completion of the workshop participants have the opportunity to be linked to a mentor and/or be invited to participate in phase two of the program, Implementing Enterprise.

Workshop materials, lunch, morning and afternoon tea will be provided for all workshop participants. Accommodation & meals can be arranged for those participants who need it to attend. Application forms can be obtained from FAB. There is no cost to attend the workshop, however we ask that you invest your time.

To participate in the workshop please contact Tamika Garay at First Australians Business on:

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At the “Cutting Edge” - the Australian Rangeland Society 14th Biennial Conference 2006.

The Australian Rangeland Society (ARS) is hosting its 14th Biennial Conference in Renmark, South Australia, from Monday 4 September through to Thursday 7 September 2006. The conference theme, ‘The Cutting Edge’ is a play on words which refers not only to Renmark’s location on the edge of the South Australian Rangelands, but also refers to the region’s unique biodiversity, current management practices and new innovative thinking that will shape the future of the Rangelands. We will look beyond the edge into the future – and take stock of the work that we did 10 years ago at the 9th ARS Conference held in Pt Augusta..

The 2006 national rangelands conference promises an exciting mix of ‘Place,’ ‘People,’ and ‘Possibilities.’

Place: *Refers to landscapes, physical and ecological assets – the physical context of the Rangelands.*

Possibilities: Refers to the future, emerging trends and markets, demands and drivers, models and land-uses, and influencing factors such as climate change and opportunities.

People: *Refers to the social components of rangelands – landusers, stakeholders, along with governance, politics, power, institutional change and service delivery.*

These 3 threads will integrate a diverse range of session topics, which will create a rich tapestry of presentations within this year’s theme of ‘The Cutting Edge’.

We plan to examine the management of our Rangelands where it has been effective in sustaining ecosystems that provide services to the natural ecology, our industries and our livelihoods. The Conference will also explore some of the possible influences that climate change, governance and other services might have on the biology, the industries and the people of the region. We will seek new ways of thinking about natural resource management, incorporating what we currently do well with new science and technology and new approaches to social issues, policy and institutions.

The Field Tour Program has been developed to support the Conference theme and will look at examples of rangelands history and changing land use, and showcase innovation and enterprise among rangeland managers.

However, we want this to be your conference – and there will be many ways to contribute, whether you are a land manager, student, business operator, researcher, government manager – or a member of the public with a love of and concern for the well-being of our rangelands.

The Registration of Interest and Call for Abstracts brochure will be sent out ARS members and those who attended the last conference in Alice Springs, inviting you to submit contributions – posters or spoken papers. There will also be opportunity for informal sessions on topics of interest - please let us know your suggestions. The Registration of Interest brochure will also be available on line at the ARS website www.austrangesoc.com.au

If you would like to receive a copy of the brochure, please contact Sarah Nicolson, Intercomm Event Coordination, 22 Edmund Ave, Unley SA 5061

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The deadline for receipt of abstracts is **17th February 2006.**

Please put the conference dates in your diary and spread the word, we hope to see you there for another great ARS conference



international landcare conference

landscapes lifestyles livelihoods

The Conference

International Landcare Conference 2006
Landscapes, Lifestyles and Livelihoods

Dates – Sunday 8 October to Wednesday 11 October 2006

Venue – Melbourne Exhibition and Convention Centre, Corner Flinders Street and Spencer Street, Melbourne, Australia

The International Landcare Conference 2006 will be hosted by the Victorian Department of Sustainability and Environment. This is the second international Landcare Conference to be held in Melbourne.

Conference objectives

The 2006 conference focuses on: *“People and the environment, creating future landscapes, lifestyles and livelihoods”*.

It will provide an opportunity for people to:

- exchange ideas and consider future issues building on the Landcare vision of cooperative community-based resource management to protect the environment and support society into the 21st Century;
- build on the contributions made in previous international and national Landcare conferences; and
- contribute to building social capital and community and agency networks for rural, regional and urban resource management.

Who should attend?

