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## 37th Annual General Meeting of the Weed Society of Victoria

Thursday 20 February 2003, 5 pm

Venue: Room G01

Monash University, Clayton

Following the seminar 'Herbicide use in natural vegetation', the 2003 AGM will review the performance of the Society over the last year in light of the business plan developed and presented at last year's AGM. It is up to you to participate in this meeting if you wish to influence the future of this Society. Use the proxy form below if you wish to participate in the AGM but cannot attend.

If you would like to have even more impact on the directions of the society then nominate for a position on the committee. All positions fall vacant at this year's AGM. New committee members bring new ideas to the committee and help to keep the society focused on new and emerging issues in weed management. So if you are passionate about weeds and their effect on our environment come and have your say. New members urgently required.

If you are attending either of these events please contact the Secretary, WSV, PO Box 987, Frankston, Victoria 3199, Email: secwssv@surf.net.au, Ph/fax 03 9576 2949.

Proxy and Nomination forms can be found on page 2.

### Weed Society of Victoria Inc.



<b>Students</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>
<b>Ordinary</b>	<b>\$35.00</b>
<b>Corporate</b>	<b>\$80.00</b>

MEMBERSHIP RATES

## HERBICIDE USE IN NATURAL VEGETATION

A seminar presented by the Weed Society of Victoria

Thursday 20 February 2003

Chair: Greg Wells, Dow AgroSciences

Venue: Engineering Lecture Theatre E2, Monash University, Clayton

Herbicide use in native vegetation is a tricky issue. Limited product registrations and lack of information about their environmental safety has meant herbicide use is fraught with risks. This seminar will examine issues such as legal use of herbicides, clarity of labels, research projects to examine herbicide use in native vegetation and practical experiences from forestry, pasture and industrial uses. It will also highlight the initiatives of some industries, such as forestry, to reduce herbicide use and identify safer alternatives. This seminar will provide valuable information and points of contact for anyone that has had to apply herbicides in off-label uses. It will be a great forum for meeting and swapping ideas and experiences.

If you are involved in parks management, work for Local Government, belong to a 'Friends of' or a Landcare Group, a manager of water quality, an industry representative with farmer or environmentally-minded clients, a contractor, an advisor, or just interested in weeds, then this seminar will be of immense interest to you.

### PROGRAM

- 08.20-08.55 Registration
- 08.55-09.00 Welcome, Wendy Bedgood, President, WSV
- 09.00-09.30 The registration of herbicides, minor uses and understanding labels. Alan Roberts, Regional Standards Officer, DNRE Bendigo
- 09.30-10.00 Spray drift within natural vegetation, legislation and reality. Jim Stranger, Regional Chemical Standards Officer, DNRE Traralgon
- 10.00-10.20 Problems faced by Local Government, implementation and importance of record keeping. Katrina Roberg, City of Hume
- 10.20-10.40 Morning Tea
- 10.40-11.10 Off label advice within natural situations, including riparian situations. Dr. Nigel Ainsworth, KTRI, Frankston
- 11.10-11.30 Case studies of off label

use in native vegetation

Case Study 1. The problems of controlling weeds along roadsides, case studies on Spanish heath and whisky grass. Kingsley Sexton, Vic Roads, Traralgon

11.30-11.50 Case Study 2. Herbicide use in the re-establishment of native plants – the Farm buy-back scheme. John Cummins, DNRE, Swifts Creek

11.50-12.10 Case Study 3. Environmental weed treatment in Melbourne's water catchment, e.g. *Cestrum elegans*. Miles Stewart-Howie, Parks Victoria, Worri-Yallock

12.10-12.30 The EPA's regulatory frame work for herbicide use. Hamish Reid, EPA, Melbourne

12.30-13.25 Lunch

13.25-13.45 Herbicide control of exotic grasses in native grasses. Bram Mason, VUT, St. Albans

13.45-14.15 The implementation of weed control on Phillip Island. Kellie Nicholls, Phillip Island Landcare and Derrick Hibbert, Bass Coast Shire

14.15-14.45 Weed control in establishing native tree species. Dr. Barry Tomkins, School of Forestry, Creswick

14.45-15.10 Risk assessment for herbicides used in forestry. Don McGuire, Forestry Department, SA

15.10-15.30 Afternoon Tea

15.30-15.45 Herbicide run-off from road surfaces. Michael Williamson, RMIT Melbourne

15.45-16.15 Weeds in wild places – removing the grunt. Chris Knight, Land Management Systems, Melbourne

**FEES** (including lunch, teas and proceedings):

- Students (include a copy of your student card) **\$50**
- WSV members, Friends of groups (attach proof) **\$80**
- Non-WSV members **\$100**

Payment after 25/1/2003 **ADD \$20.**

Contact the Secretary, WSV, PO Box 987, Frankston, Vic 3199. Ph/Fax 03 9576 2949, secwssv@surf.net.au.

