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# News

## Community Garden— a shining example of sustainability



Tunnack – (means a Cold Place)

I was honored and privileged to be invited to open the Upper Coal River Landcare Group Community Garden. The Garden was part of a National Heritage Trust funded project that began in 1999. It included the planting of over 20,000 trees on land slips as well as riparian fencing and covenants on bush blocks. The landcare group was successful in forming partnerships with many organisations including the Southern Midlands Council, and the Tunnack Community Club. It was the garden however that drew the group together and continues to do so.

The Garden is located at the rear of the Tunnack Community club. It represents the vegetation of the areas and all plants are sign posted with interesting information to encourage visitors to learn more about the local plants. The garden performs another important task and that is of community gathering

and friendship – in fact the garden is what makes this group a sustainable landcare group – a model for others to follow.

“Sometimes it takes us a couple of hours to mulch a small area because we talk so much – its not very efficient but it certainly is sustainable!” said Sue Scott, a founding member of the group.

Congratulations to all of the people involved in this project - you have made a beautiful part of Tasmania even more beautiful.

*Jodie Epper,  
Executive Officer TLCA*

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# Spotlight on Groups

## Tasmania's Weeds Blitzed During Weedbuster Week

Community groups made a significant dent in weed infestations across Tasmania during National Weedbuster Week 2006, epitomizing the essence of this year's theme - *Communities Combating Weeds*.

Over 50 events were registered for Tasmania on the Weedbuster website, [www.weedbuster.info](http://www.weedbuster.info) - by far the most events per capitata in Australia. This was thanks to the huge effort of the all the volunteers, support organisations and community groups involved.



*Hillary and others at the launch.*

This year, a Boneseed Blitz was run in conjunction with Weedbuster Week. To support groups organising a 'Boneseed Blitz' activity, \$50 BBQ vouchers with IGA were organised. By targeting a single WONS (Weed of National Significance) species during Weedbuster Week, real inroads were made regarding the removal of infestations as well as community education and awareness regarding the identity, removal methods and detrimental impact of this particular weed.

The Tasmanian Weed Society

sponsored 8 groups with \$50 BBQ vouchers for events involving the control of other weed species - for example the control of montbretia in Strahan by the Friends of the Wild West, gorse removal at Raspins Beach with the Orford Community Development Committee and a Front Yard Weed Blitz at Coles Bay by the Coles Bay Weed Club.

The national launch of Weedbusters Week 2006 (7-14 October) was held at Gordons Hill, Lindisfarne, on Hobart's eastern shore, on Friday 6 October, 2006. The new *Boneseed Management Manual* was also launched. For a copy of the manual, please contact Hillary on 0427 104 448 or your NRM Regional office.

Boneseed is a Weed of National Significance - one of the worst weeds in Australia. Boneseed was originally introduced to Australia from South Africa in the 1800's as a garden plant. It has since jumped the garden fence and smothered native bushland and coastal vegetation. Seeds of this plant are spread by birds and animals, water, moving soil contaminated with the seed (e.g. on vehicles) and equipment. In Tasmania, a number of



*Senator Abetz and Woody*

infestations are small enough to be

eradicated, so its important



*Woody at the Coles Bay Weedbuster Event*

resources are directed into controlling this pest species before it spreads further. (one plants can produce up to 50 000 seeds!). The fantastic effort of volunteers during Weedbuster Week was a vital part of this process.

A good number of volunteers turned up on the day of the launch bright and early to continue the job of tackling boneseed at Gordons Hill, one of the largest infestations of boneseed in Southern Tasmania. The Parks and Wildlife Service volunteer facilitator, Craig Saunders and Seven Mile Beach ranger Linda Overend, lent a hand as well as supervising the progress.

The hard working volunteers, dignitaries and Woody Weed gathered for the official part of the launch with a speech by Senator Abetz, the Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation. Woody was very impressed. And of course there was a tasty BBQ lunch to follow! Well done everybody for the huge effort put into the 2006 Weedbuster Week and its sure to be just as satisfying, fun and tasty next year!

*Natalie Conod - NRM South Industry & Landcare Liaison Officer*

# News from the South

Improving Natural Resource Management in Southern Tasmania

## Action Planning Kit Now Available

The recent launch of 'Roadmap to Results' will make life easier for many Community 'Care' Groups. This simple and easy-to-use action planning model will help guide and support your group's activity.

Whether your group is large, small or just looking for a fresh start this planning process will be valuable.

