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# Overview of 2002 Southern Queensland Biodiversity Conference

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The 2002 Southern Queensland Biodiversity Conference, the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual, was an initiative of the Southern Queensland Biodiversity Network. The organisation of the conference was facilitated by a funding contribution from the Queensland Environmental Protection Agency, with additional funding and in-kind assistance provided by Gatton Shire Council, Laidley Shire Council and the Lockyer Catchment Association (LCA) Inc.

The conference was held on 26-27 September 2002 at the Edmund Park Training and Leisure Centre, located south of Laidley in the Lockyer Valley.

Conference presentations centred on four primary themes:

1. Biodiversity Planning.
2. Weeds: Our Second Greatest Threat to Biodiversity.
3. Conservation and Restoration Efforts.
4. People and Biodiversity.

## **Biodiversity Skills Course**

The conference was followed by a biodiversity skills course on 28-29 September 2002. The skills course program comprised eight workshops:

1. Introduction to biodiversity conservation, levels of biodiversity, rare and threatened species.
2. Understanding and using the Regional Ecosystem (RE) classification system.
3. A focus on flora conservation.
4. Networks, linkages and information sources.
5. A focus on fauna conservation.
6. Conservation mechanisms, processes and initiatives.
7. Managing fire for biodiversity conservation.
8. Managing grazing for biodiversity conservation.

## **The 2002 Conference proceedings**

The proceedings of the 2002 Southern Queensland Biodiversity Recovery Conference can be purchased from the Lockyer Catchment Centre, Ph. 07 5465 4400.

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### *Introduction*

#### *Biodiversity Planning*

- Keynote Presentation: Peter Young, Senior Principal Biodiversity Planning Officer, Biodiversity Planning Branch, Queensland Environmental Protection Agency. *The Common Nature Conservation Classification System.*
- Paul Harris, Department of Natural Resources & Mines. *Regional Vegetation Management Planning in South East Queensland.*
- Elizabeth King, Environmental Protection Agency. *EPA/QPWS Parks and Forests Planning Approach to Community Engagement and Implementation of the South East Queensland Forest Agreement.*
- Rick Galbraith & David Manning, Crows Nest Shire Council. *Empowering the Community Through Project Green Nest.*
- Dan Murray, Griffith University Nathan Campus. *The National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality: Implications for Natural Resource Management.*

#### *Weeds: Our Second Greatest Threat to Biodiversity*

- Keynote Presentation: Dr. John Swarbrick, President, Friends of Escarpment Parks, Toowoomba. *Environmental Weeds - The Second Greatest Threat to Biodiversity.*
- Trevor Armstrong and Tom Anderson, Alan Fletcher Research Station. *Current Control Methods for Priority Environmental Weeds.*
- Rick Galbraith & Ray Weis, Crows Nest Shire Council. *Pest Management Plans - Working With the Community.*
- Henk Hagedoorn, Helidon Hills Landcare Group. *The Management of Lantana in the Helidon Hills.*
- Jim Kerr, Spinach Creek. *Management of Madeira Vine in Dwyer's Scrub Conservation Park.*
- Veronica Schilling, Gatton Shire Council. *A Time and Place for Everything.*

#### *Conservation and Restoration Efforts*

- Keynote Presentation: Dr. Grant Wardell-Johnson, Senior Lecturer, School of Natural and Rural Systems Management, The University of Queensland Gatton Campus. *Measuring and Evaluating Restoration Success.*
- Adrian Borsboom, Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service. *Can Eucalypt Plantations Contribute to the Maintenance of Fauna Diversity on the Farm?*
- Helen Ross, Richard Brown, Ockie Bosch and Hugh Possingham, The University of Queensland. *Ecosystem Services Research for the Lockyer Valley.*

- Mrs. VD. Burnett, “Rathburnie Estate”. Soil Biodiversity - The Base of the Pyramid of Life on Earth.
- Shannon Parr, Brisbane Forest Park. *Recovery Actions for Endangered Species Corchorus cunninghamii*.
- Jodi Rees, Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service. *Adaptive Management of Acacia perangusta in Relation to Fire and Timber Harvesting*.
- Caroline Edwards, Department of Defence. *Environmental Defence Training*.
- Haig Allalemdjian, Heath Gibson, Bryan Grant, Nigel Kimball, Jonathan Powell, Travis Robinson and Amy White, The University of Queensland. *An Approach for Maximising the Benefits of Glen Rock Regional Park: Adaptive Management*.

#### *People and Biodiversity*

- Keynote Presentation: Dr. Ingrid Burkett, Lecturer, School of Social Work and Social Policy, The University of Queensland. *Communities and Participation in Biodiversity Recovery: Working From the Inside in to Inside out*.
- Graham Burkett, Helidon Hills. *Community Participation - Lessons Learned in the Helidon Hills*.
- Michael Gregory, Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service. *Quality Challenges*.
- Russell Turkington, “Twin Hills View”. *Risks or Threats to Biodiversity*.

#### *Appendices*

- Overview of 2000 and 2001 Conference Proceedings.
- Conference Participants.