

## Greening Australia

### Regional Biodiversity Workshops

Throughout Australia there is an increasing emphasis and focus on reintroducing, rehabilitating and managing Australia's unique biodiversity. A number of initiatives and policies acknowledge the economic and environmental importance of biodiversity, such as carbon sequestration and storage, and are driving outcomes through targeted on-ground action. In the current changing climate, there is an imperative that we take to not only reintroduce and protect biodiversity but to understand where in the landscape we can target activities so that we maximise the environment's ability to respond to the impacts of climate change well into the future.

Key to Australia's success in restoring and managing our landscapes will be the methods we use to identify priority landscapes at the national, regional and local scale and the methods we use to establish, rehabilitate and protect biodiversity. Techniques for re-introducing biodiversity will differ significantly according to seasonality, local geography and topography and the availability of tube and seed stock. It is timely for communities to be informed about the most up-to-date and cost effective techniques for re-establishing biodiversity within a regional and local context.

Greening Australia has a long history of promoting biodiversity and working with communities to plant and protect Australia's unique species and ecosystems. Through our experience and technical expertise we have been able to capitalise on public and private investment and successfully restore large areas of native habitat throughout Australia.

We are pleased that The Australian Government, in recognition of the above, is providing support to Greening Australia to facilitate a number of workshops across the country. These workshops will focus on guiding and establishing biodiverse plantings throughout the landscape and provide communities with the most up to date methods for reintroducing and managing biodiversity. Importantly the workshops will help maximise the outcomes of existing and new natural resource management and environmental programs such as the Clean Energy Future's Biodiversity Fund.

**Please note:** These workshops are not designed to present information about specific Australian Government programs. While we will make available information on relevant initiatives, workshop participant queries relating to Australian Government should be directed to the most relevant areas of the respective government departments. Contact details will be provided for workshop participants in due course.

Workshops will be held across Australia during January. Following is a broad workshop outline and table of planned the locations of each workshop. The outline will be tailored to reflect local conditions, requirements and interest.

You can RSVP for any of the workshops at this [site](#)

Once you have submitted an RSVP, the local workshop convener will contact you with further information in the new year.

In the meantime, any further inquiries can be directed to Nikki Whelan:  
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<b>State</b>	<b>Locality</b>	<b>DATE</b>
NT	Darwin	18 Jan
NT	Alice Springs	20 Jan
QLD	Ayr	17 Jan
QLD	Emerald	19 Jan
QLD	Sunshine Coast	18 Jan
QLD	Toowoomba	20 Jan
NSW	Bowral	17 Jan
NSW	Tamworth	19 Jan
NSW	Hunter Valley	18 Jan
NSW	Yass	17 Jan
ACT	Canberra	19 Jan
VIC	Bairnsdale	20 Jan
VIC	Colac	19 Jan
VIC	Portland	17 Jan
VIC	Jeparit	18 Jan
TAS	Hobart/Kempton	10 Jan
TAS	Cressey	11 Jan
SA	Mt Barker	20 Jan
SA	Jamestown	16 Jan
SA	Port Lincoln	18 Jan
WA	Albany	25 Jan
WA	Bunbury	24 Jan
WA	Northam	23 Jan

## **National Workshops on Restoration in January 2011**

### Program Outline:

1. The Broad Policy Context:
  - Expansion of the role of revegetation and restoration in the context of energy government programs)
  - Further detailed queries about specific programs (eg CFI or the Biodiversity Fund or CFOC) should be directed to the Department
  
2. Restoration planning considerations:
  - Objective setting and completion criteria
  - Risk identification and mitigation
  - Resources required for implementation (timing and availability > especially known provenance seed and plants)
  - Monitoring and evaluation (outputs e.g. # tubestock surviving, and outcomes e.g. birds returning to the area)
  
3. Implementation > the local experience:
  - Agreements with landholders
  - Site preparation
  - Tubestock planting
  - Direct seeding
  - Ongoing maintenance
  
4. Feedback and questions for consolidation