



## DGR status

TIN has recently received Deductible Gift Recipient Status - DGR. This means that you can now make tax deductible donations to The Trees In Newcastle Public Fund.

TIN's Public Fund will go to support TIN's Education Programs that are offered to the community and schools throughout the region; TIN's Volunteer Program that cares for our coastal strip; the aspiration of one day having a permanent place to call home; or a pet project of a generous donor if it aligns with TIN's objectives and ethics.

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more, gifts of property valued at more than \$5,000 (ah... the dream to have a place to call home), property can also include anything that can be owned and has a value... a stray 4WD perhaps?

Or maybe you're a sharing caring kind of person, you can also gift shares of a value < \$5000 or you can gift trading stock of a business.

Who'd of thought there could be so many ways to give.

If you get in quick, before the end of this financial year on June 30<sup>th</sup> you can be one of the first TIN donors in this new stage of TIN's growth.

## Membership Renewals are Due

The time has come for the inaugural annual renewing of the TIN membership. Last year there was a change to the way memberships were handled and everyone was aligned to the one renewal period which runs to the financial year.

That time is now approaching and guess what, now that TIN has DGR status not only can you renew your membership but you can make a donation at the same time.

There is a membership

application online at [www.treesinnewcastle.org.au](http://www.treesinnewcastle.org.au) or pop on by when you're next cruising along Parry Street.

The membership renewal process is relatively painless, you pop in, peruse the plants, put pen to paper, hand over some dollars, \$15 unwaged/ \$20 Waged for a standard membership or \$30 for the Counteracting Carbon membership and if you feel like it walk out with some plants, or come back and get them some other time.

## VOLUNTEERING AT TIN TUESDAY-FRIDAY

- Coastcaring at King Edward Park, Burwood or Merewether beach* TUE
- Nursery Know-How at the Uni nursery* WED
- Inductions 1st & 3rd Wednesday @ 10am* WED
- Coastcaring at King Edward Park, Burwood or Merewether beach* THUR
- Seed Collecting & Bushland Awareness* FRI
- Nursery Know How at Parry Street nursery* TUE-FRI



**OPENING HOURS**  
8.30AM-5PM  
TUESDAY- FRIDAY

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*Milham Pond Saltmarsh and Shorebird Habitat Restoration Project*



“THE PRACTICE OF NOT REMOVING BIOMASS FROM A VEGETATED COMMUNITY IS A WELL REGARDED AXIOM WITH BUSH REGENERATORS”

Excerpts from Hunter Bird Observers 2009 Project report by Tom Clark

TIN is a big fan of the Hunter Bird Observers so when an innovative project was put forward to help restore the Saltmarsh on Ash Island so that the migratory birds have a bit more food on the flight-path platter, TIN jumped at the chance.

This is a bush regen project with a difference. Your typical bush regeneration activity normally involves removing weeds and letting the natives return. The Milham Pond Saltmarsh and Shorebird Habitat Restoration Project involves removing mangroves that have encroached upon previously productive Saltmarsh flats.



**Mangrove forest underscubbed**

The main cause of the encroachment of mangroves into the Saltmarsh is most likely due to increased tidal influences due to the continuing additional deepening of the Hunter Estuary for shipping. Mangrove seeds carried by the rising tide are deposited higher into the Saltmarsh areas where they grow and create a closed canopy. The result is a mangrove forest replacing a Saltmarsh.

Mangrove removal is normally a prohibited activity that can see you wearing a hefty fine. Even damaging the pneumatophores (submerged aerial

**Mangrove forest felled & piled**



roots) can land you in hot water, but this project has special permissions and so mangrove seedling plucking, mangrove shrub shortening and mangrove tree toppling are all being carried out at Milham Ponds on Ash

Island. The mangrove remains being left where they fall.

The practice of not removing biomass from a vegetated community is a well regarded axiom with bush regenerators. Woody plants can be left to break down and feed the soil from where they grew. Piles of plant material also serve as habitat immediately after treatment as well as during the decomposition.

It was apparent that several bird species, including shorebirds, were using this new habitat even as the work progressed. Also it was observed that aquatic animals and fish were exploring the piles during each tidal inundation of the pond.

In making the piles we are also clearing the ground to make way for the re-establishment of Saltmarsh.

