

Regional Landcare Update 16

The fortnightly e-news of the New England-North West Landcare Network

Issue 16: 20th August 2010

Habitat Action Grants Open

Open to individuals, groups and local councils, these grants fund fish friendly projects to improve local waterways, restore fish habitat and increase native fish populations

The Habitat Action Grants are funded by the NSW Recreational Fishing Trust from monies raised from the sale of the recreational fishing licences. Previous grants have funded projects to remove invasive vegetation and re-establish native plants on riverbanks, remove barriers to fish movement, re-s snag waterways and stabilise eroding river banks.

Habitat Action Grants close 15 October 2010 at 5pm. Forms and past successful projects available at:
www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/habitat/rehabilitating/ahr-grants-program

Namoi CMA Consultation

Namoi CMA is in the process of updating its Catchment Action Plan, which will identify priority targets for the next 10 years. Now is the time for you to have input for future programs in the Namoi area. Community consultation meetings will occur as follows:

Boggabri 23rd August

Gunnedah 24th August

Manilla 25th August

Woolbrook 26th August

All meetings run from 10am – 1pm, with lunch provided. For

details, contact Sharon Cruickshank 67645919 or Sharon.cruickshank@cma.nsw.gov.au

Bush Dance at Manilla

The annual Bush Dance at Manilla will be held Saturday 18th September at Manilla Town Hall.

Tickets are selling fast and are available for \$30 families, \$10 singles. Music by The Squatters, lamb on the spit, supper and more. For details, contact John Tucker jtucker@tadaust.org.au 0488 116 680

Regional Events Workshop

Tourism NSW is running a series of *Regional Events Development Workshops* across the state for regional event organisers, local councils and tourism managers.

The workshops will help regional communities develop and grow sustainable events that maximise their potential and benefit to their community. Topics explored include grants, staging, growing and marketing events. The workshop is for new and experienced organisers, with 2 concurrent skills sessions held throughout the day. Workshops in our area include:

Armidale 6th September

Moree 7th September

More details at www.regionaleventworkshops.com.au

Time Out at Tenterfield

Hosted by NSW Industry and Investment on 2nd September, this event is a free morning tea and lunch for rural women with a number of guest speaker presentations.

Venue will be Stannum House, Tenterfield and the event will run 11am-2pm. Contact Drought Support Worker Jenny Croft 0429 446 417 or jenny.croft@industry.nsw.gov.au

Myall Creek Celebrations

Myall Creek Hall, located between Inverell and Bingara, will host a Back to Myall Creek Family Day on Saturday 4th September.

The event will pull together the community around the Delungra area, who is currently awaiting EC assessment. Special guest Richard Torbay MP will officially open the recent improvements to Myall Creek Hall. Displays, stalls and plenty of entertainment for all ages. More information available from Joyce Partridge 67236486.

Bundarra Forestry Day

Private Native Forestry will be the focus of a workshop in Bundarra on Tuesday 31st August. NSW industry and Investment will host the workshop with speakers including forestry consultants, Forests NSW staff and state government agencies. Topics explored on the day include measuring your PNF,

Contributions to the Landcare Update are welcome.
Email to Fiona Adams at gwymacgg@bigpond.com



making it pay, regulations, harvesting your PNF and understanding how your PNF grows. Registration essential on 6672 2770 (Lynn) or 67631166 (Lachie).

Brownhill Cup Awards TAI

Two Industry & Investment NSW staff, based at Tamworth Ag Institute, have been awarded the Brownhill Cup for their contribution to chickpea research and development. Senior research scientist, Ted Knights and plant pathologist, Dr Kevin Moore were awarded the prestigious prize.

The Brownhill Cup is presented at AgQuip each year and is designed to encourage innovative practices that improve sustainability and profitability in agriculture. The duo has been recognised for their outstanding contribution into the research, development and extension of chickpea breeding and disease management.

The combined efforts of the research team have markedly improved the reliability and profitability of chickpea production and in turn increased the NSW plantings to over 300,000 ha in 2010.

2010 Forests NSW Photography Competition

Forests NSW is encouraging amateur photographers to enter its 2010 photography competition. Held every second year, the competition invites budding photographers to

capture what forests mean to them.

The 2010 theme is *State forests - part of your everyday*. Photographers can interpret how forests inspire them, by either choosing any of the 700 forests state-wide to take photographs in, or taking a creative snap of an Australian forest product.

Cash prizes available and winning images will also be featured in Bush Telegraph magazine and online. Entries close 30.9.10. Details at www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/forests/info/photo-competition

Tree Planting Field Day

Glenrac will host a *Sow your Seedlings for Sustainable Land Management* field day 23rd September at "Yirri North", Glen Innes (10am - 2pm).

The event will include tips on when to planting native seedlings, how to prepare ground for the seedlings, weed & pest control and caring for seedlings to ensure high survival rates and long term growth.

All landholders welcome. Speakers including Chris Eveleigh (Kentucky Tree Nursery), Jonathon Lawson (BR-G CMA), Glen Industries field manager, Danny Lightfoot (contract planting) and Luc Farago (BR-G CMA) will dispel the myths around Property Vegetation Planning. RSVP to Glenrac by 17.9.2010

on 67323443.

Schools Fish DVD

NSW Fisheries has launched an interactive DVD encouraging students to be involved in Industry & Investment NSW's (I&I NSW) free fishing program. 'Get Hooked...It's Fun to Fish' teaches primary aged students sustainable fishing practices and how to look after aquatic habitats.

Currently, 77 schools across NSW are registered for 'Get Hooked...It's Fun to Fish', and the DVD will encourage more schools to be involved. More information about the program: www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/recreational/info/get-hooked

Soil Carbon Workshops

Namoi CMA and Grazing BestPrac will jointly host these workshops shortly. Workshops are 3 days duration, with half a day in the field. Free for landholders in the Namoi catchment, attendance at a workshop is a prerequisite for on ground Carbon farming funding available late 2010. Workshop dates include:

Wee Waa 1-3 September (RSVP to Stacey 0428 266712)

Gunnedah 6-8 September (RSVP to Lester 0428 211759)

Bendemeer 13-15 September (RSVP to Peter 0427 606265)
Lunch + morning tea provided. Topics include the carbon cycle, the role of carbon, carbon audits, carbon storage options, plants and carbon movement.