

## Application form

Applications close on 18 September 2009

Please complete this form and send to:

Attention Jenn Doig  
Box Ironbark Ecology Course  
DSE, Box 124  
Benalla VIC 3672

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Ph:(W) \_\_\_\_\_ Mob: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation/other: \_\_\_\_\_

Area of interest: \_\_\_\_\_

Organisation/other: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you vegetarian? YES/NO

Do you have any medical condition or dietary requirement  
that might be important? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a pre-existing injury? YES/NO

Do you have a valid first aid certificate? YES/NO

Are you interesting in or qualify for the  
FARM READY subsidy? YES/NO

**Payment to accompany this form** (please circle):

deposit \$600    full fee \$1200

**Cheque/Order payable to:**

DSE Box Ironbark Ecology Course OR

**Credit card** (please circle): Visa    Bankcard    Mastercard

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Cancellations **must be in writing and entitle the applicant to a refund of fees paid:**

- less \$100 if made before September 5
- less \$300 if made between September 5 & 26
- less \$500 if made after September 26

## Location

The course is based at Nagambie in Central Victoria in the heart of Box Ironbark country.

## Course Fee

\$1200 includes accommodation, meals, transport, instruction, course notes and GST. Deposit (\$600) or full fee payable with application. Balance payable by 18 September 2009.

Under the federal government FARMREADY program, primary producers and indigenous land managers are eligible for a reimbursement of the costs associated with attending this course. Please contact the Course Convenor (details below) for more information.

## Numbers

The 30 participants will include a mix of people representing public and private land managers of Box Ironbark remnants and other key interest groups. Detailed information will be mailed to successful applicants in late September.

## Enquiries

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# Box Ironbark Ecology Course

Nagambie, 5–9 October 2009



A Victorian Government Initiative



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## The course

Brings together leading researchers and experts to share up to date knowledge and thinking about this landscape in change.

It is field based and participants will work in small groups. It emphasises ecological understanding and relationships and techniques that improve observation and data collection skills which can then be applied to other areas.

Participants will gain:

- a better understanding of the distribution, natural values and ecological processes of Box Ironbark landscapes, past and present;
- an understanding of the impact of human use on the ecosystem, past and present;
- practical skills in observation, description, survey, analysis, interpretation, map reading and ecosystem monitoring of flora, fauna, geomorphology and soils;
- opportunity to apply new skills and to collate and communicate information collected from the field;
- resources to help plan for enhanced ecologically sustainable management outcomes for Box Ironbark remnants on private and public land.



**Accommodation** is in comfortable shared rooms with ensembles.

**Catering** covers meals and most refreshments.

**Program:** The course commences on Monday 5th October and concludes on Friday 9th October, 2009.

### Topics

- Distribution and history of the Box Ironbark ecosystem including indigenous use and post settlement impacts.
- Introductory sessions on geomorphology, soils, fauna and vegetation communities.
- Flora and Fauna of the region – how to read the landscape, search for and identify the plants, reptiles, birds, mammals and invertebrates that inhabit Box Ironbark communities.
- Detailed study of ecological interactions between landscape, soils, plants and animals and implications for management.
- Survey skills and project planning.

### Highlights

- Field study projects conducted by participants with guidance from course instructors.
- Data collection and interpretation techniques to assist management.
- An illustrated presentation by a leading researcher.
- Spotlighting & bat trapping (weather permitting).



## Instructors

**Jerry Alexander** started his working life as a field geologist and then moved on to fauna survey, particularly mammals, reptiles and amphibians. For nearly 30 years he has been involved with wildlife research and applied management in the Victorian Central Highlands, East Gippsland, Northern Plains, Alpine and Box Ironbark ecosystems.

**Sue Berwick** has experience in vegetation survey and mapping, including Box and Ironbark communities. Sue has developed and delivered training in native vegetation identification and condition assessment.

**Cathy Botta** is a soil scientist and educator who works with communities in agricultural landscapes. Her passion is helping people better understand their own soils and the effects of land management on soil health.

**Andrea Canzano** is an entomologist with experience in insect conservation and invertebrate biodiversity assessment in Victoria. Her main interest is in butterfly conservation; in particular the ecology and conservation of the Eltham copper butterfly.

**Garry Cheers** is an experienced naturalist who lives and works in Box Ironbark country. His special interest is in birds in fragmented landscapes.

**Paul Foreman** is a botanist and forester who has a particular interest in Box Ironbark, Grasslands and Grassy Woodlands ecosystem flora and fauna and private land conservation.

**Lindy Lumsden** is a wildlife biologist who has a special interest in Box Ironbark ecosystem fauna. Her passion is bats, their ecology and introducing them to people.

**Deanna Marshall** is a senior flora officer with DSE based at Bendigo. She is involved in overseeing threatened species recovery plans and engaging local community groups in conservation activities in the north west.

**David Meagher** is an environmental scientist with a special interest in the ecology of mosses and liverworts of south-eastern Australia.

**Neville Rosengren** has surveyed the geomorphology and geology of conservation sites in most parts of Victoria. He is particularly interested in the modes and dynamics of landscape evolution.

**Kate Stothers** is a landholder in the Box-Ironbark region and Nature Conservation Coordinator with the Department of Primary Industries. She is interested in Box-Ironbark ecology, management and education.