# Plant Conservation National Conference

## Recovery: A Decade Towards a Biodiverse Future

Fifth Australian Network for Plant Conservation National Conference and Conservation Techniques Workshops

Monday 24 February to Saturday 1 March 2003 • Geelong Conference Centre, Victoria, Australia

This 5th conference heralds in the next decade of development of the Australian Network for Plant Conservation (ANPC) in delivering on the charter to conserve and promote plant life in Australia. The challenges for plant conservation into the next decade are many. Society is now realising that environmental impacts are reaching to the very heart of the day to day lives of all Australians. We face issues such as the salinization of the Murray-Darling, global warming and extinction of species, and the pace of change is now eclipsing many of the earlier predictions on the level and scale of environmental change.

Ten years ago the ANPC was one of the first organisations to realise that conservation of species was paramount if Australia was to avoid a biodiversity meltdown. Today the work of the organisation in partnership with a host of other conservation-based organisations is delivering conservation benefits across a broad front of activities.

These activities have expanded from the simple species by species approach of the past to ecosystem functional approaches and multi-species conservation. This 5th conference of the ANPC represents a key point in scene setting for conservation activities by canvassing leading edge techniques and principles in plant conservation. The conference continues to present a major forum for conservation practitioners, community members and the scientific community to interact at a practical level. I encourage you to consider this conference if you believe more can be done for plant conservation. The theme of the conference represents a bold and enlightened view that change is happening but more needs to be done. To be an effective conservation practitioner I urge you to participate in this important conference and look forward to meeting you all in Geelong in February.

Contact ANPC at: [anpc@anbg.gov.au](mailto:anpc@anbg.gov.au) for the latest information.

## Feral olives in South Australia

Feral olives (*Olea europaea* ssp. *europaea*) invading native vegetation in SA are the F1 (and later generation) offspring of cultivars bred for oil production and table olives.

Olives were first introduced to SA in 1836; five selected cultivars from Marseilles were imported by the South Australian Company in 1844, and later from Portugal, Spain, Provence and northern Italy. Because climate and soils in parts of SA resemble these areas, they readily become naturalised. The feral olives in SA are regarded as a source of valuable germplasm by plant breeders at Adelaide University, who have been able to trace their connection with old cultivars. The ferals may include trees with desirable recombinations of characters from these cultivars.

Compared to other tree crops, not much selective breeding has been done on olives. The cultivars seem to be heterozygous clones selected from spontaneous, uncontrolled crosses or at most a few generations removed from wild forms. The cultivars can be competitively equal to the original wild forms: in southern Europe and the Levant, ferals and crosses with cultivars have largely replaced the original wild *O. europaea* strains.

**David Cooke**, Senior Botanist, Department of Water, Land and Biodiversity Conservation, Adelaide

## Olives outside South Australia

I am attempting to compile a list of locations outside South Australia where olive (*Olea europaea*) has naturalised. I would be grateful if those of you who have observed or controlled 'feral' *O. europaea* anywhere outside of South Australia inform me of:

- 1) the location (country, if outside Australia, State, nearest town),
- 2) approximate extent (few isolated individuals, many individuals, large population, serious infestation), and
- 3) if possible, whether the olives were European (ssp. *europaea*) or African (ssp. *cuspidata* or *africana*).

**Neville Crossman**, School of Geography, Population and Environmental Management, Flinders University, GPO Box 2100, Adelaide, South Australia 5001

## WSV Weed Prizes Awarded

Recipients of the 2002 Weed Society of Victoria Weed Prize for their weed collections are from The University of Melbourne, Institute of Land and Food Resources: **Raymond Dempsey**, Advanced Diploma in Horticulture, Burnley College and **Marlene Carlos** based at Glenormiston campus.

