

## Firewood Conferences Programs

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### Armidale

A Burning Issue for the  
Twenty-first Century



A conference to raise awareness and explore solutions for firewood use that reduces the impact on  
the environment

Friday 25 – Saturday 26 May 2001

Armidale Ex-Services Memorial Club  
Dumaresq St  
Armidale NSW

## PROGRAM

### Friday 25 May

- 8.30 am REGISTRATION  
9.00 am Introduction – Purpose and content of the Conference  
Mr Andrew Cox, Executive Officer, National Parks Association of NSW Inc.  
9.05 am Welcome from Anaiwan Aboriginal Community – Mr Steve Widders  
9.15 am Welcome from Armidale Dumaresq Council – Mr Peter Ducat, Deputy Mayor  
9.25 am OFFICIAL OPENING – The Hon. Dr Sharman Stone, Parliamentary Secretary  
to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage.

### Session One – CHAIR: Mr Andrew Cox

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#### *Theme: FIREWOOD – Cutting and Collecting – Overall Impacts on Biodiversity*

9.40 am KEYNOTE SPEAKER: **Dr Barry J Trail**

"Woodlands, Wildlife, Firewood (and lung disease): an overview of the firewood issues in Australia"

10.10 am **Dr Don Driscoll**

"Impact and Use of Firewood in Australia  
(Don Driscoll, George Milkovits, David Freudenberger. CSIRO Sustainable Ecosystems.)"

11.00 am **Associate Professor Nick Reid and Dr Julian Wall**

"Firewood Resources and use around Armidale – Depletion of Resources"  
Fuelwood use in the Armidale region of the Northern Tablelands of NSW:  
a case study

11.25 am **Mr David Paull**

"Dead wood – Forest waste to burn? Examples from the New South Wales Western Woodlands"

**Session Two – CHAIR: Assoc. Prof. Nick Reid**

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***Theme: Managing the Resources for Ecological Sustainability***

1.15 pm      **Dr Bert Jenkins**

“Regional Vegetation Management and firewood issues: Regulating firewood collection on private land or is there another way?”

1.40 pm      **Mr Justin Williams**

“Firewood from native forest harvesting operations in Northeast New South Wales: An ecologically sustainable alternative source of firewood”

2.05 pm      **Mr David Curtis**

“Supplying firewood from farm forestry woodlots and reducing the greenhouse effects of burning firewood through revegetation initiatives such as Bush for Greenhouse”

**Session Three – CHAIR: Mr Matt Gray**

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***Theme: Impacts of Wood Heating – Air Quality and Human Health***

3.15 pm      **Mrs Lutfu Khan**

“Particulate air Pollution and Respiratory Symptoms in Armidale: Clinical Event Study”

3.40 pm      **Ms Dorothy Robinson**

“Cost of Pollution and Solutions”

4.05 pm      **Mr Chris Berry**

“Wood heating – The Armidale experience; impacts on air quality and roadside vegetation”

## Saturday 26 May

### Session Four – CHAIR: Mr Peter Metcalfe

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*Theme: Addressing Impacts of Woodheating on the Environment – alternatives; regulation; education*

8.00 am **FIELD EXCURSION**

**Apex Lookout to show where smog blanket lies over the city when it occurs**

Ms Dorothy Robinson

**Inspection of wood stockpile at Acacia Park Industrial area**

Mr Peter Ducat

**Bundarra Road TSR; degraded habitat**

Assoc. Prof. Nick Reid

11.20 am **Associate Professor John Todd**

“Do woodheaters have a future?”

11.45 am **Mr Rob Heathcote and Sue Salvin**

“Maintaining biodiversity by substituting native woodland firewood supplies with hardwood plantation thinnings and sawmill residues - an Armidale case study”

12.05 pm **Mr J Garry Speight**

“Comfort in an Unheated Solar-Passive House at Manilla: Two Years Data”

### Session Five – CHAIR: tba

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*Theme: Towards a Sustainable Firewood Industry*

1.55 pm **Mr Max Kitchell**

“ANZECC National Approach to Firewood Collection”

2.20 pm **Ms Janine Goodwin**

The ACT firewood strategy”

2.35 pm **Ms Nicola Davies**

“An ecologically sustainable firewood industry for the ACT”

Prepared by Kathryn Maxwell and Nicola Davies

Presented by Nicola Davies