

# Network Notes

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## Update from the Chairman



Happy New Year to all.

I hope that everyone had a restful break and you are all refreshed to tackle the new year. NRMB(NT) staff and available Directors have been studiously working over the Christmas and New Year period drafting the Regional Investment Strategy (RIS07-10). This process continues and we hope to release the RIS07-10 in the near future. As part of the process the NRMB(NT) Directors will provide the document in confidence for comment to the Joint Steering Committee and the Landcare Council of the NT (LCNT). Any comment received will be considered by NRMB(NT) Directors. We expect the final version of the RIS07-10 to be ready for submission to Ministers (Territory and Commonwealth) in the next couple of months. We will keep you up to date with our progress.

In mid December the NRMB(NT) staff gathered in Darwin for a planning day where they took stock of what they had achieved for the year and began looking forward to what needs to be done in 2007. They have informed me that it is going to be another busy year with the release of the RIS07-10, building on the previous successful NRM exchanges, and many other events, watch this space for more information in the future.

In other news our Regional Facilitator in Katherine, Madonna Mackay will be taking maternity leave for a year and we are currently advertising her position. This is a wonderful new adventure for Madonna and we wish her the best for a new challenge as Mum, Madonna is a valuable member of the NRMB(NT) team and will be missed by all who know her in NRM.

It is going to be another eventful and exciting year!

Jim Forwood AM  
Vice Chairman

## General News

### Northern Territory Joint Steering Committee - Communiqué

*December 2006*

The joint Australian and Northern Territory Government Steering Committee, established to oversee the delivery of regional investments of the Natural Heritage Trust and the National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality in the Northern Territory, met in Darwin on Monday 4 and Tuesday 5 December 2006. The Steering Committee recently resolved to produce a communiqué after its quarterly meetings to improve community awareness and understanding of its role.

Among the key issues discussed at this meeting were institutional arrangements, including formalising the respective roles and responsibilities of each of the parties for the regional delivery of programs for better management of natural resources in the Northern Territory. These roles and responsibilities will be incorporated into a Regional Partnership Agreement between the regional NRM body for the NT - the Natural Resource Management Board (NT) Inc, (the Board) and the Northern Territory and the Australian governments.

The Steering Committee considered financial accounts and the 2005/06 Annual Report, and discussed the need to closely monitor the flow of investment funds as the two NRM programs (the *Natural Heritage Trust* and the *National Action Plan of Salinity and Water Quality*) approach their scheduled end date of 30 June 2008. Steering Committee acknowledged the need to minimise any forward commitments beyond 30 June 2008.

Mr Ted Rowley, Director of the Australian Government's Monitoring and Evaluation Team, briefed the Steering Committee on national approaches and imperatives in monitoring and evaluation. Key points in Mr Rowley's presentation were:

- the value of intermediate outcomes in demonstrating and reporting progress, especially where resource condition targets were based on broad measures of resources condition that may be slow to move and expensive to monitor;
- the opportunity to use a range of approaches in reporting success of investments in management of natural resources, including narratives (stories or case studies) and *Most Significant Change* techniques; and
- the opportunity to incorporate social and economic objectives and measures in project development.

The Steering Committee will meet again by teleconference early in 2007 to progress key issues.

## General News

### Planet Ark National Tree Day

Planet Ark set up National Tree Day to help tackle some of the country's serious environmental problems and to increase community involvement and awareness of the importance of local native plants. Each year on Tree Day people are encouraged to plant trees and shrubs that are native to their local area.

This year dates for National Tree Day 2007 are:

SCHOOLS TREE DAY - Friday 27th July  
 NATIONAL TREE DAY - Sunday 29th July

Planet Ark is aware that in some regions of Australia, climate conditions are not ideal for major plantings on those dates. So Planet Ark has also arranged insurance coverage on 13 alternate dates throughout 2007.

March Sat 24th	July Sun 8th	Aug Sat 4th
May Sat 26th	July Sat 21st	Aug Sun 5th
June Tue 5th	July Sun 22nd	Sept Sat 8th
June Sat 9th	July Sat 28th	Oct Tue 9th

As Tree Day is a national event, the organisation is done at a local level by individuals volunteering themselves as Site Coordinators. They find the sites and source the trees and other support for the day. Planet Ark covers all Public Liability and Volunteer Insurance and we also facilitate linking tree-planting volunteers to sites requiring tree planters through our web site and call centre. We also assist Site Coordinators by linking them to supporters that can contribute to organising their site and giving local advice (in many cases this includes local councils).