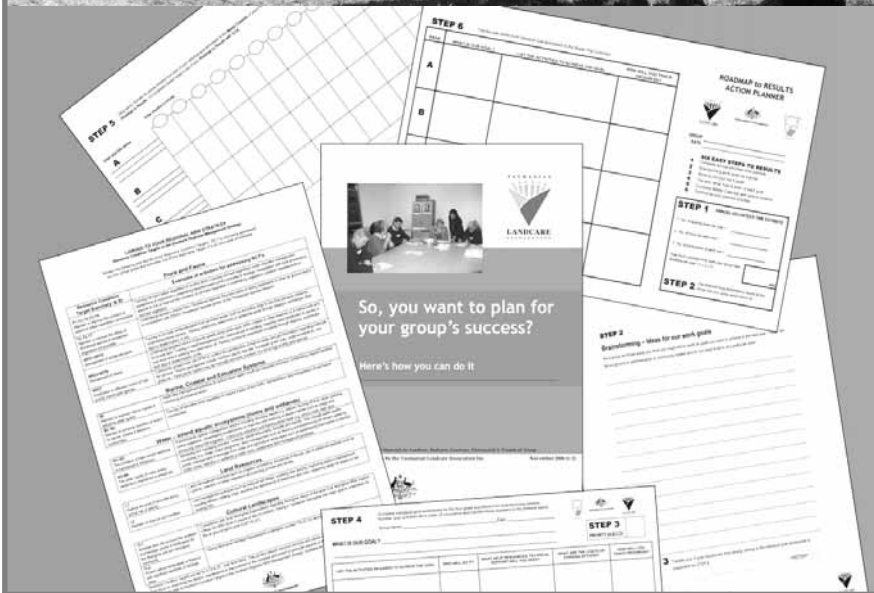
Contact your local facilitator (see back page) or Vani Welling at the

TLCA office on 6234 5499 and start action planning today!

- Identify goals & objectives
- Establish roles & distribute tasks
- Manage volunteer hours
- Suggest funding & resources
- Estimate costs & set timelines
- Monitor progress & results
- Improve funding potential
- Highlight interests, skills and experience of members
- Take on larger on-ground works

## Southern NRM Funded Activities

Develop and implement a River Condition Index Framework for Tasmania (\$285,000); **Establishing surface water quality baselines to set trigger levels for Resource Condition Targets \$330,000**; Develop a holistic environmental flow framework for Tasmania's catchments (\$658,500); **Develop and implement a framework to measure change in marine, coastal and estuarine water quality monitoring (\$250,000)**; Marine habitat mapping (\$90,000); **Determine baseline condition benchmarks and establish reference sites for key foreshore habitats(\$179,000)**; Provision of ecological character descriptions for three Ramsar Wetlands in Tasmania (\$60,000); **Update of A Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia (Tasmanian Wetlands) (\$80,000)**; Establishing baseline data for monitoring vegetation condition (\$99,000); **Improving council-based information and data systems (\$150,000)**; Conservation of and protection of Critical Freshwater Ecosystems through Natural Resource Management planning (\$465,000); **Implement a whole of ecosystem and whole of catchment planning model (\$132,000)**; Deliver property management planning in the Southern Region(\$331,000); **Macquarie Island pest management (\$30,000)**; Implementation of the Southern Weeds Strategy (\$370,000); **Support for the Care Community to address targets (\$80,000)**; Addressing rural tree decline (\$245,000); **NRM Incentives (\$513,000)**; Implement Threatened Species recovery plans (\$1,300,000) ; **North West Bay River Restoration (\$120,000)**; Strategic Management of High Priority Weeds (Southern Midlands) (\$20,000); **Vegetation support for community groups implementing agreed plans (\$58,630)**; Implementation of the Glamorgan Spring Bay Weed Management Plan(\$42,000); **St Crispin's Well, North West Bay River Water Quality (\$18,400)**; Maintaining and improving biodiversity values at the landscape scale in the Huon Valley and D'Entrecasteaux Channel(\$277,500); **Sedimentation and erosion control in the Derwent Metropolitan region.(\$120,000)**; River Recovery: Implementing priority NRM actions in the Derwent catchment (\$250,162); **Implementing the Integrated South East Coastal Management Strategy (\$300,000)**



## Support for the 'Care' Community

# TLCA Highlights

## Grants on the Grapevine

*Information provided is current to the best of our knowledge.*

### National Landcare Programme - Community Support Component

Looking for on-ground activities that will: significantly increase the uptake of sustainable agricultural and other NRM practices; support landcare group and primary industry activities which contribute to NLP outcomes; 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. Public benefit outcomes are sought and addressing the cause of NRM issues at source, on-farm is a key objective. **Applications close 26 February 2007.** For details call 6332 1800 or visit [www.daff.gov.au/landcare](http://www.daff.gov.au/landcare).

