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WSV 40th Anniversary Celebration

Book now and come 19th July 2006

Forty years ago some intrepid weed scientists were seen splashing around in Albert Park Lake attempting to solve the challenge of choking water weeds. *Believe it or not* – this was the beginning of your Society.

As a member, you and your guests are invited to celebrate the milestone of the 40th Anniversary of the Weed Society of Victoria at the Melbourne Zoo.

Topic: Rob Pelletier, consultant horticulturist and media presenter will address weed issues in the nursery industry.

Also: Examples of culinary '**extreme**' **biocontrol** will be explored. With the indulgence of the kitchen and the cooking expertise of the WSV Committee, the menu may include WoNS delicacies such as *Fennel Filo*, *Salvinia Salad*, *Garnish of Gorse*, *Tossed Tussock*.

Why should non-vertebrates and other species have all the fun!!

Where: Rainforest Room, Melbourne Zoo, Parkville

When: 19th July 2006, 7.00 pm

Cost: \$40 per head (forward the form below by the 10th July with payment to hold your booking – *places are strictly limited*).

Further Info: Ros Shepherd on 03 9766 1876 or Chris Knight 0417 050124.



Please reserve () places for me at the WSV 40th Anniversary @ \$40 each

PAYMENT: Cheques payable to Weed Society of Victoria

or please charge \$..... to my ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐ Bankcard

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New Executive Committee for 2006–07

The committee for the year 2006–2007 is made up of:

President

Daniel Joubert, Department of Primary Industries, Catchment and Agricultural Services

Treasurer

Norm Stone

Vice President

Ken Young, The University of Melbourne

Newsletter Editor

Michael Hansford, Department of Primary Industries

Secretary

Ros Shepherd

Committee

Kate McArthur

Lisa Minchin

Kelly Raymond

Ian Faithfull

Co-opted members

Chris Knight

Tim Bloomfield

Country Member

Les Mitchell

Daniel Joubert as the President is one of the CAWS representatives and Kelly Raymond has volunteered to be the other. They will represent the Victorian Society on the Council of Australasian Weed Societies.

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ANNUAL REPORT 2005–2006

Presented at the 40th Annual General Meeting of the Weed Society of Victoria Inc. on Thursday 9th March 2006

by Daniel Joubert

The Society's Second Biennial Victorian Weeds Conference was held in Bendigo on 17 and 18 August 2005. The theme was: *Smart weed control, managing for success*. The conference was sponsored by Dow AgroSciences, Goldacres, Rapid Solutions, the Departments of Primary Industries and Sustainability and Environment.

The conference was divided into four topics:

- Early detection and response.
- Integrated weed management.
- Successful monitoring.
- Getting technical.

Some of the keynote speakers included Rachel McFadyen (Weeds CRC), Andreas Glanznig (WWF Australia) and John Thorp (National Weeds Management Facilitator). In total 38 papers were presented and a range of posters were displayed. The proceedings were published as a 125-page document. Feedback obtained indicated that the conference was very successful with 141 attendees.

This year the Weed Society of Victoria has gained 16 new members. Including other Societies and Life members, the end of year total membership was 138. Most of the members gained joined as a result of the Second Biennial Victorian Weeds Conference.

The Weed Society was a partner in the invasive plant display at the Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show in April 2005. Other organisations involved included the Departments of Primary Industries and Sustainability and Environment, the Nursery and Garden industry Victoria, the Royal Botanic Garden Melbourne and the Weeds CRC. The Society contributed an amount of \$1000 to the

cost of the display. The display received a highly commended award.

Six prizes were sent to students from the country campuses of the Institute of Land & Food Resources, University of Melbourne, consisting of two books and a certificate per student. These prizes are awarded annually by the Society to students who display excellence in the field of weed science.

Awards went to the following people at the University of Melbourne:

Alyce Adams – Advanced Diploma in Horse Management, Glenormiston

Mandy Marsham – Advanced Diploma in Horticulture, Burnley Campus

Matthew Bissett – Advanced Diploma in Agriculture, Dookie

Matthew Crozier – Advanced Diploma in Agriculture, Dookie

Melissa Quinn – Bachelor of Agriculture, Dookie

Rachel Abel – Bachelor of Agriculture, Parkville

The WSV 2005 award will be presented to Brian Feldtmann, of the Dookie Land Management Group. This award is for an outstanding contribution to weed management in Victoria and is presented as a certificate and book prize.

