

Regional Landcare Update

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

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Landcare NSW Needs You!

To continue their good work, Landcare NSW Inc is looking for feedback from grassroots Landcare into 3 key areas. This includes what is needed to stimulate, revitalise and reinvigorate your Landcare organisation; what's happening in your area to help groups form and attract new members and; what is one issue / idea you would like to provide to the policy makers. Send through your comments by 19th November to wpiggott@bigpond.net.au

Junior Leadership Grant

The Westpac Student Sustainability Leadership grants of \$1,500 each will be awarded at the beginning of 2011 to help Years 5 and 6 students plan and implement environmental sustainability projects. Funds from the Westpac Student Sustainability Leadership grants will help students improve their school or local community environment and encourage life-long learning for sustainability. Students will receive mentoring from a local secondary-level student and Landcare Group. Projects may address a range of areas including reducing energy and water consumption, improving water harvesting and quality, through to increased biodiversity and restoration. Any school with Year 5 and 6

students seeking to develop their leadership skills through environmental related projects is eligible to apply. More at www.juniorlandcare.com.au

Landcare Calendar Offer

Enviroprint is offering not for profit Landcare organisations a special deal on products and services. This includes Landcare calendars which can help your group promote meetings dates, events and keep members informed. The online ordering system allows you to upload photos and logos for your product. More at www.enviroprint.com.au

Coles Supporting Groups

Coles aims to assist the development and wellbeing for local communities through the Local Community Support Program. This program helps out with local events, fundraisers, etc. Eligible groups include community groups and committees of events and shows. Successful applicants receive a Coles Gift Card for their project. Applications are open year-round. Download a form at www.coles.com.au/About-Coles/Community

Native Fish Focus

River communities throughout the Murray Darling Basin are invited to take part in Native

Fish Awareness Week from 12-21 November. Native Fish Awareness Week is an opportunity for communities to learn about rehabilitation efforts for native fish within the Basin. During the week, participants will have opportunities to learn about fish, including habitat needs, threats and how native fish travel through our river systems.

Red Meat Forums

NSW Farmers Association and Meat and Livestock Australia will host these events to provide landholders and stakeholders with information about red meat marketing, production and eating quality. Topics include growing consumer expenditure, increasing profits per hectare and the future of meat standards. Glen Innes 9.11.2010 (10am-12pm)
Walcha 10.11.2010 (10am-12pm)
Free. RSVP to 1300 794 000

Regional Researching

A few years ago Land & Water Australia ran a series of 'Researcher into the Region' workshops. These workshops were very successful as they combined the theory of research with the practice of on-ground experience. The

Contributions to the Landcare Update are welcome.
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ARRC is now running 'Researcher into the Region' workshops for NRM organisations who would like a tailored, research workshop for their region. The workshops run over one and a half days with the hosting organisation providing the venue, participants and catering. The ARRC develops the workshop program, engages researchers to present on topics of interest to the region, facilitates the event, and provides workshop materials. For more information, contact enquiries@arrc.com.au.

Software for NFP's

Donortec is a company that provides software (eg Microsoft Office) to not for profit organisations for a small administration fee. To register your organisation, visit www.donortec.org. Office 2010 and Windows 7 are now available from Donortec.

Funded Farm Planning

Rural Biz Training is offering Property Management Planning workshops. Government funding means landholders pay \$363 per farm business to participate. Included in the 6 workshop training is computerised mapping software, to keep your plan up to date. Location and start time will

be advised as groups form. Go to www.ruralbiztraining.com.au or call 6884 8812

Chemical Workshops

Hosted by Rural Biz Training, Chemical Card workshops will be held on the following dates:
Tamworth 19th November
Glen Innes 24th November
Walcha 29th November
Register with Rural Biz 6884 8812

Biological Focus on Downs

North East Downs Landcare secured CFOC funding for *Building more biologically active soils in southern Queensland*. NED Landcare will now host a 2-day forum with leading soil biology scientists, experts (including Christine Jones and Hugh Lovel), and practicing farmers, to help farmers develop a better understanding of the science and practical application of biological farming practices. The date for this will be 29th and 30th March 2011, (venue either Oakey or Dalby). More details available as the date nears.

Wind Farm Forum

A public forum on wind farming will be held in Armidale on 19th November. The event will bring together industry stakeholders, including wind farm

developers and is essential for anyone keen to learn more about the industry. The all-day forum is free and includes refreshments / meals. Contact Paul Cruickshank 6773 7011.

Weed Safari

Granite Borders Landcare will host a weed safari, focusing on weeds in and around the Tenterfield and Wallangarra areas. Speakers for the event include representatives from CMA, Landcare, LHPA and I&I NSW. The event will focus on weeds and also their effect on livestock health. Cost is \$5pp. RSVP asap to GBLC 67363500.

National Conservation Targets

Minister Tony Burke has released *Australia's Biodiversity Conservation Strategy 2010-2030*. The document sets 10 targets to measure progress in protecting the nation's natural environment.

The strategy's three priorities include engaging all Australians, getting measurable results and building ecosystem resilience in a changing climate. More information is available at www.environment.gov.au