### Envirofund

On-ground funding for projects **up to \$50,000** for up to 18 months is available. The Envirofund provides the opportunity for community groups or individuals to undertake on-ground projects tackling important local environmental problems and natural resource management opportunities. **Yearly round of applications; Round 9 will open in February 2007.** Call 1800 303863 or visit [www.nht.gov.au/envirofund](http://www.nht.gov.au/envirofund) for details.

### Australian Post Community Development Grants

Grants up to \$3,300 available to

assist Landcare and other community and indigenous groups for projects of their choice. The grants can fulfil a group's "wish list" and directly fund a community project, help buy much needed tools and equipment, or help raise awareness and encourage more community members to get involved. The flexibility in the allocation of funds aims to help groups in their ability to grow within the community. **Grant schedule for 2007 to be advised..** [www.landcareaustralia.com.au](http://www.landcareaustralia.com.au) or call 1800 151 105.

### Other Funding Opportunities

**Managing Remnant Bush: Increasing Production & Biodiversity**—on-ground assistance with fencing, weed control, management advice, etc. to landholders in George Town, Launceston and West Tamar areas. Now Open. Contact Tamar NRM Ph 6323 3310 or see [www.tamar-nrm.org.au](http://www.tamar-nrm.org.au)

**Cradle Coast Rivers & Bush Projects**—Now Open. Ph: 6432 1405

**Cradle Coast Weed Control Assistance**—Now Open. Ph 6431 6285

**Midlands Biodiversity Hotspot Project**—Now Open. Call Southern Midlands Council Office Ph 6254 5047 or e-mail [ggreen@southernmidlands.tas.gov.au](mailto:ggreen@southernmidlands.tas.gov.au)

**For more details on these and other local and regional specific grants and incentive schemes available around the state, contact your local facilitator (see back page) and visit the TLCA website.**

## Wanted— Enthusiasm & Commitment!!

Well known for transparent and accountable procedures TLCA is looking for a new **Treasurer** to oversee our finances. Supported with training and mentoring as well as the Executive Officer and a one day a week bookkeeper, your role will be made easier.

**Time Allocation:** 1hr/month Exec. Committee telephone hook-up; 3 (3hr) General Committee Meetings annually plus travel time; 1 AGM annually (1hr).

Interested? Visit the website or call Jodie on 6234 7117 today and be a part of a vibrant team environment.

**Time period:** to AGM - 17 Sept. 2007

## Now Open!! 2007 Tasmanian Government Landcare Assistance Program Grant (LAP)

Due to increasing numbers of 'Care' Groups requiring assistance and the total state government funded LAP amount remaining the same for the past 10 years, individual LAP grants have been reduced to \$400 per group to allow more groups to access funds.

Funds are allocated on a first in, first served basis to paid up members, so please ensure that your membership is current and you've provided the TLCA with all of the correct information so as not to miss out, including an Acquittal of any previous LAP grant monies received. Download forms from the **Latest News** area of the website.

## 2007 General Committee Meetings

- 5th March 2007
- 4th June 2007
- 17th September 2007 & Annual General Meeting
- 3rd December 2007 & End of Year Gathering

*Mark your Calendar with these and other significant dates this year. Venues are to be confirmed.*

All are Welcome to Attend!



## Our President



Lyndley Chopping was a founding member of the Upper Derwent Valley Landcare Group and has been involved with the Landcare movement for over 15 years. Lyndley participated in the North Facing Slopes project developed on his property "Blackwood". The project involved managing the north facing slopes differently from the south facing slopes. "What was required was a change in the fencing arrangements, once the fencing was done the grass grew better and as a direct result we stopped losing soil" he said.

"I have always believed in the concept and the people in the landcare movement" and "I think Landcare is as relevant today as it was when it started, all be it in a changed world. There is still a very important place for the volunteer landcare ethos and for opportunities for people to make a physical contribution"

### What are you up to? Share your NEWS!

**TLCA NEWS** welcomes contributions that will be of value to our members.

Is there an event or a date that you'd like to see here or on the website? Let others around the state know what your group is doing. Call us at 6234 7117, e-mail [office@taslandcare.org.au](mailto:office@taslandcare.org.au) or fax 6234 7127 with the details.