The Society has committed funds for the maintenance of its own website. The address of the site is www.wsvic.org.au and it is functional at present. Up-to-date information on the Society's activities is provided here, with details about seminars and other events.

The Society will have been in existence for 40 years in 2006. A birthday celebration is planned for the winter months, probably a dinner at the Melbourne Zoo.

The Society has approved a loan of up to \$5000 to R.G. & F.J. Richardson and R.C.H. Shepherd to help publish their book *Weeds of the south-east: an identification guide for Australia*. This is a huge undertaking in which they hope to produce the definitive volume on weeds, covering over 2000 plants of some weedy significance.

The Society has approved a contribution to the Lord of the Weeds competition, a project by the CRC for Australian Weed Management. The contribution will be a \$500 donation to go to a winning student in Victoria, with half the money to go to the student and the other half to go to the school the student attends. The prize would be given annually as long as the competition runs, provided that the award is reviewed annually.

The Council of Australian Weed Societies (CAWS) executive has changed. The change over for CAWS Presidency will now be every two years, after the biennial Australian Weeds Conference. The current President is Andrew Bishop of Hobart with Helen Sims Secretary/Treasurer and Vice President John Virtue of Adelaide. The Society is represented at CAWS, usually through teleconference. Some issues under discussion include the inclusion of the New Zealand Plant Protection Society in CAWS, changing the name to the Council of Australasian Weed Societies Inc. (CAWS), policy for the use of CAWS funds and a new logo for CAWS to reflect the composition.

A total of eight executive committee meetings were held at Bayer CropScience, East Hawthorn. We would like to thank the company and their employees (WSV committee members) John Ashby and Norm Stone for the use of their facilities.

The newsletter Weed Scene sponsors include Dow AgroSciences, Bayer CropScience and Eureka AgResearch – Werribee. Six issues were produced again thanks to Rob and Fiona Richardson and newsletter editors John Ashby and Michael Hansford.

Thanks to the executive committee for their work this year in helping to keep the Society functioning.

Daniel Joubert
President

Weed Society of Victoria Inc.

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TREASURER'S REPORT 2005–2006

Presented at the 40th Annual General Meeting of the Weed Society of Victoria Inc. on Thursday 9th March 2006

by Norm Stone

ACCOUNTING PERIOD

4.02.05 – 17.02.06

The current balance of \$79,734.69 represents a net gain to The Society of \$7,565.68 for the accounting period.

The 2nd biennial weeds conference held during the accounting period was the major contributing factor behind this result. The overall result of this conference was a net gain to The Society of \$17,266.32. Other meetings contributing were the 2005 AGM (\$1,414.40) and the 2006 AGM (\$2,226.25 at the close of the financial period).

The Society invested in a stand alone web site during the period which accounted for \$1,205.00 which covered final design alterations, updates and domain registration.

Weed collection prizes totalling \$955.79 were made in this accounting period. This was an increase compared to the previous period where \$525.30 was provided.

The Society also provided \$1000 towards the Melbourne International Flower Show and \$500 towards UNE weeds education project during the accounting period.

The cost of Weedscape remained the same as in previous periods.

Subscriptions for the International Weed Science Society (IWSS) were collected during the period as a service to members. A draft for US\$240.00 (24 subscriptions) was forwarded to the IWSS for 2005 subscriptions. This draft cost the Society a total of \$347.96. The fluctuations in the cost of the draft per subscription (\$14.49 this period compared to for \$13.95 in 04/05) are governed by the exchange rate of the Australian dollar. The IWSS has now increased its annual fees to US\$15.00. The Society will continue to collect subscriptions on behalf of IWSS at AUS\$20.00.

Total Secretarial costs (fees, telephone, postage, email) were slightly higher than the previous period \$6,262.43 compared to \$6,118.91 for 2004/05.

Total Term deposit funds are \$74,897.89 compared to \$62,889.72 for the previous period. Income from these was reduced compared to previous periods primarily due to a poor interest rate on one of the deposits. This has now been rectified and investments are currently \$45,926.67 at 5.45% to mature on 11 July

2006 and \$28,971.22 at 5.35% to mature on 24 May 2006.

The Society currently has 138 members which include five life members and reciprocal Societies.

