

Monash University Biological Society

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1.0 Science Industry Night (Wednesday 15 August - *tomorrow night!*)

Want to meet and hear from representatives from industries such as [Conservation Volunteers Australia](#), [Department of Sustainability and Environment \(DSE\)](#), [Phillip Island Nature Parks \(Penguins\)](#) and [Victoria Police - Forensic Services](#)? Well, you have your chance: **tomorrow night, 6.00-8.00pm**, at the **2012**

Science Industry night. The Science Industry Night is targeted specifically at science students, including students who have majored or are intending to major within the field of biology. This is an exciting chance to:

- Learn about the diverse range of careers in science
- Hear from employers and Monash alumni about science jobs
- Ask questions about working in the industry
- Network with employers, industry guests and Monash alumni

As with the careers festival, the Science Industry Night is highly relevant to all students, whether you're in first year or halfway through Honours. After all, there will be representatives from a diverse range of industries and the best way to find out what's out there when you finish university is to hear it from these people.

If you want to find out more, there is plenty of information available at: <http://careers.monash.edu.au/students-grads/events/science-night.html>, including a full list of companies/industries that will be represented on the night.

And don't forget to bring your student ID card!

2.0 Regent Honeyeater Tree planting weekends (August & September)

The 2012 planting season at Lurg is now well and truly under way, with our first group recently returned from a fantastic weekend of planting. If you've missed the previous emails, the Regent Honeyeater Tree Planting weekends are a fun, social opportunity to join Ray and the Regent Honeyeater team and restore another 25 habitat sites for threatened species. The dates for the tree planting weekends still to come are as follows:

- August 25 - 26
- September 8 - 9
- September 22 - 23

So how does it all work? It's pretty simple:

Getting there: The Biological Society will be organising carpooling two and from the beautiful Lurg Hills, where the planting will take place.

Accommodation: Free sleeping quarters provided at Benalla Scout and Guide Halls. Mattresses supplied & small kitchen facilities available. BYO sleeping bag & pillow. Hot showers at Benalla Leisure Caravan Park, \$3.

What to Bring: Sun-screen, hat, boots or sturdy shoes, long trousers, gloves, rain jacket, hand-trowel.

Meals: Free meals are provided for Saturday dinner and Sunday lunch. However, make sure you BYO lunch for Saturday (in the field) and breakfast for Sunday.

Activities (besides tree planting): Bush dance on Saturday night for the energetic. Wildflower & ecology walk on Sunday afternoon, in some of our best bush remnants. See the fantastic growth in some of our older sites, a decade or more after planting.

Remember to **sign up** for the event at our website: <http://www.biologicalsociety.com.au>. You are, of course, welcome to attend as many of the weekends as you like, and if you have any questions don't hesitate to contact us.

Also remember to like the Regent Honeyeater Project on Facebook! <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Regent-Honeyeater-Project/396903907025664>

There's still 3 weekends to go! Hope to see you there!

3.0 Environmental Industry Mixer Night

As we said before, everyone, it's on the 28th of August! Get excited!

Plans are chugging away, but here's a quick spiel in case you missed in last time: the Environmental Industry Mixer Night is a mini-careers event organised and run by student organisations, including the Monash Biological Society. It is an evening targeted at 2nd-year, 3rd-year and postgraduate students studying an environmental discipline. This includes environmental science (chemistry, geology, geography and biology) and environmental engineering (sustainable technologies, water, civil). The event aims to bring students together with employers from organisations with an interest in recruiting graduates from these disciplines. It also helps to expose students to key players in the environmental sector, give you a better awareness of graduate opportunities and also give you the opportunity to build networks.

We'll be sure to keep you updated with the details as soon as they are confirmed. Be prepared!

4.0 Bass Coast Landcare Arts Challenge!

So you're into biology and all things biological, but what about you artists out there?

A photo of an agricultural Landscape? A painting of a wattle bird in flight? An abstract environmental sculpture? How will you interpret the specially written poem 'The Landcare Seedling,' by local poet Mike Cleeland, the inspiration for a unique arts challenge competition to celebrate a Landcare milestone.