### Subscribe to the NEWS

This newsletter is posted to all 'care' groups. Please e-mail [office@taslandcare.org.au](mailto:office@taslandcare.org.au) to be placed on our group e-mail list.

You can also become a 'Friend of the TLCA' for \$14 a year and receive a hard copy in the mail. Send cheque and contact details to: PO Box 21 South Hobart 7004

### Visit our Website for the Latest News

Updated bi-weekly, you'll find the news from around the state, support resources for download, NRM Contacts, 'Care' Group Listing, Funding Opportunities and more.

Groups are encouraged to promote their works and are more than welcome to e-mail, fax or mail the office with event details, awards, or any other information they'd like to share.

## Tasmanian Landcare Fund

**Round 5 opens 1st March, 2007.** Application form and guidelines will be available from the website.

### Upcoming Dates, Events & Training *(for more details visit [www.taslandcare.org.au](http://www.taslandcare.org.au))*

- 20th January—Annual Feral Oyster Cleanup at Parsons Bay, Nubeena—3:30pm to 5:30pm
- 20th January—Seed Collecting at 'Springbank' Longford—11:00am—1:00pm
- 28th January—Channel Farm Visit & Seed Collecting at 'Fort Chimo', Lower Snug—11:00am—1:00pm
- 14th February — Launch of the **extra hands Volunteer Program** at Launceston Mall
- Late October — Community Landcare Conference & NRM Ball

## Coastcare Week— 'Sharing the Shoreline'

### Cradle Coast NRM 2006 Primary Schools Poster Competition

Eleven Primary Schools entered from the region with 218 entries.

Overall Winner:



**Jordan Stokes**, Grade 4, Table Cape Primary (Gibbons St Campus)

1st Prize Grades Kinder/Prep/1:  
**Claudine Belden**, Grade 1, Table Cape Primary (Gibbons St Campus)

Highly Commended Grades Kinder/Prep/1: **Hannah Thomas**, Grade 1, Table Cape Primary (Gibbons St Campus)

1st Prize Grades 2/3/4: **Eve Taylor**, Grade 3, West Somerset Primary

Highly Commended Grades 2/3/4:  
**Keil Haas**, Grade 3, West Somerset Primary

1<sup>st</sup> Prize Grades 5/6: **Nigel Bell**, Grade 5, Table Cape Primary (Gibbons St Campus)

Highly Commended Grades 5/6:  
**Phoenix Charlesworth**, Grade 5, Table Cape Primary (Gibbons St Campus)

Special Commendations:  
**Taya Monsour**, 5 yrs, Kindergarten, Devonport Christian School

**Jacob McNab**, Grade 2, Devonport Christian School

**Brayden Robinson**, Grade 5, Acton Primary School

**Alec Campbell & Romany Shackcloth**, Grade 5, (combined poster) Table Cape Primary

**NRM South and Southern Coastcare Association of Tasmania**  
Primary Schools Postcard and Postage Stamp Competition

300 drawings were entered from 10 different primary schools. Posters were judged by coastal and marine specialists, and local artist Merridy Ann Pugh. Seven students were awarded prizes for their artwork, with the four front runners receiving a series of stamps and postcards displaying their work. Educational books on marine and coastal environments were also awarded. Winning pieces along



Overall Winner Southern Region: **Abigail Reed**, Snug Primary Grade 3-4

with other entries were displayed in the Service Tasmania foyer (Macquarie Street) during Coastcare Week.



Postage Stamp Winner: **Maddie McKeown**, Snug Primary Grade 4

Thank you to all the teachers and students who spent time working on some magnificent pieces of artwork!



Postage Stamp Winner: **Fatmata Sesay**, Lenah Valley Primary Grade 1

## NAB Volunteer Awards

Since 1997, the National Australia Bank has recognized and rewarded the work done by volunteers through its Volunteer Awards. The

awards recognise the value of a positive volunteering experience and 'best practice' in the management of volunteers. This year Turners Beach Coastcare was named the State winner in the Environment and Wildlife category.

To nominate for the award, entrants were required to address a range of criteria that related to the function of the group and the management of the volunteers. Information was sought on the aims of the group and its primary activities, the number of volunteers involved and their role, recruitment, induction, OHS procedures and training provisions. We were also asked to describe how our volunteers are recognised and rewarded for their effort, to measure their level of satisfaction and to describe any innovative ways used to encourage and involve our volunteers.

