



Program - Day 1

Monday 26th February, 2007



11:30am Meet at the entrance of CSIRO Discovery Centre,
Clunies Ross Street,
Black Mountain
Acton, ACT

11:45am Tour of CSIRO Plant Industry laboratories and presentation on the use of molecular markers to track the movement of willows within and across the landscape

12:30pm Board bus for field trip to sites around ACT and southeast NSW:

Setting the willows scene

12:50pm Aspen Island – Lake Burley Griffin

Val Wiseman - the introduction and invasion of willows in the ACT and surrounding region

Lynton Bond - a diverse range of hybrid willows and the Lake Burley Griffin Willow Management Plan

Lunch

Test your willow ID skills

The 'grey' debate on willows

2pm Ski landing along Molonglo River near Canberra airport

Stefanie Straub - urban willow management issues

Peter Hazell - the principles and methods of Natural Sequence Farming (as developed by Peter Andrews and featured on Australian Story)

Dr Fiona Ede - the accidental arrival and spread of willow sawfly in Australia and potential implications for management based on overseas research and impacts to date

Test your willow sawfly spotting skills

Willow dispersal and management

3:10pm Queanbeyan River Bridge, Morisset St

Lynton Bond - the dispersal and establishment of seedling willows

Tom Nilsen - development and implementation of the Upper Murrumbidgee willow management strategy, techniques for mapping and synergies with the national willows program

Afternoon tea

Get your hands dirty and control seedling willows

Rehabilitating our streams and rivers

4:10pm Coppins crossing, Molonglo nature reserve

Ben Cauvoto - Seeds for Survival nature walk

Jeff Cottrell - propagating and planting long stem native tubestock

End of the journey

5:30pm Depart back to CSIRO Discovery Centre

Forum dinner

6:30pm onwards at:

Ardeche Restaurant
222 City Walk
Civic, Canberra

Further copies of the proceedings can be downloaded from:
www.weeds.org.au/WoNS/willows



Program - Day 2

Tuesday 27th February, 2007



8:30am Coffee and registration

8:45am Welcome from the National Willows Taskforce
Drew English (Chair) and Eligio Buzzese (Weeds CRC)

8:50am Introductions

9:15am Presentations by researchers

1. Quantifying water savings from willow removal in creeks - Tanya Doody
2. Potential effects of willow removal on freshwater ecosystem dynamics - Sylvia Zukowski
3. Predictors of recruitment for willows invading riparian environments - Kate Stokes
4. Willows on the Lower River Murray, South Australia - Susan Gehrig
5. Mechanisms of spread and geomorphic effects of *Salix fragilis* - Ian Rutherford

10:30am Discussion panel – questions for speakers

10:50-11:10am Morning tea

11:10am Presentations by researchers cont'd

1. Genetic analysis of willow dispersal in Victoria - Tara Hopley
2. Mapping willows at a catchment-scale - Mark Noonan
3. Adapting willow management strategies to deal with spread of the willow sawfly (*Nematus oligospilus*) - Fiona Ede
4. Development of biological control options for invasive *Salix* in Australia - Robin Adair
5. Weed risk assessment of willows in Australia - Jackie Steel

12:25pm Discussion panel—questions for speakers

12:45-1:30pm Lunch

1:30pm Synthesis of research being conducted on willows across Australia—Eligio Buzzese, Research representative, National Willows Taskforce

1:50pm Most common questions asked by willow practitioners—Sophie Wadley, Workshop Facilitator, National Willows Program

2:10-4pm Workshop to:

- ⇒ Identify and prioritise national research gaps/needs
- ⇒ Develop collaborative projects to address priority gaps
- ⇒ Communicate our research: who, how, when and what?

4-4:30pm Where to from here, evaluation and wrap up

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