



Network Notes

Fortnightly newsletter for the Natural Resource Management (NRM) network

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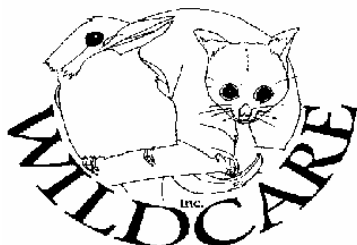
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Wildcare Wildlife Release Sites Wanted



(Darwin rural Area)

Wildcare Inc is a non profit organisation made up of volunteers who rescue, care for and rehabilitate injured and orphaned native wildlife.

We are seeking suitable areas to release these rehabilitated native animals. A description of suitable habitat is listed below.

- ✓ Property larger than 50 acres
- ✓ Safe distance from road traffic, domestic pets and human activities
- ✓ Multiple large old growth trees that have hollows (Woollybutt and Ironwood species)
- ✓ Early burning regime with low intensity fires
- ✓ Easy access with 4WD
- ✓ Permanent water source (not essential)

If your property that fits this description and you would like to help provide a home for native wildlife please contact Wildcare Inc on 89886121 or

Email Jane Wilson on janewilson@austarnet.com.au

Email Toni Mitchell on toni.mitchell@nt.gov.au

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New Greening Australia NT Board Elected

Following a very successful AGM with over 40 formal voters the new Greening Australia NT Board has been elected. Jim Mitchell, Geoff Gaskill and Barbara Jensen were voted on the Board as individuals and Banduk Marika as community representative. Sarah Kerin is the Katherine regional rep., Geoff Miers is the Alice Springs rep. and Jo Sangster is the Local Government rep. Tim West, Matt Bolam and Anne-Maree Andrews were seconded onto the Board at the meeting following the AGM. The selection of office bearers at this meeting resulted in Jim Mitchell - Chairman, Geoff Miers - Vice Chairman, Barbara Jensen - Treasurer and Jo Sangster as Secretary. Greening Australia looks forward to a productive year with this new Board.

For more information on Greening Australia NT's activities go to www.greeningaustralia.org.au

Centralian Nets Land and Water Research Fellowships

Dr Mark Stafford-Smith of CSIRO and the Cooperative Research Centre for Desert Knowledge in Alice Springs is one of three leading Australian researchers to be awarded 12-month fellowships worth \$100,000 to study new approaches to managing the country's natural resources.

Dr Stafford-Smith received the 2006 Land and Water Australia Senior Research Fellowships from the Commonwealth Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry to further his research into rangeland management.

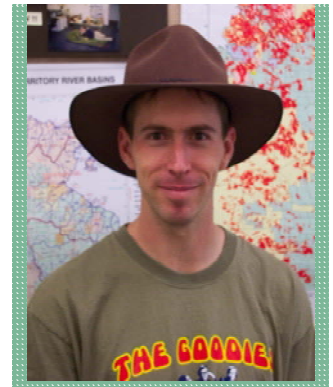
On awarding the fellowship to Dr Stafford-Smith, the Australian Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Peter McGauran said,

"Dr Stafford-Smith was the founding Chief Executive Officer of the Desert Knowledge CRC and has long been one of the world's leading rangelands scientists. He will study the sustainable management of Australia's outback."

The aim of the Commonwealth Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Land and Water Australia Senior Research Fellowships is to free some of our leading researchers from the administrative distractions to enable them to concentrate on important new research and innovation.

New Central Australian Land Management Association Coordinator Appointed

Adrian James has been appointed as the new CLMA Coordinator following Jo Rodney moving to Queensland. Adrian has been in the NT for one and a half years and has recently made the move to Alice for love. Adrian has a Masters degree in Environmental Management. Adrian is really happy to work for the CLMA because of its friendly staff and that it is a long-running Landcare group with responsibility over a huge area. Adrian looks forward to working in the centre for years to come and helping pastoralists pursue sustainability.



You can contact Adrian at Centralian Land Management Association on 8953 4230 or email: clma@clma.com.au

Coordinator Curse Strikes Again! (from CLMA Landtalk)

It's beyond doubt. CLMA Coordinators have been cursed. Jo Rodney broke her foot and was consigned to crutches for months. And then, just two days after she left and Adrian took over the position full-time, another disabling injury. While performing a daring block in a game of beach (yes that's right) volleyball, Adrian completely dislocated his left shoulder. It wasn't fun, and neither is typing newsletter articles one-handed. With months of physio ahead, it's time to end the curse. The CLMA staff will first try to appease any evil spirits in the office by making an offering of two Darwin Stubbies and a packet of Marlboro Red. If that doesn't work it must be the coordinator's chair itself, which will be taken out into the middle of the Todd and set on fire. If this happens, places and catering will be limited, so book early.