Turners Beach Coastcare is now in its 10<sup>th</sup> year and continues to be a highly motivated and committed group. I believe this can be attributed to how we manage our volunteers. Our events are well planned and organised, the tasks set are manageable and kept within a time frame, the time spent volunteering is productive and worthwhile and most importantly we always ensure that there is an opportunity for social interaction. In fact, we probably spend just as much time socialising and enjoying each others company as we do working.

Winning the award and being recognised and acknowledged for how we manage our volunteers has confirmed for us that we are working well as a group and been a great reward for the time and energy that our volunteers have contributed towards fulfilling our objectives as a Coastcare group.

## Your chance to secure funding for Property Management Planning

Rural Development Services, the Tasmanian Landcare Association and Rod Knight GIS Services will jointly deliver Property Management Planning over the next eighteen months on behalf of NRM South.

The project, which is funded by the Australian Government through the Natural Heritage Trust, is an integrated package, incorporating natural resource mapping, a range of optional workshops, one to one support and follow-up, designed to produce change on farms. FarmBis funding plus producer contributions will add value to the Natural Heritage Trust funds.

Property Management Planning (PMP) is a practical process that delivers an action plan to achieve long-term on-farm goals. The plan can be used to assist in the development of profitable and sustainable management practices, record information and demonstrate a duty of care to the environment.

The NRM South PMP funds will target 60 farms in prioritised sub-catchments in the Southern region which contribute to NRM South's Resource Condition Targets for water, salinity, native flora and fauna, weeds, pests and diseases.

A needs assessment (including FarmSAT) will be followed by a series of workshops, focusing on people, NRM issues, and finance. A second planning session will focus on the development of an action plan and management strategy.

A natural resource inventory will be developed in the form of a detailed property map, encompassing geology, soils, land capability, zoning, threatened species, vegetation, existing and

proposed infrastructure.

The project seeks to align with the NRM Incentives program for the southern region.

### Priority Southern NRM Catchments Identified

Twenty five properties will be selected and offered services between March and July 2007 from the following catchment & sub-catchment areas:

**Lower Jordan:** April – June 2007 Workshops to be held in Kempton

**Ouse & Clyde:** April – June 2007 Workshops to be held in Hamilton

A further 25 properties will be selected and offered services between July and September 2007 from the following catchment and sub-catchment areas:

**Upper Jordan and Macquarie:** July – Sept 2007. Workshops to be held in Oatlands

**Swan Apsley:** July – Sept 2007. Workshops to be held in Swansea

*Even if you are not located in these catchments, expressions of interest are sought from all interested Land Managers in the Southern region, as you may be eligible for additional funding and services immediately.*

*Closing date is 31<sup>st</sup> January 2007*

#### How to apply

To register your interest and obtain an application form contact:

Judi Marshall  
Property Management Planning  
Rural Development Services  
Ph: (03) 62319033  
Fax: (03) 62311419  
Email: judi.marshall@ruraldevelopment services.com



## Seed Collecting Days

### January

20th—**Northern Wetland Plant ID & Seed Collection** at 'Springbank' Longford. 11am-1pm.

28th—**Channel Farm Visit & Seed Collection** at 'Fort Chimo', 449 Old Station Rd. Lower Snug. 11am-1pm

31st—**East Coast Plant ID Walk & Seed Collection** at Friends School Property, Happy Valley Road, Orford. 11am-1pm.

All are welcome. For more details visit the TLCA website, or contact Ruth at the Understorey Network office on 6234 4286.

## Why Do Volunteers Need Job Descriptions?

If you are expecting somebody to put their hand up to do volunteer work then you are in fact selling them a volunteer experience. When selling something, you need to be very clear about what that experience is? Writing up a brief job description will help this.

It will make you focus and get clear about what it is you are asking somebody to do.

The job description will give the person information to help them make an informed decision.

People are more likely to say yes if they know that the job has limits in terms of both tasks and their time commitment.

For the latest and most up to date contact info try [www.nrmtas.org](http://www.nrmtas.org)

### Cradle Coast:

**King Island**  
 Eve Woolmore  
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**Regional NRM Facilitator**  
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**Coastal & Marine Facilitator**  
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 Robyn Cox  
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**Weeds Coordinator**  
 Greg Stewart  
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**Coastal & Marine Coordinator**  
 Scott Schilg  
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**Aboriginal NRM Facilitator**  
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### Southern Region:

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 Nikki den Exter  
 Ph: 6223 6377

**Water**  
 Kaylene Allan  
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**Soils & Salinity**  
 Peter Zund  
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**Aboriginal Support Officer**  
 Paul Dawson  
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**Industry & Landcare Liaison**  
 Natalie Conod  
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 Phil Watson  
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