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An Exhibition - Clarence Plains through the 20th Century

Tranmere-Clarence Plains Land & Coastcare is presenting an informative visual display showing the changes in the Clarence Plains area, and their effect, through the 20th century.

The exhibition runs from 10-22 May at the Rosny Library, Bligh St Rosny and admission is free.

For more information contact Wendy Andrew on 03 6247 6925 or Lizzie Conway on 03 6212 3517.

Identifying Tasmanian Native Plants

Threatened Plants Tasmania is holding a native plant identification workshop on Saturday 15 May.

The workshop will teach participants how to identify specimens by key, and will be led by Alan Gray, a contributing author to the Flora of Tasmania Online.

For more information or to RSVP email threatenedplantstas@gmail.com or phone Phil on 0438 002 615.

Living Soils Forum: Farmers Talking to Farmers

May 21 & 22 - Oatlands RSL & Spring Valley Farm. Registrations close Friday 14 May.

Fertilisers, fuel, herbicides and labour...

Learn how to reduce input costs, improve soil productivity and increase profitability on your farm, with soil scientist Dr. Christine Jones and farmers Colin Seis, Graeme Hand, Ben Falloon and Graeme Isles.

This free two-day forum combines discussion and demonstration of low input farming practices.

Topics range from Keyline, holistic grazing and pasture cropping to soil carbon and compost teas.

For a forum outline and registration form see www.nrmsouth.org.au or contact Barry Hardwick, NRM South Landcare Facilitator on 03 6221 6117 or email bhardwick@nrmsouth.org.au

Geilston Bay (South Bank) Land/Coastcare Group

Geilston Bay (South Bank) Land/Coastcare Group meets on the fourth Sunday of every month. The next meeting is from 2-4pm, Sunday 23 May. Email simonetaylor@westnet.com.au or call 03 6243 8009 for more details.

Eureka Prize

Entries are invited for the \$10,000 Eureka Prize for Water Research and Innovation. The Professor Peter Cullen Eureka Prize for Water Research and Innovation is awarded for research and innovation that has made or has the potential to make an outstanding contribution to the sustainable use and management of Australia's water resources. Entries close midnight Friday 7 May. For further information see eureka.australianmuseum.net.au or email eureka@austrmus.gov.au

Riverprize 2010

Entries are invited for the 2010 Riverprize. Entries close Wednesday 14 May. Further information can be found at www.riverfoundation.org.au

Australasian Aquaculture Conference

The Australasian Aquaculture International Conference and Trade Show will be held from 23-26 May in Hobart. The conference will include sessions on environmental issues. For details email sarah-jane.day@aquaculture.org.au or see www.australianaquacultureportal.com

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Bricolage Design Prize

Entries are now open for the Bricolage Design Prize 2010, which encourages designers and innovators to develop a marketable product from waste, preferably a by-product of industry. Prizes include a \$4000 Main Prize and a \$500 Bright Ideas Prize. Entries close 31 May. For more information see www.environment.tas.gov.au/bricolage

World Environment Day Awards 2010

Nominations are open for the World Environment Day Awards 2010. A new Biodiversity Award, sponsored by the Department of Sustainability and Environment, has been launched which seeks to recognise the best company, organisation, local government, community or individual that has demonstrated innovation and excellence in the development and management of Australia's biodiversity. For details contact Catherine Sutherland, Program Manager, United Nations Association of Australia on 03 9670 7878, or visit www.unaavictoria.org.au

Forest Practices Authority Forest Botany Course 2010

The Forest Practices Authority is presenting a one-day botany course in Hobart on Tuesday 8 June. Registrations close 21 May.

Course content includes Flora of Tasmania – diversity and evolution, Tasmanian eucalypts – taxonomy, ecology and growth, Identifying Tasmanian trees and shrubs, (major emphasis of course), Patterns and process in Tasmania's vegetation, Flora planning tools – Forest Botany Manual, DPIPWE information, Forest management and conservation – Practices, silviculture, legislation, threatened species and communities.

The tutor is Fred Duncan from FPA's Biodiversity Program and the cost is \$140 for FPOs and staff of FT and FIAT-affiliates, and \$200 for others.

For more information contact Adrienne Liddell at FPA on 03 6233 7966 or email info@fpa.tas.gov.au

Logging Marine Sightings - Introducing Redmap

Redmap is a new, interactive website which invites the Tasmanian community to spot, log and map marine species that are uncommon in Tasmania, or along particular parts of our coast. To join in and start spotting see www.redmap.org.au

Get Funded

Naturally Inspired Grants - Autumn 2010

Applications are invited for NRM South's Naturally Inspired Grants, a program to deliver positive environmental change across Southern Tasmania.

Grants of up to \$5000 are available to assist care groups and community organisations working in landcare, coastcare and bushcare. Eligible activities include:

- site remediation/clean-up days
- weeding/revegetation/fencing
- purchase of tools and equipment
- contractor/short-term project officer hire
- interpretative signage
- improving stormwater management
- action planning/review existing plans
- new group start-up support

An information kit including grant application forms and guidelines is available from the NRM South website at www.nrmsouth.org.au

Applications must be submitted by 19 May 2010.

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TLCA Landcaring Grants

Grants of up to \$20,000 are available for care groups and landcaring landowners for projects that fit the *Caring for Our Country* national priorities. Applications close 11 May. For more information contact Alan Barton on 03 6234 7117 or email projectmanager@taslandcare.org.au

Junior Landcare Grants

The Junior Landcare Grants Program makes grants to schools wanting to engage students in landcare projects. The next round closes 5pm Friday 14 May. Two categories are currently open:

Coles Junior Landcare School Garden Grant

Schools and youth groups can apply for grants of up to \$1000 to create gardens in their school or community such as bush tucker gardens, waterwise gardens or vegetable gardens.

Yates Environmental Management Planning Grants

Schools and youth groups can apply for grants of up to \$1000 to undertake School Environmental Management Plans (SEMP) or to undertake works identified in an earlier SEMP.

FarmReady Reimbursement Grants

Eligible farmers can claim up to \$1500 per financial year to attend FarmReady approved courses, with additional funding available for travel and accommodation. Approved courses focus on equipping farmers to manage and adapt to the impacts of climate change. Information and application/claim forms can be accessed at www.farmready.gov.au

LAP it up!

The TLCA 2010 Landcare Assistance Program grants are still available. Applicants must be TLCA members. Groups can receive \$400 if paying for their own insurance, or \$250 if not paying for their

own insurance. Download a LAP application form today from www.taslandcare.org.au or contact 03 6234 7117 for more information.

Other Australian Government Grants & Funding Websites

General Information regarding Australian Government Grants can be found on the following websites:

Caring for our Country
www.nrm.gov.au/funding/index.html

Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
www.daff.gov.au/about/grants_and_assistance

Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts
www.environment.gov.au/programs/index.html

Grantslink
www.grantslink.gov.au

Get Informed

Minimising shorebird impacts from Sea Kayaking

The Tasmanian Sea Canoeing Club has released a brochure to minimise the potential impact of sea-kayaking on sea and shorebirds. It targets offshore island visitors with information about breeding dates and guidelines to minimise disturbance to breeding or roosting birds. The brochure can be downloaded from www.kingston.org.au/tscc

CVA National Green Jobs Corps

CVA National Green Jobs Corps can assist with on-ground NRM projects located within a one hour drive from the Hobart CBD. Each team comes with tools and equipment, CVA team leader and insurance, and is free of charge. For more information contact pstevenson@cva.org.au

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