



April 2019

Welcome to the Conservation Council's Yellow Box Dispatch for April 2019, our monthly newsletter on the latest environment updates and news in the bush capital.

I'm really excited to have started in the Executive Director role in March, and am looking forward to working with our member groups to ensure that the ACT Region is a sustainable place to live. The Conservation Council is a wonderful organisation with fabulous expertise and experience across a whole range of issues, and I know that with this foundation, we can continue to strongly advocate on behalf of the environment.

I hope to meet many of you in near future – if you are near the office, please do drop in and say hi.

This Dispatch covers the following news, campaigns and events:

1. Early bird closes soon
2. World Environment Day Dinner sponsors
3. Active Transport Raffle ramping up
4. Cat containment Environment Exchange
5. Heritage Walks this month
6. Bob Brown stopping in Canberra as part of Stop Adani Convoy
7. Container Deposit Scheme update
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We have many more events listed on our Facebook page under [events](#).

Happy reading!

Regards

Helen Oakey
Executive Director
Conservation Council ACT Region

News



Early bird closes soon

EARLY BIRD TICKETS CLOSE MONDAY 15th APRIL 2019

Early bird prices:

\$105

\$99 if taking Active Transport

Regular prices (from 16th April 2019)

\$145

\$135 if taking Active Transport

Join us to celebrate Canberra's environment community and support our organisation. The theme is Optimism and Defiance and our guest speaker is Dr Bob Brown.

World Environment Day Dinner

When: Saturday 01 June 2019, 6:30PM – 10:30PM

Where: Gandel Atrium, National Museum of Australia

[Buy tickets](#)

World Environment Day Dinner sponsors





ACTIVE TRANSPORT RAFFLE

Active Transport Raffle ramping up

The Active Transport Raffle is ramping up! We have received many entries into the raffle so make sure you buy tickets to give yourself the chance to win before tickets sell out. Win an E-bike valued at \$1,800, an E-Bike adventure through Canberra or a voucher for some new beaut shoes.

Tickets start from \$5 each. The winners will be announced at our World Environment Day dinner on 1st June 2019. Winners will be notified by phone or email, with the results posted on the Conservation Council website.

[Buy tickets](#)



Cat containment Environment Exchange

We held our second 2019 Environment Exchange on Tuesday 26 March to discuss cat containment in Canberra. The Conservation Council's position is that all of Canberra should have cat containment by 2025. We had 4 guest speakers:

1. Michael Mulvaney, EPSDD
2. Jane Speechley and Zoya Patel, RSPCA Australia
3. Heather Tomlinson, EPSDD

Read our blog to learn more about the outcomes, messages and information given at the Exchange.

[Read blog](#)



Heritage Walks this month

We are showcasing the natural treasures of the ACT Region at the 2019 Canberra Heritage Festival. This year's theme is "Space" and our events explore some of the lesser known natural 'spaces' in the ACT as well as new aspects of some old favourites.

This program involves guided walks at Red Hill, Kama Reserve, Mulligans Flat and Kinlyside Reserve during April 2019.

This program was supported with funding made available by the ACT Government under the ACT Heritage Grants Program.

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Bob Brown stopping in Canberra as part of Stop Adani Convoy

Our World Environment Day dinner guest speaker, Dr Bob Brown, is leading an anti-Adani road convoy to the coal port of Bowen. The Convoy will be stopping in Canberra on May 5th for the [Vote Climate Rally](#) at Parliament House.

We are so lucky to have Bob as our guest speaker at the World Environment Day dinner on June 01 2019. He will be talking about the importance of adopting the philosophy of 'Optimism and Defiance' in the face of climate change and other environmental issues.

[Buy World Environment Day Dinner tickets now](#) to hear from Bob himself!

[Support the convoy](#)



Container Deposit Scheme update

The ACT Container Deposit Scheme (CDS) has seen more than 14 million containers deposited already since the scheme started on 30 June 2018.