If the felled trees and saplings were to be left strewn about they would form a blanket over much of the ground and make re-establishment of Saltmarsh much more difficult.

Finally, the act of creating piles has a very practical purpose as well – workers can tell where they have been.





## National Tree Day with TIN Sunday August 1st

National Tree Day this year will be more awesome than Avatar and bigger than Ben Hur, a cast of thousands of plants, a support crew of hundreds of volunteers, at two scenic locations in King Edward Park on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August between 9am and noon.

The planting locations are below the flower bed, where National Tree Day enthusiasts and TIN volunteers have been weaving their

botanical magic over the past five years creating a corridor that harbours little plants and even smaller animals. The new site is near the children's play area where the creation of a bountiful, biodiverse bank will begin.

It is the International Year of Biodiversity and what better way to celebrate than to plant boldly where few have dared to tread. The new planting area will allow children to keep

an eye on their plants as they play and support the stewardship of our special places, of which King Edward Park is but one.

This year the Biodiversity BBQ will be offering up browned bits to warm the heart and fill the belly after the morning's adventure. Last year over 150 people planted on the day.

It is a wonderful community day and all are welcome.



**NATIONAL TREE DAY 2009  
AT KING EDWARD PARK**

## Winter in the Nursery— Barb Nanshe Nursery Manager

Wow its June already!

The outside temperature has dropped and plant growth rate has slowed to a minimum until it eventually halts for a couple of weeks in the depths of winter.

Sowing is now at a minimum due to the cold when seedlings are at high risk of damping off in their trays, and if sown without the use of a heat bed are at great risk of rotting without germinating, so our heat bed is already very full.

Most species of plants sown now will mature in summer, when bush planting should be at a minimum. Our next big sowing time will be in October.

Potting-up still goes on

for late spring orders and for plants that will take much longer to mature for autumn such as *Melaleuca* sp, *Leptospermum* sp and *Callistemon* sp.

For a very successful National Tree Day, plants should be ordered by January so we can sow your provenance and the precise species you require and get them big enough to plant out. Otherwise I have to polish up my crystal ball and try and see into the future.

If you haven't got your Tree Day order in with us yet, there will be slim chance of getting everything you want. Don't despair. We can still do some of your plants. We still have a good range of *Callistemon*, *Melaleuca* and *Acacia*

species as well as some pretty plants to 1.5m.

Winter is not all bad. It's great for bush walking, camping and warming your self by an open fire. It's a great resting time in the garden and so good for small odd jobs like clearing up the weeds that you haven't been able to get onto in summer and autumn.

If you really want keep busy, it's a good idea to keep on top of the fungus and liverwort in pots and on wooden structures; mend garden tools and clean out old pots, tubes and trays and return them to us for washing and re-using.

We have more than 20,000 plants going out between next week and October and we are hoping they will all

be ready for the big wide world of cold winter and spring winds; flash flooding; frost; kangaroos and rabbits.

We hope to see you all at our Open Day in Spring. Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> of September is the day of fun and huge plant savings.

We will also have a big range of nest boxes available for sale. If you can take posters and flyers for this event in August please let us know.



A recent visitor to the nursery  
Yellow tailed Black Cockatoo



## *A Biodiverse Birthday Bash on 11th September to Celebrate TIN's 21<sup>st</sup>*

Twenty-one is a meaningful milestone. A coming of age, the beginning of adulthood, a time of accepting responsibility and making plans for the future. TIN's 21<sup>st</sup> year certainly has all these hallmarks.

For a community organisation that started out with a commitment 'to plant more trees in Newcastle 21 years ago, to survive and continue to grow in these very different times, is commendable.

To plant a tree has become a whole of landscape and life-cycle process. To plant the right plant for the local environment has meant making sure that the right seed has been collected at the right time and propagated in time for the best planting survival season.

To ensure there are plants for the future, bush regenerators are continuously restoring, rehabilitating and replanting weed affected areas.

To help ensure the future of the silent vegetated majority, an education program is delivered to anyone who wants to learn about the beauty of plants.

The nature of volunteering has changed a lot too. Work-life balance, mutual obligation, lifestyle choices and Corporate Social Responsibility were not even in the vocabulary 21 years ago, now they determine who, when and why people volunteer.

