

**Desert Knowledge Cooperative Research Centre  
Desert Fire Symposium**

**Wednesday 1 November 2006**

NRETA Conference Room  
Alice Plaza Building  
Alice Springs

**0830 - 1630**

The DKCRC Desert Fire Symposium will provide a final summary of the many aspects of the Desert Fire project. It will be a one day event, scheduled to coincide with the 2006 Desert Knowledge Symposium and Business Showcase. The aim of the Desert Fire Symposium is to showcase the results of Desert Fire and provide a basis for future DKCRC projects to build on our efforts.

The Symposium will be an open event, without registration or cost. However, for catering purposes or in case a larger venue is required, it would be appreciated if attendees could register their interest with the Alice Springs office of Bushfires NT (08-8952-3066, or by email to [grant.allan@nt.gov.au](mailto:grant.allan@nt.gov.au)). By 27 October 2006.

The preliminary program is listed below. The intention is to provide presenters with sufficient opportunity to present a detailed summary the results and outcomes of their work. Each presentation will be allocated 30 minutes to provide a 20 minute presentation period, followed by 10 minutes for questions. The final program, with allocated times, will be available at a later date.

**Preliminary Program**

**Welcome, Introduction and Overview of Desert Fire**

Glenn Edwards

Biodiversity Conservation, NRETA, Alice Springs

**DF-1 Continental perspectives of fire in desert Australia**

Dorothy Turner, PhD Candidate, University of Adelaide

**DF-3a Fire in the southern Tanami Desert: Overview of Fire Regimes, and Pastoral Perspectives on Fire**

Grant Allan

Bushfires NT, NRETA, Alice Springs

**DF-3a Aboriginal burning issues in the southern Tanami: an overview of Aboriginal practices and perspectives concerning fire.**

Petronella Vaarzon-Morel, Kasia Gabrys and Richard Tuckwell

Central Land Council and Biodiversity Conservation, NRETA, Alice Springs

**DF-3a Community engagement process**

Kirsten Maclean

PhD Candidate, Australian National University

**DF-3b Economic costs of fires on pastoral lands: 2000-2002**

Andrea Tschiner and Grant Allan  
Centralian Land Management Association, Alice Springs and Bushfires NT, NRETA, Alice Springs

**DF-3c Fire management on conservation lands, and a spinifex recovery model**

Angus Duguid, Chris Brock, and Luke Preece  
Biodiversity Conservation, NRETA, Alice Springs

**Fire studies in spinifex dunefields in the Haasts Bluff Aboriginal Land Trust**

Boyd Wright  
PhD Candidate, University of New England

**DF-3d Medium and long term dynamics of *Acacia aneura* – *Triodia* boundaries at Mt Denison Station in the southern Tanami Desert, central Australia**

Guy Boggs and David Bowman  
Charles Darwin University

**DF-3d Characteristics and dynamics of the mulga/spinifex boundaries at Mt Denison Station in the southern Tanami Desert, Central Australia**

Anstee Nicholas  
MSc. Candidate, Charles Darwin University

**DF-3e A review of fire and birds with some preliminary results from the central Australian mulga bird community**

Adam Leavesley  
PhD Candidate, Australian National University

**DF-3f / Bushfire CRC 2.1 Modelling fire regimes in the West MacDonnell Ranges, central Australia**

Karen King  
Bushfire CRC and Australian National University

**DF-3g Post-fire recruitment dynamics in mulga communities**

Grant Allan, Chris Materne, Coral Allan, and Doug Wilson  
Bushfires NT, NRETA, Alice Springs and Pastoral Division, Primary Industries, Fisheries and Mines, Alice Springs