Materials are available to help site coordinators promote their sites including adaptable posters and media releases.

To register either phone us or register directly on line. After the event you can submit your results to ensure all your good work counts towards the 2007 National Tree Day results.

For more information visit our website at <http://www.planetark.com/treeday> or contact:

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## On-Ground

# Best Practice for Sustainable Land Use in the Northern Territory Project

*A Northern Territory Horticultural Association & Northern Territory Agricultural Association Joint Venture*

The Northern Territory Horticultural Association & Northern Territory Agricultural Association are now at a major stage of the 'Best Practice for Sustainable Land Use in the NT' project and will be directly consulting growers, technical officers and the scientific community on the content and usability of the draft guidelines.

The draft has recently been completed and stakeholders are called upon to contribute some of their time to comment on the guidelines or attend a series of workshops to approve or modify the draft guidelines. The workshop sessions involve several day and/or evening workshops in Darwin, Katherine and Alice Springs and will be conducted during late January, early February 2007.

The workshops will involve reviewing the key area guideline statements (water, soils, weeds etc) and their respective checklists and the reference information that has been included to support the recommended guidelines.

For a copy of the guidelines or to register your attendance at the workshops listed below, please contact Tim West Environmental Development Officer, NTHA / NTAga on 8983 3233 or 0418901552 or email [tim.west@ntha.com.au](mailto:tim.west@ntha.com.au)

### WORKSHOP TIMETABLE 2007

GROUP	KEY AREAS	DARWIN		KATHERINE		ALICE SPRINGS
A	Water Chemicals Waste	Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan 10am-2pm and 4-8pm	Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb 10am-2pm and 4-8pm	Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan 10am-2pm and 4-8pm	Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb 10am-2pm and 4-8pm	Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan 10am-2pm and 4-8pm
B	Soils Carbon Nutrients	Tue 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan 10am-2pm and 4-8pm	Tue 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb 10am-2pm and 4-8pm	Tue 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan 10am-2pm and 4-8pm	Tue 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb 10am-2pm and 4-8pm	Tue 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan 10am-2pm and 4-8pm
C	Weeds Fire Ecosystem services Sustainable agriculture	Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan 10am-2pm and 4-8pm	Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb 10am-2pm and 4-8pm	Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan 10am-2pm and 4-8pm	Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb 10am-2pm and 4-8pm	Wed 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan 10am-2pm and 4-8pm
D	Air Energy Climate Biosecurity	Thu 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan 10am-2pm and 4-8pm	Thu 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb 10am-2pm and 4-8pm	Thu 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan 10am-2pm and 4-8pm	Thu 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb 10am-2pm and 4-8pm	Thu 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb 10am-2pm and 4-8pm

## Events

### Landscape Process Workshop Alice Springs 16th-20th April



The CLMA currently has a project called "Strategic Catchment Restoration and Maintenance, Central Australia". This project consists of on-ground soil planning and rehabilitation works mostly on pastoral lands.

Another key part of this project is the delivery of a workshop to central Australian NRM extension staff to improve our understanding of landscape patterns, processes and management planning. We have thus arranged for Dr Hugh Pringle to present an Ecosystem Management Understanding (EMU) workshop in Alice Springs.

Understanding (EMU) workshop here in Alice Springs. Hugh, who is currently the ecologist for the Australian Bush Heritage Fund, developed the very successful EMU program whilst working in the semi-arid rangelands of Western Australia. The principles the EMU team developed have since been applied in other parts of Australia and in Africa.

You are invited to attend the "EMU in Alice" workshop in Alice Spring from 16th-20th April 2007. The workshop will consist of some "classroom" time, on-ground field visits close to Alice Springs and a plane flight to see processes and patterns from the air. We envisage that the workshop will be no or low cost (it depends a bit on charter plane costs).

Places are limited, so if you are interested in attending please contact CLMA on (08) 8953 4230 or [clma@clma.com.au](mailto:clma@clma.com.au) as soon as possible.

