

Darwin Chan Building 28 August - 1st September



The 2006 Conference Theme is -
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- D - Diseases
- I - Injuries
- V - Viruses
- E - Environment
- R - Rescues
- S - Species
- E - Education

The 4th National Wildlife Rehabilitation Conference focuses on the diverse nature of wildlife, ecology and the carer.

All areas of Australia have unique habitats and animals and all carers face challenges in the care and rehabilitation of species from common to rare and even endangered animals.

Carers work for habitat protection and try to increase public awareness in the value of our natural flora and fauna.

Carers volunteer to rescue, raise and rehabilitate wildlife. Many hours are spent in education and fundraising. Caring for wildlife is as diverse as the individuals who take up the cause.



This conference brings together people who care about wildlife from all over Australia to listen, learn and share valuable information about rescue, raising, rehabilitation and research.

Conference Location and Venue

The 4th National Wildlife Conference will be held at the Chan Building Darwin, in State Square, next to Parliament House. Close to Darwins hotels, shops, restaurants and bars.

Program

The conference will run over four days.

Tuesday 29th August to Friday 1st September

Local and interstate presenters will address issues, which reflect the conference theme.

Wednesday Afternoon & Evening

Territory Wildlife Park - workshops, spotlight tours of the park including astronomy.

Friday afternoon

Crocodylus Park - tour of the park, workshops and conference close.

Special functions

Monday evening 28th August

Pre-conference drinks & Deckchair cinema including BBQ.

Wednesday Evening 30th August

Conference dinner under the stars at the Territory Wildlife Park.

Accommodation & Travel

Many hotels are in walking distance from the Chan building in the centre of Darwin.

Information is available from the following sources

- www.nwrc.com.au
- Tourism Top End
Tel: 08 89362499 or
1300 365 592
- Territory discoveries 1300 365592
- Affordable holidays 1800 773 656

Submission of Papers

If you are interested in presenting at this year's conference please send us a brief personal profile, along with a 1 page abstract. We are planning 20 - 60 mins time slots with the option of some small workshops. Abstracts are to be emailed to mignon.mchendrie@nt.gov.au. All submissions are to be received by 1st June.

Trade displays

There will be several trade displays at the conference where carers can peruse and purchase goods.

If you wish to have a trade display at the conference please contact us.

Email: mignon.mchendrie@nt.gov.au

Ph: (08) 89 886 121 Fax: (08) 89 433 136

For more information and for details on how to register please Ph: 08 8988 6121.



Welcome to another edition of the Northern Territory Parks and Wildlife Volunteers in Parks Newsletter.

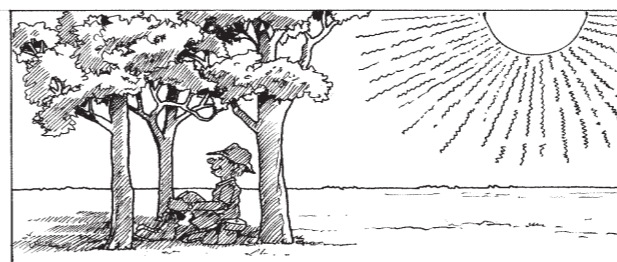
A big welcome to those of you who have registered since our last newsletter and thank you to all who have volunteered your time and skills to help look after our parks and reserves. Your efforts are truly appreciated.

Although the weather has warmed up, there are still projects going on throughout the Territory's Parks and Reserves that our staff would appreciate volunteer help with.

If you have any comments, queries or questions about this newsletter or the volunteer program in general, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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By the way...

To purchase a Cane Toad trap and for any inquiries please contact Frogwatch on 1800 243 564

If you have already purchased a trap don't forget to collect your rebate. For information regarding Cane Toad rebates please contact the Parks & Wildlife Permits Office on 8999 4814.



Litchfield National Park

Volunteers needed to help prepare Litchfield National Park for the tourist season. We are seeking four (two at Walker Creek ranger station and two in Batchelor) keen and willing helpers with an average level of fitness to assist with maintenance in our campgrounds and picnic areas, clearing of walking tracks and a variety of other tasks. There is accommodation at both ranger stations however campers in tents/caravans would be ideal. Locals, interstate students and retirees are encouraged to apply.

Dates: Monday 3rd - Thursday 13th April 2006

Requirements: BYO all camping gear, food, daypack, waterbottles etc. Own transport to and from the ranger stations is required.

Please contact Alissa Woods from Parks & Wildlife at the Batchelor ranger station on Ph:8976 0282 or email: alissa.woods@nt.gov.au to discuss what skills and dates you have available.

West MacDonnell National Park

Volunteers are required for various times of the year. Projects could include fauna surveys, fencing, and walking track maintenance. Accommodation provided. Spaces are still available for Caravan Volunteers. On site water, gas, power and facilities provided. Projects and timing are subject to weather, park commitments and Volunteer availability. Please contact the Senior Park Ranger, Mark Anderson on Ph: 8956 7799 for further details.



Devil's Claw Festival

Have you got some spare time and enjoy bushwalking? If you answered YES, the Devil's Claw Festival is for you! Gregory National Park is about to have their next Devil's Claw Festival from 8 to 19 May 2006. We need fit and enthusiastic volunteers who are interested in being involved in a very worthwhile environmental project.

Devil's Claw is a weed from South America. It invades tropical Riverine corridors, where it shades our native vegetation. Devil's Claw gets its name from the seed, which has two evil looking claws which attach onto passing wildlife. It is a class A noxious weed which is being successfully controlled in Gregory, but we need your help! The festival involves about ten days of walking remote waterways in search of Devil's Claw. It is a great opportunity to get out in the bush, working alongside rangers and experiencing some spectacular scenery. Food and transport within the park will be provided, but you will need your own camping gear. For more information or to register please call Aaron Ledgard from Gregory National Park on 08 8975 0833 or 08 8975 0888 or you can email aaron.ledgard@nt.gov.au.

We look forward to seeing you!

Darwin Volunteer Referral Centre

**If you are interested in volunteering for other services
Ph: 08 8981 2755 or go to their web site
www.govolunteer.com.au**

Upcomming Environmental Events

International Day of Biological Diversity - 22nd May

A usefull link for information about Australia's Biodiversity is:
www.deh.gov.au/biodiversity

World Environment Day - 5th June
Contact Samantha Fox, coastal and Marine Facilitator. Dept of the Environment & Heritage
Ph: 08 8999 4456 or samantha.fox@nt.gov.au

National Tree Day - 30th July
Contact the National Tree Day Hotline on Ph:1300885000 or treeday@planetark.org.

**Biodiversity Month
1st - 30th September**
Contact the Threatened Species Network Coordinator to find out what is happening in your area.
Alice Springs Ph: 08 8952 1541
rangelands@wwf.org.au
Top End Ph: 08 8941 7554
www.deh.gov.au/biodiversitymonth.html

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, ENVIRONMENT AND THE ARTS

Does your child want to be a Junior Ranger?

Vacancies are available for children aged 9 to 14 - but be quick!

The Junior Ranger Program gives your child the chance to visit our great parks and reserves, learn scientific skills and talk to our rangers and scientists. Your whole family can be involved.

Junior Rangers is a free environmental program for children aged 9 to 14.

Members receive uniforms and copies of a quarterly magazine free of charge.

Limited vacancies currently exist, so please call now to reserve a place.

To register, phone Darwin 8999 4565, Katherine 8973 8865, or Alice Springs and Tennant Creek 8951 8247.



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