



# EUROPEAN WASPSHOP

**AT THE NAMADGI NATIONAL PARK VISITOR CENTRE  
(2 km south of Tharwa on the Naas Road)**

**TUESDAY 29 JULY 2008**

European wasps are prevalent in Kosciuszko and Namadgi National Parks, even in the alpine areas. It was first noted in Namadgi in summer 2006 but the mild dry winters since have led to a population explosion. Recreation areas have been closed because of the threat they pose to the public and there is a real danger they will be a long term threat to the biodiversity of our region. The implications are sobering: European wasps prey on insects that pollinate many of the native plants and may also deprive native insectivorous birds and skinks of their food.

**Come out to Namadgi Visitor Centre on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> of July to hear the experts discuss how community groups, landholders, park managers and experts can develop a regional plan and share information.**

## Program

**Registration:** 9:30am to 10.00am

**Presentation:** 10:00am to 12:30pm:  
Presentations by Phil Spradbery (social wasp expert) and Greg Sherley (NZ invertebrate and invasive species specialist) and others

**Lunch break:** 12:30pm to 1:30pm

**Workshop:** 1:30pm to 3:00pm  
Work as a group to develop an action plan for a strong regional response.

**RSVP:** Namadgi Visitor Centre on 62072900 by the 25 July 2008. Please indicate if you will participate in the afternoon workshop.