### The No Frills Free National Riparian Research & Development Workshop, Melbourne 14th February

For those of you that missed out on our national Workshop series, we are running another workshop in Melbourne on the 14th of February. The workshop will cover key research findings from the National Riparian Lands R&D Program and speakers will include:

- Professor Ian Rutherford (flooding, erosion, catchment scale priority setting)
- Professor Peter M. Davies (in-stream temperature and ecological health)
- Dr Andrew Brooks (design guidelines for reintroducing wood into Australian rivers)
- Dr Phil Price (M&E, riparian widths)
- Dr Siwan Lovett (using the legacy CD, capacity building & effective communication)

To register visit [www.rivers.gov.au](http://www.rivers.gov.au). We need a minimum of 50 and a maximum of 150. You will be informed via email if you have a place and we will send you the agenda and information about accommodation options around the University of Melbourne.

Any problems with registering please phone Bobbie Cowan on 02 6022 4027

## Conferences/Seminars

Tamar NRM in association with UTAS Centre for Environment presents  
"Biodiversity: Balancing Conservation and Production  
- case studies from the real world"

26, 27 and 28 June 2007 University of Tasmania, Launceston campus

Experience shows that biodiversity conservation and profitable production can be compatible. The conference will present case studies (local, national and international) and recent global research relevant to Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry. The conference will be a pooling of practical experience, innovative ideas and vision to inspire informed action for the improvement of both productivity and biodiversity.

If you are interested in presenting a case study or receiving further information when registrations open, please visit [www.conferenceplus.com.au/nrm](http://www.conferenceplus.com.au/nrm) or contact:  
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## WasteQ - International Waste Conference

Gold Coast QLD 4-6 June 07

This Conference aims to bring together leaders in all areas of waste and secondary resource management to acquire and disseminate new knowledge. The Conference will provide opportunities to objectively address the adverse risks and beneficial opportunities that are arising in these times of increasingly rapid change.

Presentations will encompass enhanced performance and new or innovative practices, technologies and regulations that ensure we can continue to provide leadership and solve problems associated with resource use and waste. For more information visit [www.wasteq.com.au](http://www.wasteq.com.au)

## Conference - Beyond Environmental Law

Intersections between legal disciplines and the environment

16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> February 2007

The Australian Centre for Environmental Law Sydney, Faculty of Law, University of Sydney, and the Environmental Defender's Office will co-host this highly innovative two-day conference.

A full copy of the brochure including registration form can be downloaded from:  
[www.law.usyd.edu.au/CLE/docs\\_pdfs/2007/Environmental16022007.pdf](http://www.law.usyd.edu.au/CLE/docs_pdfs/2007/Environmental16022007.pdf)

If you have any queries concerning the conference or are unable to download the brochure - please contact Ms Val Carey, Sydney Law School, Telephone (02) 9351 0238 or email: [cle@law.usyd.edu.au](mailto:cle@law.usyd.edu.au)

## Conferences/Seminars

### 10th International Riversymposium & Environmental Flows Conference Brisbane 3-6 September 2007

#### Call for papers

**Deadline for abstract submissions: 31 January 2007**

Exploring environmental flows from a science, policy, management and community perspective, the 10th International Riversymposium & Environmental Flows Conference, a partnership between the Riversymposium and The Nature Conservancy will provide a valuable opportunity for delegates to gain exposure across a broader range of river management topics than in previous years.

For a full list of topics and for submission procedures visit [www.riversymposium.com](http://www.riversymposium.com)

Registrations for the conference will open on-line in early 2007. Please check our website for updates in February 2007.

If you have any questions regarding registration or for any other general enquiries please contact the Event Coordinator Emily Smigrod Email: [emily@riverfestival.com.au](mailto:emily@riverfestival.com.au) Ph: (07) 3034 8230



### Thiess Riverprize nominations - now open

**Deadline for nominations: 30 March 2007**

Awarded during the Riversymposium for outstanding achievement in the restoration and preservation of rivers and waterways across the world. The International Thiess Riverprize of AUD\$225,000 and National Thiess Riverprize of AUD\$75,000 is supported by the International Riverfoundation, established to advocate the protection and restoration of the world rivers and waterways for future generations.

