

BIODIVERSITY OF THE WESTERN VOLCANIC PLAIN APP RELEASED

ECOLINC BWVP NOW ONLINE

Ecolinc celebrated the release of the BWVP Flora and Fauna Field Guide app and website on Friday 21 June 2013, the date of Ecolinc's BWVP teacher professional learning day.

Dr Steve Sinclair (DEPI) and Ms Colleen Miller (WMCN) provided introductory presentations on grassland ecology, Suzanne Clark provided an overview of the new BWVP app/website, and the Ecolinc teaching team delivered practical sessions involving use of the app within the classroom and out in the field. Numerous flora and fauna species were sighted using the app. Approved sightings can now be viewed on the web-based version of the BWVP app under 'Public sightings' for each species.

All approved sightings will also be displayed on the Atlas of Living Australia website once this process is established.

Ecolinc's new online outreach program 'Biodiversity of the Western Volcanic Plains' is now available via the following link, or via the Ecolinc website.

The link to the iTunes preview is below.
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/biodiversity-western-volcanic/id653258339?ls=1&mt=8>

Ecolinc is currently developing an iTunes U professional learning course based on the BWVP online outreach program.

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Colleen Miller (WMCN), Suzanne Clark and Dr Steve Sinclair (DEPI) at the BWVP Teacher Professional Learning Day

ECOLINC ONLINE CLIMATE WATCH TRAIL

Ecolinc, in conjunction with ClimateWatch, has produced a field guide and trail for the Ecolinc wetland/grassland, which can be used in conjunction with the ClimateWatch app. Details below

www.climatewatch.org.au/trails/ecolinc-bacchus-marsh

Details of all Ecolinc onsite, offsite and online programs can be found on the Ecolinc website.

The DEECD continues to provide support for government rural and high SFO schools to access onsite and offsite outreach programs. Please contact Ecolinc to confirm your eligibility, or for further information.

Bookings for 2014 can now be made. Please book early to avoid disappointment.



Department of Education and Early Childhood Development

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

FRIDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2013

Quadrats Online

'Quadrats Online' is the next learning object to be released as part of the BWVP online outreach program.

Explore virtual and actual plant quadrats to investigate vegetation of the Western Volcanic Plains. Participants will complete quadrat activities at Ecolinc, followed by an optional trip to the Mt Rothwell Biodiversity Interpretation Centre to complete further quadrat mapping and to view a range of nocturnal grassland species. Please note that the Mt Rothwell guided night walk and a barbeque dinner will be provided at no additional cost. Please complete the registration form available on the Ecolinc website if you would like to attend.

FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER 2013

VCE Science

Refresh your knowledge of VCE Science by participating in Ecolinc's VCE program options.

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