Invitation

You are invited to attend the premiere screening of

‘Repairing our Rivers’

A movie to change the way we restore our river ecosystems

Hewett Centre, 28 Kingfisher Drive, Hewett (Gawler),

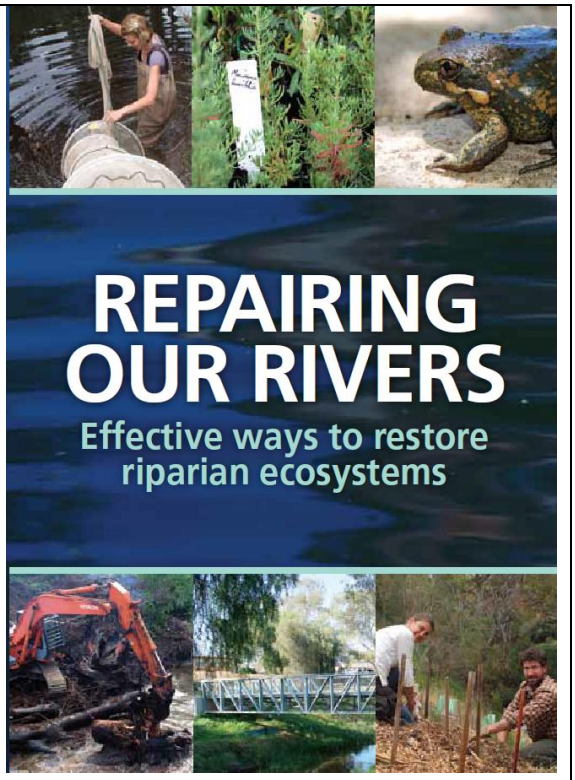
Wednesday 13 March 2013

6pm Drinks, nibbles and networking (including canapés, organic wine and pistachios).

6.30 Launch of the DVD by Hon Tony Piccolo Minister for Communities and Social Inclusion, Minister for Social Housing, Minister for Disabilities, Minister for Youth and Minister for Volunteers.

Film screens at 6.40pm

*A **free event** brought to you by the Gawler Regional Natural Resource Centre and the Adelaide and Mt Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Management Board



Seats are limited so book now !!

email emily.griffiths@sa.gov.au, call 85237715, or drop in to the Natural Resources Centre 8 Adelaide Road, Gawler South, SA, 5118

Donations on the evening to continue the work of restoring the Gawler River will be welcome

Repairing our Rivers

EFFECTIVE WAYS TO RESTORE RIPARIAN ECOSYSTEMS

This is an inspirational guide to individuals, groups, schools and organisations that want to repair our rivers and give people access to beautiful and dynamic natural environments along them.

It is an empowering and educational video showing how a small group of landholders decided to repair their stretch of the Gawler River in South Australia, returning it from a rabbit infested thicket of African boxthorn and prickly pear to the diverse, beautiful and productive

indigenous ecosystem that existed for thousands of years before European settlement of Australia.
They had no idea how difficult a task they had undertaken but battled on, eventually being helped by dedicated and skilled seed collectors, natural resource managers, machinery operators, indigenous elders, local schools, conservation volunteers and students.
This film logically and graphically presents the 'tricks of the trade' that they have learned on the way and is a great guide for effective environmental action.
Close up shots and clear descriptions ensure that viewers get a thorough impression of techniques used.
This fascinating story shows:

- the roles of specialised machinery in clearing the massive woody weeds left by 150 years of neglect,
- how to access scaled, aerial photographs for mapping and planning
- the skills of professional tree climbers in felling dangerous trees
- the potential for groups to propagate locally indigenous plants
- the power of community when it comes to establishing and caring for a new ecosystem

The film also shows the remarkable Greening of the town of Gawler through the establishment of bike paths along the river corridors and unique low-level bridges shows how simple it can be to provide quick, safe, sustainable travel across towns as well as providing access to their leafy, tranquil river environments.
Interviews with the people who have made the restoration happen are interspersed with an educational narration that lays out the steps to restoration success:

1. Setting restoration aims
2. Assessing the site
3. Map, plan, & discuss
4. Selling the dream
5. Propagating locally indigenous plants
6. Preparing the site
7. Planting
8. Follow-up weed control
9. Control erosion threats
10. Monitoring
11. Managing river flow
12. Raising community awareness

The 40 minute video was made by Food Forest TV, with production by Graham Brookman, graphics by Kath Read and editing by Sam Collins.

Distribution

Sales and signings of the DVD will be available at the launch.
Copies of the DVD will be distributed to local schools, landcare groups, Natural Resource Centres, community groups and libraries.
Further copies will be available for sale at the Gawler Regional NRC, 8 Adelaide Rd, Gawler or via the Food Forest On-line Shop. Proceeds will go toward restoration of the Gawler River.

Further details about the actual DVD are available from Emily Griffiths, Coordinator, Gawler Regional NRC ph 85237715 or Graham Brookman, Chairman of the NRC mob 0407771985