TIN has continued to grow from a small local community organisation to a substantial contributor to the preservation and restoration of the regional vegetation and it has only been possible because of the ongoing support from volunteers who contribute 20,000 hours annually, members who renew year after year and passionate staff who give till it hurts.

TIN will be celebrating 21 years with a Biodiversity Birthday Bash in conjunction with the Newcastle Community Arts Centre on Saturday 11 September. Hope to see you there and share the memories and the future plans.

(Newcastle's newly formed tree planting group)  
Ph: 528651 (Claire)

is looking for new members!  
Come along to our first Annual General Meeting!  
ON Mon. April 9<sup>th</sup> 7:30 at Waratah Teachers' Advisory Cntr.  
c/nr Georgetown Rd. and Harriet St (near K Mart.)  
AND/OR Come along to:  
OUR First Tree Planting Project!!!!  
Sunday April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10 Am at Adamstown Train Station  
bring shovels, picks, heavy shoes, kids, balls, picnic lunch, barbecue, meat and leaves or grass  
Clippings too! (mulch)  
We'll get stuck into it!  
for more information ph: Ross 693867

Calling All Residents of Adamstown!!!  
announcing the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of: The Adamstown Residents Group!  
on Sun April 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 / at the Adamstown Teachers Cntr. "Lounge" c/nr Glebe and Bruncker Roads.  
The Council wants to make West Park (one of our few parks) into housing. Do we want more housing? or parks?

**The promo and the planting for TIN's 1st tree planting**





## Keep TIN growing

TIN has received Deductible Gift Recipient Status-DGR. This means that you can now make **tax deductible donations** to The Trees In Newcastle Public Fund.

We're more than happy to chat about any ways you may like to donate to help support TIN to plant, regenerate, conserve, maintain and protect our local native vegetation.

TIN also actively undertakes community awareness raising and enjoys networking and chatting with businesses, government agencies and community groups about how we can look after our local vegetation, your donations can help us spread the word.

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- you can gift the trading stock of a business.

### *The donations you offer up will directly support:*

- TIN's volunteer Coastcare projects along Newcastle's seaside strip. The aim is to continue connecting the coastal corridor from Nobbys Head to Glenrock SCA whilst looking after the Threatened Ecological Community, Themeda Grasslands on Seacliffs.
- TIN's Education program including the award winning Biodiversity In Schools project as well as TIN's community education program of workshops, on-ground support and website.
- A site for a permanent location where TIN's two nurseries can be consolidated and community volunteers can come to contribute or
- a project nominated by the donor that is in line with TIN's objectives and ethics.

## What part of the TIN tree grows on you?

**Root Donors** provide continuous sustenance and stability to keep the TIN tree growing. Root Donors give regularly; seasonally, annually, weekly or monthly.

**Trunk Donors** have been TIN members for 10 or more years, they are the strength of the TIN tree. They've been a part of the core structure and keep TIN reaching upwards, getting stronger every year.

**Branch Donors** are organisations and networks that also support the aims of TIN. They have their own groups of supporters that also feed back in to the heartwood of the TIN tree.

**Leaf Donors** are individual donations, every leaf no matter what size turns energy into action and without them the TIN tree cannot survive.

### *How to donate.*

For donations of dollars

- Fill in your details on the donor tree on the next page that suits your donor type and get it in to TIN with your donation in person or by post
- Deposit straight into the **Trees In Newcastle Public Fund** and flick us an email so we can send you a receipt.

**BSB 650-000  
Account # 715 069 706**

For other types of donations e.g. property, shares or business stock

- Give us a ring and discuss your donation and we'll go from there.



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*"Protecting, promoting and enhancing local native vegetation and supporting people with a passion for plants."*

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For direct deposits please let us know who it is from so we can provide you with a receipt.

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Root Donor

An email to enquiries@treesinnewcastle.org.au will help us to send you your receipt.



# National Tree Day

*...do you need plants or a place?*

It's the International Year of Biodiversity and National Tree Day is just around the corner. The Schools Planting Day is in the diary for July 30<sup>th</sup> and the Community Planting Day follows on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August.

Are you thinking about taking on a planting project in an urban area? Then you may want some plants that are suitable for your site in more ways than one.

Not only do they need to be the right size for the surrounding infrastructure such as overhead wires or underground pipes, you may also want to consider view corridors, wildlife corridors, soil conditions and of



at the Greening Centre can point you in the right direction phone 4904 3300.