- Landcare groups
- farmers, land managers, general public
- indigenous land managers
- Australian, State and Local Government Natural Resource Management Agencies
- landcarers from overseas countries involved in land management and resource allocation
- land use planners
- rural, regional and urban land managers, and research and land development agencies
- non-government Natural Resource Organisations and Agencies
- community and volunteer groups with an interest in the environment
- strategic urban and rural planners, people involved in governance programs
- Landcare corporate sponsors, and consultancies dealing with Natural Resource Management
- researchers, scientists, students and academics
- others interested in creating sustainable landscapes, lifestyles and livelihoods for the 21st Century

Draft Program outline

Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 October, 2006

Tours to local Landcare projects

Sunday 8 October, 2006

6.00 pm – Welcome cocktails and Conference registration

Monday 9 October, 2006

Conference opening ceremony

Plenary and Parallel Sessions

Lunch

Parallel sessions

Poster sessions at the end of the day

Evening: Official Conference Dinner

Tuesday 10 October, 2006

Plenary and Parallel Sessions

Lunch

Parallel sessions

Poster sessions at the end of the day

Evening: National Landcare Awards Ceremony 2006

Wednesday 11 October, 2006

Plenary and Parallel Sessions

Lunch

Optional tours and networking opportunities (TBC)

More details of the conference program will be available after responses to the Call for Papers are received. Please watch the Conference web site www.internationallandcareconference2006.com.au for continuous updates with Conference details, or contact Ms Probarti Milton 2006 International Landcare Conference Co-ordinator Department of Sustainability and Environment phone:03 9637 8050

North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance

NAILSMA

FUTURE LEADERS OUR LAND IS IN OUR HANDS PROJECT

Are you interested in leadership for your mob?

Do you want more leadership skills?

What do you want for young people?

WHY:

A lot of Traditional Owners are looking after country again in North Australia. For example around 87% of the Northern Territory coastline is Aboriginal owned as well as 45% of the land mass. People know how to manage country but it's not like it was in the old days. Today we have new problems and issues to deal with that were not there before. We need to have some new skills to deal with these new issues.

What extra leadership skills do you need to look after country?

There are new skills needed today when looking after country, like talking to government about country, public presentations, networking, training, talking to other Indigenous groups to share ideas and experiences.

Do you want more confidence, to learn how to write funding submissions or manage projects? Do you want to attend a leadership program?

What leadership activities on country do you want supported?

Back to country camps, youth at risk programs or visiting other land management groups (ranger exchanges)?

HOW:

Your wants and needs for leadership activities in your area will be put into a report and NAILSMA will ask funding bodies to support these activities.

Also, in 2 years NAILSMA aims to develop an Indigenous land and sea manager's course for people to attend and to get some extra skills.

We are asking land management groups/communities across North Australia to tell us what skills they want and need.

WHO:

Lisa Binge is a Koori woman, working with NAILSMA on the Future Leaders Project. She also coordinates the 'Kantri Laif' newspaper and looks after Indigenous scholarships for land managers and leadership.

Call Lisa to talk about leadership, or request a meeting in your area.

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Consultations / contributions close May, 2006.

Publications

River Recovery Inventory of the Northern Territory

Greening Australia produced the River Recovery Inventory of the Northern Territory to inform and guide the development of the Northern Territory River Recovery project. It was prepared by Maria Kraatz, and provides an overview of river management activities across the Northern Territory, categorised into the following groups:

- Assessment
- On-ground works
- Planning
- Research
- Tools
- Training

It is hoped that the Inventory will be a resource for river and land managers throughout the Northern Territory and more broadly across northern Australia.

The Inventory is now on the internet

(www.greeningaustralia.org.au/GA/NT/WhatsNew/RiverRecoveryInventory.htm).

Please use the Inventory freely and pass it on to others who you think may find it useful. The Inventory is not meant to be an exhaustive list of all river management activities, and inevitably some activities have been missed or have developed since the document was prepared in March 2005. Please use it with this in mind.

The Northern Territory River Recovery project is part of the national River Recovery program managed by Greening Australia. River Recovery aims to work with partners to ensure the long term protection of the ecological and cultural values of rivers. The initial focus in the NT is the Katherine River and its catchment. Many of the management issues for the Katherine River are representative of other rivers in the Wet-Dry tropics and tropical savannah.

Together with the Burdekin River Recovery project in north Queensland, the Katherine River Recovery project aims to provide a model for catchments across northern Australia.