For more information or to obtain a nomination form visit [www.riversymposium.com](http://www.riversymposium.com)

# Funding

## 2007 NRM Funding Calendar

NRM Funding Program	Amount	Closing date	Contact
National Landcare Programme - Community Support Grants	not specified	26 Feb 2007	<p><a href="http://www.daffa.gov.au/natural-resources/landcare/national-landcare-programme/community">www.daffa.gov.au/natural-resources/landcare/national-landcare-programme/community</a></p> <p>Geri Lee Ph: 8981 5976 Email: <a href="mailto:landcare@ntca.org.au">landcare@ntca.org.au</a></p> <p>Regional NRM Facilitators (See contact details on back page)</p>
Community Benefit Fund - Small Grants Program	Up to \$5,000	28 Feb 2007	<p><a href="http://www.nt.gov.au/cbf">www.nt.gov.au/cbf</a></p>
 Australian Government Envirofund	Up to \$50,000	Round 9 to open in February 2007	<p><a href="http://www.nht.gov.au/envirofund/index.html">http://www.nht.gov.au/envirofund/index.html</a> Envirofund Hotline 1800 303 863</p> <p>Regional NRM Facilitators (See contact details on back page)</p>
 Mitre 10 Junior Landcare Grants	Up to \$500	2007 Rounds close 1st March 17th May 3rd August 18th October	<p>For further information visit <a href="http://www.mitre10.com.au/landcare/grants.asp">www.mitre10.com.au/landcare/grants.asp</a></p>
Dilmah Water Quality Funding - Best Tea, Best Water	Up to \$1,650	25 May 2007	<p><a href="http://landcareonline.com/">http://landcareonline.com/</a></p>
Natural Heritage Trust Regional Investments (RIS) Natural Resource Management Board NT Inc.	not specified	Anticipated call for proposals in May 2007	<p><a href="http://www.nrmbnt.org.au/">http://www.nrmbnt.org.au/</a></p> <p>Regional NRM Facilitators (see contact details on back page)</p>
Australian Government's Community Water Grants	Up to \$50,000	Round 3 expected to open in early to mid-2007	<p><a href="http://www.communitywatergrants.gov.au/">www.communitywatergrants.gov.au/</a></p> <p>Russell Willing Australian Government NRM Facilitator - Rivercare/Water - NT Ph: 8999 4507 Email: <a href="mailto:russell.willing@nt.gov.au">russell.willing@nt.gov.au</a></p> <p>Regional NRM Facilitators (See contact details on back page)</p>
The Exchange Incentive Fund	About \$5000	Open now	<p><a href="http://www.lwa.gov.au/Apply_for_Funding/Exchange_Incentive_Fund/indexdl_3694.aspx">www.lwa.gov.au/Apply_for_Funding/Exchange_Incentive_Fund/indexdl_3694.aspx</a> Exchange on 1300 886 589 Email: <a href="mailto:exchange@greeningaustralia.org.au">exchange@greeningaustralia.org.au</a></p>

## Funding

### The National Landcare Programme - NLP

The National Landcare Programme recognises that good natural resource management is good business! Positive environmental management can rapidly result in improved productivity and profitability.

**Community Support** funds local and regional landcare activities consistent with priorities in accredited, regional Natural Resource Management (NRM) plans and investment strategies. Funding is now available to support projects up to 12 months in duration.

The priority for funding through **Community Support** investment is on-ground activities that:

- Support landcare groups and NRM managers to adopt sustainable and innovative practices;
- Enhance the knowledge and skills of natural resource managers;
- Promote implementation of best management practices; and
- Improve integration of NRM into management practices at the enterprise level.

Application form and guidelines: Are available at <http://www.daffa.gov.au/natural-resources/landcare/national-landcare-programme/community>. Hardcopies can be posted on request

**All applications must be received by 26 February 2007**

You are encouraged to contact Geraldine Lee, NT State Landcare Coordinator Ph: 8941 4766 Fax: 8981 9527 Mobile: 0428 330 131 or email: [landcare@ntca.org.au](mailto:landcare@ntca.org.au) or your Regional Natural Resource Facilitator to discuss / develop an application.

### NLP National Resource Innovation Grants Successful Projects Announced

Three NT projects have received funding through the NLP National Resource Innovation Grants which support the development and use of innovative and sustainable agriculture practices.

The three successful NT applicants had the following projects approved:

- The Northern Territory Cattlemen's Association - develop and demonstrate systems for improved information management on extensive cattle properties.
- Greening Australia (N.T) Limited - construct a seed harvester designed for Northern Australian environments and grass species that will assist in further developing the use of this valuable natural resource.
- Victoria River District Conservation Association - demonstrate cost-effective restoration of large, dense weed infestations through a program based on mechanical mulching.