N.E. Stone

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Hon. Treasurer

17 February 2006

STATEMENT OF INCOME

GENERAL ACCOUNT 4.02.2005 – 17.02.2006

2004/05	INCOME	2005/06
\$		\$
4,015.00	Subscriptions : Ordinary	3,375.00
2,935.00	Corporate	2,300.00
160.00	Student	160.00
17,080.00	Meetings	49,036.00
71.70	Proceedings sales	96.60
460.00	IWSS Subscriptions	480.00
500.00	Sponsorship - Newsletter	1,000.00
50.00	Misc - cashback re Computer purchase	
	Refund re TFN	55.00
11.00	Bank Interest	10.36
1,921.02	Savings Account	1,859.42
822.47	Term Deposit	50061577
		50178386
28,026.19		58,521.13

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE

GENERAL ACCOUNT 4.02.2005 – 17.02.2006

2004/05	EXPENDITURE	2005/06
\$		\$
5,732.08	Meetings	31,590.37
6,160.00	Weedscape Printing and Postage	5,280.00
84.95	Social and Catering	36.42
5,290.00	Secretarial Fees	5,455.98
491.51	Telstra / Telephone	487.70
78.00	Email connection R. Shepherd	450.00
259.40	Postage: General	318.75
293.12	IWSS Subscriptions	347.96
525.30	Weed Collection Prizes	955.79
35.00	Document Lodging Fee	35.80
135.74	Printing - stationary, banners etc.	548.00
63.00	Auditors Hon	
	Melbourne International Flower	1,000.00
1,117.00	Public Liability Premium	1,117.00
108.00	CAWS Subscription	108.00
1,000.00	Travel Grant AWC	
	UNE Weeds Education Project	500.00
2,227.50	Web site design, registration etc	1,205.00
2,215.00	Computer purchase, maintenance	
20.00	Mobile phone charger	
25,835.60		49,436.77
	Bank Fees	
583.54	Merchant charges	1,363.13
40.10	GDT	25.70
	Gross Fee Rebate	87.35
35.00	Account service fee 5000610	35.00
17.50	Misc	7.50
26,511.74		50,955.45
1,514.45	NET INCOME	7,565.68

Arum Lily: New Statewide Ban in WA

Sales and trades of the popular arum lily (*Zantedeschia aethiopica*) are to be banned throughout Western Australia from September this year under changes to the State's Declared Plants list. The ban, from September 1, extends an existing ban on the invasive and poisonous plant already in place in parts of the South West including Albany, Bunbury, Busselton and Jarrahdale.

Director of Invasive Species with the Department of Agriculture and Food Damian Collopy said the nursery industry supported the ban, and had been given until the end of August to clear existing stocks. 'The ban includes the trading or selling of arum lilies at weekend markets and other casual outlets such as fetes,' Mr. Collopy said. 'It also means that movement of the plants or their seeds are prohibited throughout Western Australia,' he said. Mr. Collopy said the plant's new Declared Weed status throughout Western Australia would apply to all its named cultivars and varieties including 'Childsiana', 'Green Goddess', 'Pink Marshmallow' and 'Pink Mist'.

'This declaration will not require home gardeners to remove their arum lilies, but they will no longer be allowed to plant more,' he said.

In the South West arum lily has invaded thousands of hectares of pasture paddocks, forest and wetlands, requiring massive efforts by property owners and communities to clear it.

'We have had a number of cases of child poisonings in Australia, and it is harmful to pets and livestock,' Mr. Collopy said. 'Every part of this plant is toxic.'

The President of the Nursery and Garden Industry (WA) Colin Groom said his industry appreciated the consultation prior to the decision on the new ban.

Timely Application of IWM Tactics

Sections of the draft IWM manual have been placed on the Weeds CRC website. The IWM manual is a 350+ page technical reference document. It provides data on the impact of weed management tactics on the weed seedbank, as well as how tactics can be used in a crop system.

The manual divides weed management tactics into five main groups – depending on how they are used to deplete the weed seed bank. To download the full document go to: http://www.weeds.crc.org.au/documents/iwm_manual_section2_tactics_020506.pdf

A series of two day IWM training workshops for professional agronomy advisers will be conducted in most growing regions between September and November 2006. These workshops are run by consultant John Cameron, in association with the CRC for Australian Weed Management. Advisers wishing to express an interest in participating in one of these workshops can do so by emailing John Cameron with your contact details at: icanconf@tpg.com.au or by calling on 02 9482 4930.

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Students	\$20.00
Ordinary	\$40.00
Corporate	\$100.00

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