New Arid Land Environment Centre (ALEC) Management Committee Elected

On Wednesday the 30th of November the new Arid Land Environment Centre Management Committee was elected. This includes:

J9 Stanton - Convenor

Hugh Bland - Treasurer

Stewart Baillie - Secretary

Julia (Blu) Hengstler - Member

Franca Barraclough - Member

Karissa Preuss - Member

For information on the Arid Lands Environment Centre's activities call John Brisbin on 8952 2497.

Concerns Global Warming Could Affect Fish Stocks (NT)

Source: www.abc.net.au/news/newsitems/200511/s1509761.htm

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The Department of Fisheries says climate change could threaten the Northern Territory's status as an angler's paradise. The department's acting principal research scientist Rik Buckworth says if sea levels rise, salt water might inundate coastal regions and rivers. Dr Buckworth says that could affect fish such as barramundi, which use freshwater environments to breed.

Dr Buckworth says anglers would notice the difference.

"All the suite of little freshwater fish that you see out there now - the little grunters and the rainbow fish and that sort of thing just living in those downstream freshwater marshes," he said.

"The species wouldn't be lost but what would be lost is that habitat and that productivity."

He says climate change could start to affect the NT's iconic fish species in as few as 10 years.

Courses and Events

Rangelands Biology and Ecology Seminars, Alice Springs, December 2005

Dec. 14, 2005: **Wednesday, 3.30 pm, CSIRO Conference Room, Heath Road.**

Development of a fire regime model for Central Australia, update on the ecological description, fire history mapping and vegetation mapping in the West MacDonnell Ranges, Jon Marsden-Smedley, School of Resources, Environment and Society, ANU

and
Time Series Analysis of NDVI Images in the VRD, Grant Allan, Bush Fires Council, Alice Springs.

2006 Young Rural Leaders' Course, Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry, Canberra, March, 2006.

Each year the Department invites young men and women (18-35 years) to attend a fully funded course in Canberra. In 2006, the course will be held in March. The course is aimed at young people in the agriculture, fisheries and forestry industry who want to:

- improve their capacity to contribute to the future of their industry and/or community;
- gain a greater understanding of the complexities of Australia's agriculture, fisheries and forestry industries;
- build their skills and confidence in leadership, communication and planning;
- have an opportunity to network with key decision makers and stakeholders involved in agriculture, fisheries and forestry.

For application forms and more information go to the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry website www.daff.gov.au/youngleaders or contact Monica Staines, Industry Partnerships Programme, Rural Policy and Innovation, Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry, Phone: (02) 6271 6411, Email: Monica.Staines@daff.gov.au

Applications close on 16 December 2005

Conferences

International Landcare Conference 'Landscapes, Lifestyles & Livelihoods', Melbourne Exhibition and Convention Centre, Melbourne, Victoria, 8th - 11th October 2006, Preliminary notice & call for papers

Abstract submissions due Tuesday 31st January, 2006. Further information on the conference and how to submit your proposal can be accessed from the Landcare Conference Manager, Waldron Smith Management, Ph 03 9922 5745, Fax 03 9922 5765 or email info@wsm.com.au or contact Probarti Milton at the Victorian Government Dept Sustainability & Environment Ph 03 9637 8050 or email probarti.milton@dse.vic.gov.au.

Australasian-Pacific Extension Network (APEN) 2006 International Conference, 6-8 March 2006, Beechworth, Victoria

The APEN 2006 International Conference is being held at La Trobe University in the historic town of Beechworth in north eastern Victoria. The conference theme is "Practice Change for Sustainable Communities: Exploring Footprints, Pathways and Possibilities".

The conference will bring together a rich diversity of professionals in practice change and extension from a range of disciplines and sectors including agriculture, community development, health, natural resource and environmental management and fire management.

For more information on the conference go to: www.apen.org.au

Grants & Awards

2005 Science & Innovation Awards for Young People in Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry Winners Announced!

The Australian Government's Science and Innovation Awards for Young People in Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry to use science, technology and innovation to advance the future of agriculture, fisheries, forestry, food and natural resource management industries. A full list of this year's winners and details of their science and innovation projects can be accessed at www.daff.gov.au/scienceawards

Australian Green Grants Guide 2006

This 160 page guide details more than 200 grants available for environmental projects. Grants are broken down under Australian State and Territory, as well as themes and eligible applicants.

Australian Green Grants Guide 2006 for \$49.50 (GST included) (plus \$9.95 postage and handling).

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

Publications

NLP Sustainable Agriculture Case Studies

The National Landcare Program (NLP) aims to encourage primary industries to adopt sustainable management practices improving the productivity, profitability and condition of Australia's natural resources. For selection of case studies funded from the National Landcare Program Community Support component and the Natural Resource Innovations Grants go to:

www.daff.gov.au/content/output.cfm?ObjectID=447792DD-316C-4963-A352ED48673290D4

NT case studies available in PDF on the web at the above website include:

- [Production from marginal lands: Sustainable Indigenous development and commercial use of wildlife](#) (NT)
- [Sustainable Grazing Land Management in Central Australia](#) (NT)

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