



WESTERN PORT BIOSPHERE RESERVE

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Call for Expressions of Interest from the Community – membership of the Southern Brown Bandicoot Regional Recovery Group.

The Western Port Biosphere Reserve (The Biosphere) has a Bandicoot Recovery program for the Southern Brown Bandicoot. At a recent public meeting the community called for a Regional Recovery Group to improve the delivery of conservation actions to protect the Bandicoot in the Biosphere Reserve, which covers the council areas of Cities of Casey and Frankston and Shires of Bass Coast, Cardinia and Mornington Peninsula. It is proposed that the Regional Recovery Group be made up of scientists, land management agencies and strong representation from community members. The draft Terms of Reference for the Group is available on the website.

The Biosphere is calling for expressions of interest from individuals or organisations to join the Regional Recovery Group and thus ensure community participation expressing a range of community views. The submissions and/or applications will be assessed by made by the Biosphere's Research Committee.

We are seeking the person or persons:

- Who have standing in their local community either formally as a member or office bearer of a community organisation, or with acknowledged expertise and or influence.
- Who will work collaboratively with a wide range of stakeholders and attend four meetings per year (including a 1 day-long meeting)
- Who will champion conservation and sustainability, particularly where they will enhance outcomes for the Southern Brown Bandicoot.
- Who have strong links into their community within the Biosphere Reserve and be willing and able to motivate people to implement conservation actions.

Please fill in the submission/application form attached and submit by no later than COB of 15 August 2011.

Submit to:

Cecelia Witton
Executive Officer
Western Port Biosphere Reserve
PO Box 261, Hastings, Victoria 3915 by 15 August.

We look forward to receiving your Expression of Interest to join this important group to be part of the effort to protect the Southern Brown Bandicoot.

Kind regards,

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Executive Officer