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Welcome members to the 5th edition of the Punnet Tray.

The Society would love members to contribute one or two paragraphs about anything to do with weeds that may be of interest to Society members as this *e-news*letter is intended to be a collection of short, interesting articles to help keep our membership up to date with weed related activities in between publications of our printed newsletter, *A Good Weed*. This is a great way to distribute information.

Any other suggestions on how to improve the services provided by the Society, or the range of activities the Society supports, would be most welcome.

Happy weeding

Kim Hignell - President

Membership subscriptions for 2014 are now due.

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Weed Society of NSW Travel Study Grants Applications close on 1st May 2014

Applications are invited for attending national or international conferences, or for specific overseas study tours of a short duration. Applicants must be over 18 years old, reside in New South Wales or the ACT, be involved with weed research, management, advisory, regulation or practice, and have been a current member of the Society for at least one year.

Grants will be made by 1st July for travel during the following 12 months. Applications for awards or grants to attend a conference are expected to be supported by an abstract of the paper being presented. On return, successful applicants are expected to provide a report to the Society for publication in *A Good Weed*. Application forms at: <u>http://nswweedsoc.org.au/</u>

The Council of Australasian Weeds Societies (CAWS) Travel Awards Applications close on 1st March. 2014

CAWS offers a number of travel awards. One of these is a travel award to assist people working with weeds to attend our biennial Australasian Weeds Conference (AWC) which is being held this year in Hobart on 1st to 4th September. The award is intended to support people physically working with weed control in roles such as noxious weeds officers, local government staff, weed control contractors and coordinators of community weed control initiatives. The award is made available in those years that an AWC is being held.

The award is open to anyone residing in Australia or New Zealand, but members of societies affiliated with CAWS may be given preference. Likewise, those applicants that indicate that they will be presenting a poster paper or oral presentation at the AWC may also be given preference. Applicants should state how they will benefit from attending the AWC.

The value of this award is \$1,000 per recipient, and up to four may be awarded for any one conference depending on funding available and quality of applications. This is not expected to cover the total cost of the conference. It will therefore be necessary for an applicant to ensure that other funding is available.

Further information on this award and application form can be found at: <u>http://www.caws.org.au/awc_travel_award.php</u>



Go to http://australasianweeds2014.com.au/ for further details.



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Upcoming Conferences and Seminars

Weeds Society of Victoria 5th Victorian Weeds Conference Mercure Hotel Geelong - 13 - 15 May 2014

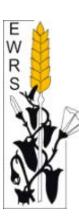


Invasive Plants and Animals—Contrasts and Connections

This year's conference offers an array of speakers covering a variety of topics across both invasive plants and animals. The conference will include two forums- Chilean Needle Grass, Chaired by Gerald Leach of the Victorian Farmers Federation; and Putting the Public Interest into Invasive Species Management, Chaired by Andrew Cox from the

Invasive Species Council. A field trip is offered on the third day to look at management of gorse, rabbits & management of serrated tussock by use of domestic pig farming.

For further information please visit their website. <u>http://www.wsvic.org.au/node/101</u>



Special International Workshop on Weeds & Invasive Plants Spain - 24 to 28 June 2014

The workshop is co-organised by the ANdiNA group of international weed/invasive plant scientists and the European Weed Research Society. So, we invite both the youth and the experienced members of the weed research community to come together in the Spanish Pyrenees in June 2014 for an experience that will hopefully change both your future and that of weed research.

For further information please visit their website <u>http://andinallanos.weebly.com/index.html</u>



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The Editor would love members to provide some material for the autumn edition of our newsletter.

Contributions to A Good Weed is a great way to show a local issue to a state-wide audience.

Please send your material to the editor at <u>editor@nswweedsoc.org.au</u> by the deadline of the 28 February 2014



For Punnet Tray contributions, please contact the editor at <u>editor@nswweedsoc.org.au</u>

Submissions date for the next edition: #006 - 30 April 2014

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