Landcare is 25 years old and Bass Coast Landcare Network is holding an Arts Celebration to commemorate this special occasion. Residents of Bass Coast are invited to submit 2D and 3D art work in mixed media (including recycled sculpture) that are inspired by Mike Cleeland's poem.

The Bass Coast Shire Council is sponsoring the event that will be held on **Friday the 16th and Saturday the 17th of November**. Celebrations will start on Friday, with a night of wine and cheese at the Bass Hall to be followed by an awards ceremony for the best works in each of the categories. All of the artists works will be on display during a fun filled day on the Saturday, which will include local musicians, tasty food and fun activities for the kids to enjoy in the Bass Landcare Precinct.

If you would like to know more or download an entry form, please visit the Bass Coast Landcare Network Website www.basscoastlandcare.org.au

The Landcare Seedling

By Mike Cleeland

It started as a seedling
in dry and salty earth
watered by determined men
and women at its birth

Then as it put its roots down
through shallow rocky soil
it gained a stronger foothold
with steady honest toil

'Twas not without its setbacks
as rabbits chewed it down
and tempest, floods and bushfire
attacked its growing crown

In time the seedling flowered
with blossom green and gold
surviving every challenge
the tree had taken hold

And then throughout the seasons
the seed blew far and wide
as seedlings, trees and branches
spread out on every side

Today the Landcare forest
extends across our land
a tribute to its founders
proud folks who made a stand

5.0 Volunteering/Work opportunities

5.1 Sustainability Workshop Day, Manningham (Friday 14 September)

The Sustainability Workshop Day is a unique opportunity for young people in Manningham schools to teach and learn, recognise each other's achievements and become a part of the sustainability solution. Our Vice President, Sarah Bond, is looking for volunteers to help make the day a success. Volunteers show groups of young people around to different workshops, help young people present a range of workshops to their peers and assist in the running of the day.

There are two important roles for volunteers to fulfil:

- *Group Leader:* be responsible for keeping everyone together as you lead a group of primary school students around Currawong Bush Park, completing workshops as you go.
- *Event Support Crew:* ensure all the 'little things' come together to create a successful event. Includes bus coordination, event set up and event administration.

Volunteers will be required between the hours of 8am and 4pm on Friday 14 September 2012. A volunteer training and safety briefing will be held prior to the event on Friday 7 September 2012.

Volunteers will be required to undertake a Police Check at the Manningham City Council offices and need to hold a current Working with Children Check.

If you are interested in Volunteering for this event or in finding out more, please contact Sarah Bond:

sarah.bond@manningham.vic.gov.au

5.2 Parks Victoria Summer Ranger Program 2013

The Parks Victoria Summer Ranger program is a fantastic way to gain industry experience and be part of a team committed to making a difference to the environment.

Parks Victoria employ summer rangers in parks across the state during their peak time (November to February) for up to 12 weeks. Summer rangers deliver environmental programs, provide visitor services and undertake other park management activities.

The work is challenging and varied and provides a great opportunity for on the job training.

Information and funding is still being finalised for the program for the coming summer. However, if you are interested in participating, Employment and Career Development at Monash University can add you to a contact list. They will then be able to contact you as soon as more information is available.

If you would like to be added to this contact list, please send an e-mail from your student e-mail address with your first and last name and student ID to careers.info@monash.edu.

5.3 CSIRO Plant Industry Summer Student Program

Interested in heading to Brisbane, Canberra, Adelaide or Perth over Summer? CSIRO are pleased to announce that the

CSIRO Plant Industry Summer Student program will be running again from December 2012 to early February 2013. Each

studentship runs for ten weeks and projects are especially tailored for second and third year university undergraduates.

For more information, have a look on their website:

<http://www.csiro.au/resources/Summer-Studentship-Plant-Industry>

6.0 Our Website and Facebook Page

Website - <http://www.biologicalsociety.com.au>

Facebook - <http://www.facebook.com/groups/5414408187/>

Enquiries - enquiries@biologicalsociety.com.au

Event Registration - <http://www.biologicalsociety.com.au/events.html>