Trees In Newcastle can provide you with loads of advice for the most suitable plants and very good community rates if you want to purchase plants. The sooner you place your order the greater the variety of plants you'll have to choose from. TIN grows and distributes over 10,000 plants for National Tree Day.

And if you want extra hands on the day put your planting location up on the National Tree Day website to let all and sundry know where they can go to grow.  
<http://treeday.planetark.org/>

course permission from the landholder, which for most of the local area is the local government.

In Lake Macquarie the Landcare Coordinator, John Hughson can give the nod phone 4921 0392, in Newcastle Col Bartley

## *Farewell Cate*



If you wandered in to TIN on a Saturday some time in the past 8.5 years, chances are it was Cate

Paton who greeted you with a smile and worked her magic to find the right plants for your garden or re-designed your garden to accommodate the plants we had.

Cate has moved on and her vast knowledge of the right plants for the right place, her welcoming ways to nursery visitors and commitment to TIN will be missed.

Cara Lloyd has returned from maternity leave to fill the Nursery void. It is with welcome arms that Cara is received. Cara started out at TIN as a trainee and has

## *Hello Cara*

developed a fine skill set, is always eager to keep learning and is a great asset to the TIN team.



**TIN'S MISSION  
-"PROTECTING,  
PROMOTING  
AND  
ENHANCING  
LOCAL NATIVE  
VEGETATION  
AND  
SUPPORTING  
PEOPLE WITH A  
PASSION FOR  
PLANTS."**

## Landcare for Youth (L4Y)

Lake Macquarie youth or youth supporters are invited to contact TIN to take on a Landcare project or become part of the ever expanding L4Y network.

In its first year the L4Y project has supported 55 groups to plant 7000 plants at 26 locations across Lake Macquarie. The foundations for a supportive youth network have been laid and Networking meetings have shared resources, ideas and project processes.

Social Networking, video conferencing and putting together resources to help teachers and youth leaders undertake projects is also a priority and will be the focus for the next 6 months.

Recently at LMCC's Catchment Connections Carnival some thoughts were captured about what Landcare means to young people. Out of the mouths of babes...



## Bush Regen Bits- Trisha Barker Bush Regeneration Manager

It's that time of year where our main contracts finish up, and smaller projects come about, lucky for us; these tend to hold us over till the new financial year sets in.

Wet, wet, wet oh the rain its great isn't it! It's keeping us on our toes, being prepared for unduly weather. Our plants love it though.

A few familiar faces have joined us out frolicking in the bush. Welcome back Paul Jennings and Suzanne who has ventured out from behind the desk to get her hands dirty with us.

Our jobs take us mostly North along the coast, occasionally west, lately south and at times east to the islands off Port Stephens.

I am fortunate to be in this team of happy weeding wanderers and delighted to be employed in the position of Bush Regeneration Manager. Some of you are probably aware that I have been acting in the position over the past year.

Thanks for the team support over the past 12 months and I look forward to future frolicking out in that beautiful environment of ours.

## Regional Sustainability Learning Centre...a vision splendid, Congrats Jenny!

On the 29<sup>th</sup> April in the grounds of Holy Family Primary School the GreenCare Kids Centre doors swung open for business.

This Regional Sustainability Learning Centre is open to any school group who wants to experience first hand how to care for our land, coast and bush or live lightly on this planet of ours.

The GreenCare Kids Centre is the 'dream come true' of TIN's Education Manager, Jenny Robinson, who is also the coordinator of the Centre. Jenny's passions are plants and propagation and she has spent the last 10 years growing a Biodiversity In Schools program across Newcastle, introducing

Landcare in Schools to Lake Macquarie and making Garden Grubs at Holy Family.

The RSLC is a coastal campus with a built-in wetland and can provide learning opportunities for students in landcaring, worm farming, water & energy audits, water bug surveys, vegetable gardening, water-watch, Aboriginal Cultural Awareness, rock pool rambles, environmental art and outdoor environmental games.

You can arrange a school group visit to the Centre by contacting [jenny@greencarekids.com.au](mailto:jenny@greencarekids.com.au) or mob 0410 459 945, or Holy Family Primary School on 4063 3009, [admin@merwthrb.mn.catholic.edu.au](mailto:admin@merwthrb.mn.catholic.edu.au)

