



## An Invitation from the Victorian Gorse Taskforce

Victorian Gorse Taskforce  
402-406 Mair Street  
BALLARAT VIC 3350

1 August 2011

Dear Sir / Madam,

**Subject: Your invitation to the Victorian Gorse Taskforce (VGT) Annual General Meeting and nomination for committee membership, 2011/12 for your consideration.**

The VGT is a state-wide strategic Gorse management group supported by the Victorian Government and works to facilitate the delivery of community-led Gorse control programs.

Please find details of our AGM below:

**7pm on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> of September 2011**

**Ballarat Golf Club, 1800 Sturt Street, Ballarat**

**Guest Speaker:** Samantha Monks from the Yarram Yarram Landcare Network will speak about the approaches to Gorse management in West Gippsland. This project has been a major investment for the VGT over the past couple of years. There should be some good insights into partnerships made with Local Government, Catchment Management Authority, Vic Gorse Taskforce and public / private land managers.

At this meeting, the outgoing committee will present a report on the VGT activities and achievements over the last 12 months, and account for all monies received and expended during this time. All committee positions will be vacated and a new committee will be formed.

The incoming VGT committee will have the role of overseeing the implementation of the Victorian Gorse Control Strategy 2008 - 2013. The strength of the Strategy and its value as a management tool relies heavily on support from all stakeholders, and we urge you to demonstrate your support through your attendance at the AGM. **Please RSVP to our Executive Officer on 03 5336 6844 or [info@vicgorsetaskforce.com.au](mailto:info@vicgorsetaskforce.com.au) by Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> of September 2011.**

The VGT is currently accepting nominations for committee positions in 2011/12. The VGT encourages membership nominations from concerned community members and other key stakeholders. Distribution of this letter and the attached forms through your networks is encouraged; an electronic copy of this letter is available at [www.vicgorsetaskforce.com.au](http://www.vicgorsetaskforce.com.au)

We invite you and/or your organisation to nominate a representative for the new committee. We are seeking people who have a serious commitment to community action. The new committee will be in a position to take positive actions to help local community groups to implement integrated Gorse control programs across Victoria. **Nominations will be accepted up until Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> of September 2011 and can be made by submitting the form overleaf.**

Please visit our web site at [www.vicgorsetaskforce.com.au](http://www.vicgorsetaskforce.com.au) to find more information and to view the Victorian Gorse Control Strategy.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Everist  
**Chair**  
**Victorian Gorse Taskforce**



**Victorian Gorse Taskforce  
INCOMING COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

**Stakeholder representative guidance for the incoming committee:**

Organisation	Method	Number
Community group / landholder members	Appointed / Elected	6
Catchment Management Authorities	Appointed	Maximum of 4
Municipal council representatives	Appointed	Maximum of 4
Department of Primary Industries (Biosecurity Victoria)	Appointed	1
Department of Sustainability and Environment	Appointed	1
Research representative	Appointed	Maximum of 2
<b>Total</b>		<b>Maximum of 18</b>

The skills, knowledge and experience that the nominee can bring to the committee will be considered by the VGT outgoing committee at the ordinary meeting prior to the AGM and in making appointments. Geographic representation can also be considered when appointing members. If required a ballot for the election of officers and community group / landholder representatives of the Committee shall be conducted at the Annual General Meeting in such usual and proper manner as the outgoing Committee may direct. If possible both the nominator and the nominee should be present at the Annual General Meeting (this is not mandatory).

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**Nomination form for community group / landholder members:**

I, .....(name of nominator)

of.....(address of nominator)

Nominate.....(name of nominee)

of.....(postal address)

Phone.....Email.....

Representing.....(group/organisation)

For election to the committee of the Victorian Gorse Taskforce

Please give a brief outline of the skills, knowledge & experience that the nominee will bring to the committee:

- (e.g. long standing Landcare member, experience in pest control, communication skills, etc.)
- .....
- .....
- .....

Signed..... (nominator)

Date.....

Signed..... (nominee)

Date.....

Please return signed and co signed nomination forms **by Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> of September**, to the attention of:

**Victorian Gorse Taskforce  
C/- DPI, 402-406 Mair Street  
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Or alternatively print, scan and then email this form to [info@vicgorsetaskforce.com.au](mailto:info@vicgorsetaskforce.com.au)

**Nomination form for other members (e.g. Catchment Management Authority, Municipal Council representatives):**

I, .....(name)

of.....(organisation)

wish to be appointed to the committee of the Victorian Gorse Taskforce.

If more nominations are received than the positions available the VGT community / landholder representatives will endorse the appointed members nomination based upon the skills, knowledge and experience that the nominee will bring to the committee.

Signed.....

Date.....

Position held at your  
organisation.....

Organisation  
address.....

Phone.....Email.....

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