## PROXY FORM

I, (a) ..... appoint

(b) .....

as my proxy to represent me at the AGM on 20/2/03 and vote on any motion as he/she sees fit.

Signed ..... Date ..... / ..... / .....

(a) Name of financial member wishing to vote (votes from non-financial members will be excluded).

(b) Insert name of member attending meeting to whom proxy is delegated.

## NOMINATION FORM

*WSV Committee Positions*

I nominate .....

Company/Position .....

For the position of .....

Signed .....

Seconded ..... Date .... / .... / ....

**NOMINATIONS CAN ONLY BE MADE BY  
FINANCIAL MEMBERS**

Return to: PO Box 987, Frankston 3199 by 13/2/03



# WSV Constitution

## 1. NAME

The name of the Society shall be 'The Weed Society of Victoria'.

## 2. OBJECTS

The objects for which the Society is established are:

- a. To promote wider interest in weeds and their control.
- b. To provide opportunities for those interested in weeds and their control, to exchange information and ideas based on research and practice.
- c. To encourage the investigation of all aspects of weeds and weed control.
- d. To co-operate and, where appropriate, affiliate with other organizations engaged in related activities in Australia and overseas.
- e. To encourage the study of weed science and the dissemination of its findings.
- f. To produce and publish such material as considered desirable.
- g. To foster the development of an Australia-wide Weeds Organization.

## 3. MEMBERSHIP

- a. Membership shall be of three classes 'ordinary', 'honorary' and 'corporate body', and shall be open to those individuals and corporate bodies respectively who are interested in weeds.
- b. Honorary members may be elected from persons who, in the opinion of the Executive Committee have made major contributions to the objects of the Society and shall have the same rights as ordinary members.
- c. Corporate body members may nominate one representative to the Society who shall have the same rights as an ordinary member.
- d. Applications for membership shall be considered by the Executive Committee and any person or corporate body who is approved by resolution passed by two-thirds majority as being suitable for election shall be regarded as a member.
- e. Any member wishing to withdraw from the Society shall give written notice to the Honorary Secretary on or before 31st December of the then current year. The resignation of such member shall be accepted upon receipt of such notice provided all subscriptions and dues have been paid by the member up to the end of the financial year.

## 4. SUBSCRIPTIONS

Each ordinary member and each corporate body member shall pay an entrance fee and thenceforth an annual subscription which shall be fixed at the Annual General Meeting for the current year. The subscription shall be payable annually and shall fall due on the first day of March. In the event of the subscription being one year in arrears membership shall lapse. Before any person can be re-elected to membership all arrears in subscription shall be paid.

## 5. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- a. The Executive Committee shall consist of a President, the Immediate Past President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Publicity Officer and four other members the Society.
- b. The management of the Society shall be vested in the Executive Committee.
- c. Other than the Immediate Past President the members of the Executive Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. They shall be eligible for reselection except that the office of President shall not be held by any one person for more than two consecutive terms.
- d. The Executive Committee shall have the power to fill a casual vacancy in its membership.
- e. The Executive Committee shall have the power to co-opt members for specific purposes.
- f. A quorum for the executive committee shall be five (5).

## 6. MEETINGS

The Executive Committee shall convene and hold an Annual General Meeting not later than the first day of March each year and such other meetings as it may consider necessary. The Executive Committee shall convene a Special General Meeting if so required by requisition in writing by at least ten (10) financial members. A quorum for a general meeting shall be fifteen (15).

## 7. DISPUTES AND MEDIATION

- a. The grievance procedure set out in this rule applies to disputes under these rules between:
  1. A member and another member or
  2. A member and the Society.
- b. The parties to this dispute must meet and discuss the matter in dispute and, if possible, resolve the dispute within 14 days after the dispute comes to the attention of all the parties.
- c. If the parties are unable to resolve the dispute at the meeting, or if a party fails to attend the meeting, then the parties must, within 10 days, hold a meeting in the presence of a mediator.
- d. The mediator must be:
  1. A person chosen by agreement between the parties; or
  2. In the absence of agreement:
    - (i) in the case of a dispute between a member and another member, a person appointed by the committee of the Society, or
    - (ii) in the case of a dispute between member and the Society, a person who is a mediator appointed or employed by the Dispute Settlement Centre of Victoria (Department of Justice).
- e. A member of the Society can be a mediator.
- f. The mediator cannot be a member who is party to the dispute.
- g. The parties to the dispute must, in good faith, attempt to settle the dispute by mediation.