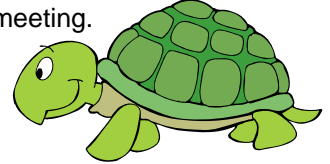
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Sustainable Harvest of Marine Turtles and Dugongs in Australia - A National Partnership Approach 2005

The Natural Resource Management Ministerial Council (NRMMC) endorsed "Sustainable Harvest of Marine Turtles and Dugongs in Australia - A National Partnership Approach 2005" at its October 2005 meeting.



Background

In 2003 the NRMMC expressed concern for the long-term sustainability of turtle and dugong in northern Australia. It identified the need for a nationally coordinated approach to sustainable levels of Indigenous harvest of dugong and turtle and referred the matter to the NRM Standing Committee Marine and Coastal Committee (MACC). The MACC Taskforce on Turtle and Dugong Populations was established to develop a nationally coordinated response to the issue of sustainable harvest of dugong and turtle.

At its 2005 October meeting, the NRMMC endorsed the 'National Partnership Approach' which contains 5 goals supported by a number of objectives and also outlines possible activities that could be used to implement it. These goals are:

1. Improve the information base available to Indigenous communities for managing the sustainable harvest of turtles and dugongs
2. Respect for Indigenous and non-Indigenous knowledge and management
3. Improve education and awareness
4. Identify the economic, social and cultural factors that may contribute to unsustainable harvest levels and identify and implement measures to address them
5. Protecting sea country resources

A key element of the 'Partnership Approach' is the proposed Partnership body which is expected to:

- assist in achieving the best possible uptake of the 'Partnership Approach';
- encourage ownership of it by Indigenous communities; and
- most significantly, oversight the further development, implementation and review of it by formally including involvement of the groups most affected by actions to improve the sustainability of Indigenous harvest of turtles and dugongs.

The NRMMC also agreed to the following text being incorporated in its Communiqué:

"The Approach provides a basis for further work to ensure that harvest of turtles and dugongs is sustainable by outlining how governments and Indigenous communities can work more closely together to increase the effectiveness of the protection and conservation of dugongs and turtles. The Approach is also intended to contribute to the conservation of turtles and dugong and ensure the important economic, spiritual and cultural relationships Indigenous people have with these animals are maintained for future generations."

A Partnership body is currently being established which will include representatives from, Indigenous communities and relevant State, Territory and Australian Governments agencies. The Partnership body will replace the MACC Taskforce which developed the draft Approach, and will play an important role in building momentum on the further development and implementation of the Approach.

Download the report at: www.deh.gov.au/coasts/species/turtles/national-approach.html

Employment

Project Coordinator (Rangelands Action Project)

Type of appointment: short term contract (approximately 6 -8 weeks). Hours negotiable.

Pay rate: \$840 / week

Contact: John Gavin 8648 5194 or 0427 584424 for further information.

POSITION CONTEXT

The focus of the Rangelands Integrated Natural Resource Management Group is to develop an integrated natural resource management (INRM) plan and investment strategy for the Rangelands region and to coordinate the implementations of actions in the plan

The position is located with the Rangelands Integrated Natural Resource Management Group and is based currently in Hawker (negotiable) while operating across the entire Rangelands Region. The position is responsible for the management of the overall project; including

- management of devolved grants applications;
- assessing proposals to ensure they have been completed as described in applications
- delivery of communications and consultation activities; and
- in some situations participating in on-ground works.

The Project Coordinator reports to the Rangelands INRM Group through the group Executive Officer. The Project coordinator works closely and cooperatively with staff members and members of the INRM group. This position also works closely with community members and various Department staff.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

A current driver's licence is required. Out of hours work and intrastate travel may be required.