There are return points located across Canberra including three Return-It depots located in Fyshwick, Mitchell and Phillip open from 8am-6pm weekdays and 8am-4pm weekends during daylight savings.

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ACT Government Environment Grants

The ACT Government's Environmental Grants are now open and local groups are eligible to apply for grants for up to \$35,000. The grants are aimed at supporting projects that are dedicated to restoring and rehabilitating Canberra's natural environment.

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Member Group Stories presents the work of one 'feature' Member Group each week. Each Story showcases the diverse activities and campaigns of the ACT region's environmentally-focused organisations. Take a look at our Stories from February 2019.

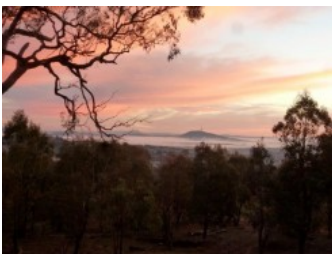
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Friends of Grasslands

The Friends of Black Mountain is a non-profit voluntary organisation dedicated to conserving and promoting the biodiversity of Black Mountain. It aims to encourage interest in and develop knowledge and understanding of the natural, cultural, recreational, scientific, educational and aesthetic values of Black Mountain.

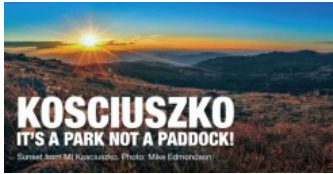
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Reclaim Kosci

Reclaim Kosci is aimed at protecting the exceptional natural heritage values of Kosciuszko National Park from the damaging impacts of feral horses.

Its primary objectives are to raise awareness about the impacts of feral horses in Kosciuszko National Park; the repeal of the Kosciuszko Wild Horse Heritage Act 2018; and a substantial reduction in the feral horse population in Kosciuszko National Park through humane and effective means.

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Beyond Zero Emissions

Beyond Zero Emissions (BZE) is an internationally recognised climate change think tank. BZE's mission is to show a zero emissions Australia is achievable and affordable now.

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Member Group News

Friends of Grasslands grants

Friends of Grasslands (FoG) is offering a small number of grants of \$500-\$1500 each in 2019 to support projects that promote investment in the understanding and management of grassy ecosystems. Any individual or organisation can apply.

Please address all email enquiries to supportedprojects@fog.org.au.

Closing date for applications is Monday 15 April 2019.

Events

SolarShare information evening

SolarShare is holding a pair of information briefings for people who are interested in becoming a member of the Majura Solar project .

Southside

Date and Time: Tuesday 2nd of April 5:45 for a 6pm start.
Location: Orion Room, Canberra Southern Cross Club, 92–96 Corinna Street Woden.

Northside

Date and Time: Tuesday 9th of April 5:45 for a 6pm start.
Location: Jamison Southern Cross Club, Cnr Catchpole and Bowman Sts Macquarie.

[Sign up](#)

Platypus evening

Geoff Williams from the Australian Platypus Conservancy will share his knowledge of the amazing platypus. Geoff will highlight the features that make the platypus so special, explain its conservation needs and how to go about helping these animals.

When: Thursday 2 May, 7pm

Where: Robertson Building, ANU

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Address and [Contacts](#)

#ClimateElection Candidates Forum

We have the opportunity to hear from the different candidates of Canberra electorate about how they plan to lead Australia beyond fossil fuels. It's also our chance to show candidates that our community want action!

When: 16th April 2019. 6.15 pm for a 6.30 pm start. Finishing at 7.45 pm

Where: The Albert Hall, 100 Commonwealth Ave, Yarralumla

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Vote Climate Rally

The Bob Brown Foundation and Stop Adani are holding a joint rally to reiterate their opposition to the Adani mine. Join our World Environment Day Dinner guest speaker for this important rally!

When: Sunday, May 5, 2019 at 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Where: Parliament House

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