- h. The mediator, in conducting the mediation must:

1. Give the parties to the mediation process every opportunity to be heard; and
2. Allow due consideration by all parties of any written statement submitted by any party; and
3. Ensure that natural justice is accorded to the parties to the dispute throughout the mediation process.

- i. The mediator must not determine the dispute.

If the mediation process does not result in the dispute being resolved, the parties may seek to resolve the dispute in accordance with the act, otherwise at law.

## 8. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

The constitution may be amended only at a General Meeting of which at least fourteen (14) days notice in writing shall have been given to members. A proposed amendment to the constitution shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary and shall require to be supported in writing by at least five (5) financial members.

## 9. AUDIT

Accounts shall be kept of all monies received and expended by the Society. An auditor who shall not be a member of the Executive Committee and who may or may not be a member of the Society shall be appointed annually at the Annual General Meeting and shall be eligible for reselection. A statement showing the financial position of the Society examined and certified by the auditor shall be laid before the Annual General Meeting.

## 10. BY-LAWS

The Society shall compile such by-laws and/or standing orders as may be desirable for the operations of the Society.

### BY-LAWS

#### *Honorary membership of WSV*

1. The person shall have served on the committee for a minimum of six (6) years and/or shall have been active in promoting or executing weed control activities over at least a fifteen (15) year period.
2. The person must be widely recognized as a leader in weed control matters over an extended period and/or for at least fifteen (15) years prior to the nomination. Honorary membership should be viewed as something of distinction, and only bestowed on active weed control persons who have interstate, national and preferably international standing.
3. There shall only be five honorary members at any one time, unless the committee deems otherwise through extraordinary circumstances.
4. All nominations with justifications seconded by two people are to be in writing. The nominators must be financial members of the Society. The committee's decision is final.



## Financial members at 31 December 2002

Aberdeen, I.C.	Dilena, R.	Jupp, P.	Richards, D.
Adams, R.	E.E. Muir & Sons Pty Ltd	Kelly, N.	Richardson, R.
Alexander, P.	Eureka! AgResearch	Kendall, G.	Richardson, R.G.
Anderson, I. P.	European Weed Research	Kern, L.	Rouch, M.G.
Ashby, J.	Society	Knight, C.	Sacks, Mr
Avery, J.C.	Evans, B.J.	Koutsofrigas, A	Scott, R.
Barber, D.B.	Fairbanks Selected Seed Co	Krake, K.W.	Setchell, B.
Bass, D.	Faithfull, I.	Lane, I.L.	Shepherd, R.C.H.
Bayer CropScience	Ferguson, C.	Leys, A.	Smith, S.M.
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Bendigo Regional College of	Gibson, M.D.	Long Ashton Research Stn	Stewart, S.J.
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Bishop, A.	Gordes, C.	Mason, B.	Stranger, J.W.
Blood, K.	Grasslands Soc of Victoria	Matthews, D.	Sudholz, C.
Brooks, N.M.	Grenda, I.	Matthews, D.C.	Sutherland, J.
Brown, K.	Groves, R.H.	McKenzie, D.N.	Swan, E.
Bruzzese, E.	Gunasekara, L.	McLaren, D.	Swanson, I.
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Coffey, M.	Healy, G.J.	Morley, T.B.	van Megan, C.
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Crothers, M.	Hocking, C.	Packer, R.W.G.	Weed Society of Qld
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Davis, P.E.	Hume City Council	Penny, E.	White, T.
de Bree, J.	Illingworth, J.F.	Plant Protection Soc of WA	Wilcock, P.
Dept. of Conservation &	Jackel, L.M.	Pritchard, G.H.	Wlodarczyk, P.
Natural Resources	Jackson, J.	Raymond, K.	Young, K.
Dickson, P.	Jones, K.	Richard, R.	

### Weed Alert proceedings

Several copies of proceedings from the Weed Alert seminar recently held by the WSV are still available. Price \$12 including postage. To obtain a copy please contact the Secretary, Ros Shepherd on secwssv@surf.net.au or Ph/fax 03 9576 2949.

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