For more information the successful projects visit [www.maff.gov.au/releases/index.html](http://www.maff.gov.au/releases/index.html).

## Funding

### Indigenous Heritage Program Closes on 21 February 2007

The Indigenous Heritage Programme (IHP) is an Australian Government initiative that provides funding to support projects that identify, conserve and promote the Indigenous heritage values of places important to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Indigenous organisations or not-for-profit bodies are eligible for grants of up to \$100,000 (GST inclusive). Individual Indigenous applicants are generally eligible for funding up to \$5000.

For more information or a copy of the program application guidelines visit [www.deh.gov.au/heritage/programs/ihp](http://www.deh.gov.au/heritage/programs/ihp) or Freecall 1800 982 280.

### Indigenous Small Business Fund

The Indigenous Small Business Fund (ISBF) provides funding to Indigenous community-based organisations to help Indigenous people learn about business, develop good business skills and expand their businesses.

**For more information or to apply for an ISBF visit [www.workplace.gov.au/isbf](http://www.workplace.gov.au/isbf).**

If your organisation does not have a computer or you need help filling out the application, or you just want to find out more about ISBF, call the Indigenous employment line on 1802 102.

### Connellan Airways Trust

The Connellan Airways Trust is one of the few Australian trusts and foundations able to provide funds for individuals. Its objectives include:

- To promote and encourage the advancement of knowledge of people, especially younger people, living in remote parts of that area of outback Australia formerly served by Connellan Airways, and in other parts of Australia similar in remoteness.
- To assist such people through facilitating air travel and the delivery of education needs, communication requisites and health related supplies.
- To foster education of people in outback Australia, other than those living in its remote parts, who provide service or assistance to people living in those parts.

You are eligible to apply for the Trust for financial assistance if you reside on stations or in small settlements in the remote parts of outback Australia, or if you live in the larger outback centres and serve or assist remote area residents. If you are 18 or more years of age and have an educational aim, you may also apply for the annual E.J. Connellan Award.

The Connellan Airways Trust has several different grant categories with different application forms. Visit [www.connellanairwaystrust.org.au/](http://www.connellanairwaystrust.org.au/) for more information.

## Training

### Water Auditing on Remote Communities CSAT Training Course

#### Alice Springs

**Feb 20th & 21st 9:00-5:00**

Costs: Day 1 - \$400 Day 2 - \$400

Day one can be undertaken on its own to provide insights into where water flows in communities and how it can be monitored.

The second day will equip you with skills to gather and analyse data from meters and data loggers.

Over the last 2 years CSAT has conducted water audits at the remote Indigenous communities of Gunbalanya, Santa Teresa and Canteen Creek. We are currently conducting water use monitoring on 22 solar hot water systems in Alice Springs Town Camps and has conducted garden water audits at many Alice Springs houses.

#### Day 1

- Water Cycle: Rainwater, Groundwater, Bores, Domestic, Greywater,
- Blackwater, Losses and Leaks
- Water Quality
- Patterns of Use
- Role of Hardware
- Role of Maintenance
- Role of Education
- Monitoring Strategies and Equipment

#### Day 2

- Water Meters
- Logger Deployment
- Data Downloading
- Calculations and data analysis

**For further information contact Sarah Hoyal or David de Vries on 8952 6066.**

### Capacity Building in Indigenous Communities Training Seminars

Conducted by RICHARD TRUDGEN Author of the book "Why Warriors Lie Down and Die"

Are you are interested in discovering answers and insights into issues facing Indigenous Australians? Are you keen to communicate more effectively, and achieve better outcomes - for you and the Indigenous community??

This seminar is highly recommended for those working in any area of Indigenous policy development, program implementation or in direct service delivery with Indigenous people who feel they would benefit from an improved understanding to make their work more effective.