The Project Coordinator will be required to:

- Maintain a safe working environment by adopting appropriate hazard management practices consistent with the role.
- Be discreet and maintain confidentiality
- Display a commitment to the codes of conduct and values of the organisation
- Set priorities effectively, allocating and managing time and resources accordingly
- Demonstrate a flexible approach to unplanned events and interruptions whilst maintaining focus on priorities
- Monitor workload and communicate problems and difficulties
- Actively contribute to team activities and group meetings
- Understand the work of the group and demonstrate commitment to team goals
- Demonstrate the ability to use a full range of PC applications, including Word, Outlook and Excel.
- Demonstrate an understanding of financial management processes

The role of the Project Coordinator for the Rangeland Action Project involves:

- Overseeing the Devolved Grant process.
- Coordinating groups to assist in areas such as feral control programs, rabbit control and re-vegetation of degraded areas.
- Assisting groups to prepare projects for on-ground natural resource management work.
- Acting as a link between landholders and available technical expertise.
- Administration of the Rangeland Action Project including correspondence, attendance at meetings and application writing.
- Monitoring and evaluation of the effectiveness of on-ground activities and reporting of project outcomes.

The role will achieve the outcomes at a regional level by:

- improving land managers information base
- supporting and promoting sustainable land uses
- encouraging a broader role in rehabilitation
- developing and promoting a duty of care for natural resources among all members of the community
- integrating and coordinating approaches to pest and natural resource management
- adequately managing pest species and total grazing pressure and
- monitoring trends in Rangeland conditions.

Grants and Awards

NORTH AUSTRALIAN INDIGENOUS LAND & SEA MANAGEMENT ALLIANCE

Who is funding the study assistance?

The North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance (NAILSMA) is a group of Indigenous organisations working together across north Australia on land management projects. NAILSMA is supporting Indigenous people to look after country.

NAILSMA works with the land councils including Kimberley Land Council, Northern Land Council, Balkanu Cape York Development Corporation, Carpentaria Land Council and Torres Strait Regional Authority.

Tropical Savannas Cooperative Research Centre (TS-CRC) is a group of 11 organisations including universities and research organisations, working together to reach sustainable management of natural and cultural resources across north Australia. NAILSMA is a core partner in the TS-CRC. The Christensen Fund (TCF) is a charitable organisation in America that is also supporting the study assistance program.

What is the purpose of the study assistance?

We know it can be hard for people to do training sometimes and it also costs a lot of money. We can help you by providing financial assistance. You can use this assistance for course fees, travel, books and more.

We want to support Indigenous people to gain more skills in land management and have the opportunity to experience new things.

Who can ask NAILSMA for study assistance?

Anyone who is interested in land and sea management. Study Assistance is available to Indigenous people who live in North Australia, to study land management, science, social science or related areas at TAFE or university.

- You can receive assistance to study a **certificate, diploma or degree course**, part-time, full-time or based in your community.
- You don't need to have completed year 10 or 12 - you can still ask for assistance. You just need to enrol in the course you would like to study.
- If you know other people who want to do a land and sea management course you can apply for **group training** assistance.

For more information contact:

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Environmental consultancy, Molino Stewart, has put together a resource for the community and industry that will help get more environmental projects off the ground.

Are you involved in a community group or working with a Local Council, or are you an individual or business with a great project that could help the environment?

You could be eligible to apply for one of the hundreds of grants available each year that could make a big financial difference.

Projects that lower greenhouse gas emissions, that conserve places of environmental and heritage value and that use water wisely, are examples of those that have received funding.

If your project has the ability to benefit the environment then it's worth having a look at the new *Australian Green Grants Guide 2006*. It's important to start thinking about funding now for next year's projects.

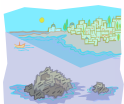
With the *Australian Green Grants Guide 2006*, you'll have access to 160 pages of information about more than 200 grants that are broken down by Australian State and Territory, as well as themes and eligible applicants.

The Guide focuses on grants that relate to seven themes: Water, Biodiversity, Energy, Greenhouse, Heritage Sites, Land, Waste.

Australian Green Grants Guide 2006 for \$49.50 (GST included) each. There will also be a charge of \$9.95 for postage and handling for each copy mailed.

For more information please contact Anthea at Molino Stewart, (02) 9891 5399

Environmental Dates



Coastcare Week 1-7 December - theme "Unique Species Unique Spaces" contact Landcare Australia Ltd Ph 1800 151 105



International Volunteer Day 5 December - www.ifrc.org/voluntee/volday.asp

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Newsletter Roster

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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.

This newsletter contains a number of web links to access further information on topics. If you have difficulty downloading information, please contact your Regional NRM Facilitator (contact details on last page of newsletter) who can send/fax you a hardcopy.