

Australian Network for Plant Conservation Inc

SECOND NATIONAL FORUM

APRIL/MAY 2009 – FIRST NOTICE



Minding our own biodiversity: CONSERVATION ON PRIVATE LAND

Thursday 30 April – Friday 1 May 2009

Venue: Halls Gap, The Grampians, Victoria

Why conserve on private land?

Conservation reserves such as national parks are scattered across the landscape like tiny habitat islands, separated by greatly altered landscapes. Species in small isolated reserves will often only find close relatives as breeding partners, leading to inbreeding, reduced genetic diversity and an increased likelihood of extinction.

Private land is the key to linking biodiversity conservation across the landscape.

Did you know that

- only 10% of Australia's land area is in public conservation reserves?
- almost three quarters of Australia's land area is in private ownership?
- many threatened species are found only on private land?
- there are increasing incentives to help landholders conserve our biodiversity?

private lands – public hearts

Private landholders managing for conservation contribute to national goals to ensure that Australia's flora and fauna continue to thrive and evolve into the future.

This forum will deepen the understanding and awareness of the benefits of conserving biodiversity on private land. It will bring together researchers, practitioners and on-ground managers to share the latest innovations and progress in conservation management outside the reserve system. Participants will build productive networks to maintain the flow of ideas, information, skills and advice.

The forum will include:

- presentations: e.g. case studies, landholder perceptions, conservation across tenures, ecological approaches to managing remnants, threatened species on private land, incentives for landholders;
- discussion sessions: e.g. incentives and support for landholders;
- field visit to project sites.



Further information

Details will be available in November 2008 and a preliminary program in late January 2009.

To register your interest and receive updates, email the ANPC your contact details (anpc@anpc.asn.au with subject "Forum 2009") or phone 02 6250 9509.

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Photos: (main) Open woodland on private land with The Grampians behind. Photo by Paul Gibson Roy. (top, l-r) A buloke mistletoe (*Arnyema linophylla*), listed as Vulnerable in Victoria; in the Wimmera plains. Photo by Steffen Schultz. Landholders at a seed production field day at Hamilton. Photo by Paul Gibson Roy. (bottom, l-r) Halls Gap valley floor; revegetation site on Anthony and Melissa Mair's property. Photo by Phil Alison. Native apricot (*Pittosporum*), a typical plant of Wimmera's woodlands communities. Photo by Steffen Schultz.



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