#### SEMINAR DATES FOR 2007:

NHULUNBUY 27 -28 FEBRUARY  
 DARWIN 6 - 7 MARCH  
 CANBERRA 24 - 25 JULY  
 ADELAIDE JULY 31 - AUGUST 1  
 DARWIN 4 - 5 SEPTEMBER  
 NHULUNBUY 7- 8 NOVEMBER

Registration Deadline: 1 week prior to the seminar

For bookings and enquiries, phone Alice or Deb on (08) 8987 3910 or visit [www.ards.com.au/seminars](http://www.ards.com.au/seminars)



## Publications

### State of the Environment 2006 - released

The State of the Environment 2006 is the third independent national stocktake of the Australian environment. The 2006 edition covers 2001-2006 and reports on all aspects of the environment. The report and summary can be accessed at [www.deh.gov.au/soe/2006/index.html](http://www.deh.gov.au/soe/2006/index.html)

### Natural Heritage Journal

The latest edition of the Natural Heritage Journal is out now. This season's theme is "salinity", which features 12 NAP-funded projects from around the country. Download the latest edition from [www.nht.gov.au/publications/journal/index](http://www.nht.gov.au/publications/journal/index). The upcoming theme for autumn is "facilitators". Email story ideas to [geogia.curry@deh.gov.au](mailto:geogia.curry@deh.gov.au).

### Farmers Info new website and free CD

Farmers Info is a weekly e-newsletter that provides a variety of information for people living and working on the land. It is also a vehicle for farming organisations, industry bodies, government departments and businesses to communicate directly with farmers. Currently, extensive drought information is available. For more information or to register for the e-newsletter go to [www.farmersinfo.com.au](http://www.farmersinfo.com.au)

### 2007 Australian Green Grants Guide

The 2007 Australian Green Grants Guide helps landholders, councils, communities and companies find funding for environmental and heritage projects. The one stop guide offers 250 Australian environmental and heritage grants with 50 new grants added since last year. It provides specific information about each grant and has indexes for applicants to see which grants they are eligible for. View samples from the Guide at [www.molinostewart.com.au](http://www.molinostewart.com.au) or contact 02 9891 5399.

### Atlas of Marine Fishing & Coastal Communities Website

The Atlas of Australian Marine Fishing and Coastal Communities has launched a companion website that enables members of the public to make their own maps with the data provided in the atlas. Students, researchers and those who work within the fishing industry will find the map-making online tool a highly valuable resource. The map-making feature can be found online at <http://adl.brs.gov.au/mapserv/fishcoast/mapper.html>

### Australian Weeds Strategy

The Australian Weeds Strategy was endorsed by the Natural Resource Management Ministerial Council at its last meeting, and the Strategy is published on the web at [www.weeds.org.au/aws.htm](http://www.weeds.org.au/aws.htm) as a PDF for downloading.

The Strategy is being published in hard copy and is expected to be available in the new year in two forms, a summary document and the full document. An order form is located on the website for anyone wanting a copy.

## NRM Jobs/Volunteer Opportunities

### Land Management Officer Mornington Wildlife Sanctuary Central Kimberley, WA

Australian Wildlife Conservancy (AWC) is a non-profit organisation dedicated to the conservation of Australia's threatened wildlife. Mornington Sanctuary is the largest of AWC's 14 properties and is a showpiece for ecological research and conservation in the Kimberley. We are seeking a seasoned Land Management Officer with broad experience in northern Australia to play a vital role in management of the property.

As Land Management Officer, your primary responsibilities will be to:

- Implement agreed fire management practices, including prescribed burning and the management of wildfires, and to take responsibility for fire fighting equipment and training of employees.
- Co-ordinate the approved cattle de-stocking program Implement the approved fencing plan in accordance with the de-stocking program and maintain fencing in good condition
- Implement approved programs for culling/control of feral animals
- Implement the approved weed control work plan
- Maintain all roads and fire access tracks in accordance with approved plans
- Ensure that expenditure is controlled within approved budgets and maintain records and documentation in relation to land management activities

You will need to demonstrate practical fire management experience, preferably within northern Australia, and have the ability to use and maintain a range of plant, including graders and tractors. A demonstrated ability to live and work in a remote location with limited resources is essential. A genuine interest in, and care for, the natural environment is considered an important requirement for this position.

The position will attract an annual salary of approximately \$45,000, depending on experience. Accommodation will be provided on site at Mornington. The successful applicant will take up this position from March, 2007.

Position description available at [www.australianwildlife.org](http://www.australianwildlife.org)

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This newsletter is prepared every three weeks 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 who can send/fax you a hardcopy.**



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