

APRIL  
2009



### Site Tour of Bathurst Regional Council

Greening Bathurst members attended a tour of important sites in Bathurst. David Goldney, presented the issues to members of BCCAN, Bathurst Regional Councilors' and senior staff. David explained the importance of various aspects of the landscape and their function. The day was a good opportunity for 'all sides' to hear each others point of view. The sites visited were – Boundary Road Reserve, Mt Panorama, Hawthornden creek, and sites along the Macquarie River

### Kelso Industrial Development

Greening Bathurst is writing to the NSW Department of planning re; the proposed industrial development for Kelso which includes the container transfer station. The letter will positively reinforce the Vegetation Management Plan in the DA and also note our concern at what has occurred with the clearing of vegetation thus far. We are not pushing for any outcome at this stage. Basically we just want the department to know that a community group is watching.

### Hereford Street Native Garden Proposal

At the last meeting there was a spirited discussion around the native garden proposed for Hereford street. The following decisions were reached;

- GB is very supportive of the concept to create a native garden (arboretum?) at this site. We will be involved where possible.
- The majority of members do not support the name – *Elizabeth Macquarie* - being tied to the site on the grounds that it is insensitive to the proximity of the Windradyne massacre area and also that there are other people with perhaps greater relevance to Bathurst.

We are aware that Spencer has worked to engage the general and Indigenous community and our belief in the garden concept outweighs this naming concern. However, we did want to note our apprehension as we thought Council should know that there may be wider community discontent with the name. Perhaps a more generic name would avoid this. Even just dropping the 'Elizabeth' and using Macquarie?

Also, we know that the existing trees on the garden site are 'marked' for removal. We have suggested to Council a staged removal to make use of their sheltering effect and habitat value while the garden establishes.

Finally, GB gave unanimous support to the suggestion of a Windradyne memorial near the Japanese garden, which we understand is linked to the native garden proposal.

**Next Greening Bathurst Meeting.**  
**Monday 4th May**  
**5.00pm**

**Rahamim Ecological Learning Centre. Busby Street**  
**Busby Street**

## What's On?

**Boundary Road  
Reserve  
Saturday 2nd May**

### Working Bee

Meet in the Vietnam Vets Park at 9.00am or at the Ticket Box on Boundary Road if later. Bring a hammer or mallet for tree pegs.

### CWCMA Presents Tim Flannery

**Thursday 14th of May 2009**

The Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre

Light refreshments from 6pm

Special Guest speaker Tim

Flannery from 6:30pm

**RSVP: by May 6th to Adam**

**Hook**

**Phone: 02 6339 4915 or 0427 203 919**

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**[adam.hook@cma.nsw.gov.au](mailto:adam.hook@cma.nsw.gov.au)**

### CVA

**4th—8th May**

**&**

**15th—19th June**

**Sunny Corner**

*Volunteer in the Sunny Corner Forest area 30 km East of Bathurst to restore the Mitchell Creek forest chain of ponds systems.*

*We will be removing unwanted weeds and planting native plants along the creek banks which are already regenerating since the pine trees have been harvested.*

Contact John or Eveline on

02 6331 7711 or email

[bathurst@cva.org.au](mailto:bathurst@cva.org.au)

### Waterway Warriors

**Thursday 7th & 21<sup>st</sup> May 2009**

**South Bathurst**

Hawthornden Creek

9.00am to 10.20am

Jaques Park

10.30am to 12.00pm

## Monitoring & Evaluation of Bathurst Vegetation Sites

### Wetland Project

Tony Thorpe presented to Greening Bathurst the concept of a water-based recreation area/facility for model boating and general amenity. I'd imagine that you're already aware of this! We have given in-principle support and suggested that it might tie in with possible wetland projects of the floodplain in the proximity of the hockey fields

The monitoring and evaluation project is progressing well. We have draft forms for collecting site base-line data and recording survivorship. We are working with the schools and will in some instances be able to record comparative growth rates. This should help us develop an idea of the most important factors in successful plantings but importantly, will also encourage residents to be engaged with their local revegetation projects. If you would like to be involved please contact us at [info@greeningbathurst.org.au](mailto:info@greeningbathurst.org.au)



### QuikQuotes

**Forests** Our forests cover 19% of the continent which is equivalent to 7 hectares per person *DAFF*.

**Carbon** These forests, including plantations, store more than 12 billion tonnes of carbon *DAFF*.

**Reserves** The proportion of forest in nature conservation reserves increased from 13%

## Conservation Volunteers & Jaques Park Bushcare Group

At Jaques Park in South Bathurst, a group of volunteers have been quietly working away along Hawthorndon Creek, creating habitat for birds and animals, reducing erosion and improving water quality for life in the creek, and further downstream.

With an average of 6 or more volunteers attending our fortnightly Thursday working bees all last year, we have been slowly reclaiming areas along the creek for native grasses, shrubs and trees, and with the wettest spring and summer for a few years, most of the plants are looking healthy and growing well.

This year the 'Friends of Jaques Park' will expand into other reserves in the area, taking on Hawthorndon Creek between College road and Havannah street, and Prospect street Reserve. Both these reserves were planted with natives during last years Catholic World Youth Day activities and now require some maintenance to ensure their longevity. There will be signs at these sites soon to specify times and dates.

So if you're available for an hour or two on a Thursday (or the occasional weekend) and you'd like to get involved in improving your local waterways and habitat corridors please call Paul from CVA on 63317711 or 0428 386 549 to find out more.

### More QuikQuotes

**Trees Growing on Money** Forest campaigners hope that 'bio-prospectors' might help save rainforests by buying the rights to search for plants to cure cancer or provide valuable chemicals *Conservation*.

**Fencing Volunteers Big Task** A partnership between the Victorian Farmers Federation and the Victorian Government to erect 8,000kms of boundary fencing destroyed in the bushfires has completed 1,500kms but there is a renewed call for volunteers - [contact 1300 882 833](tel:1300882833) *Get Farming*.



### Meeting Agenda

If you would like to add an item to the Greening Bathurst Agenda for the next meeting on Monday 6th April please contact the secretary Hugh Gould

[Hugh.Gould@lands.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Hugh.Gould@lands.nsw.gov.au)

### Greening Bathurst Memberships

Greening Bathurst memberships are \$5.50 individuals and Groups \$22.00. Contact Treasurer Andrew Bolam [clonturkle@westnet.com.au](mailto:clonturkle@westnet.com.au)

*Kanangra Boyd National Park  
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