

# Regional Landcare Update

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## Stop the Press: Tim Flannery Visit

Australia's Chief Climate Commissioners, Prof Tim Flannery, Gerry Hueston, Prof Will Steffen and Prof Leslie Hughes will be in Tamworth this Thursday 23rd June.

This will be a free community forum from 5.30-7pm at the Capitol Theatre. Register and you will be able to submit questions for the event at [www.climatecommission.gov.au](http://www.climatecommission.gov.au)

## First Aid Training

NE NW Landcare is organizing a First Aid training workshop in Inverell on 27th July. This is a full day workshop, running from 9am-5pm.

Cost for community members to attend the workshop is \$130pp. Book you place asap with Jennie Coldham [jennie@gbic.org.au](mailto:jennie@gbic.org.au)

## Bush Tucker, Boomerangs + Bandages

GLENRAC will host this refreshing and informative preview of two new booklets on Aboriginal Heritage and Culture, released by Border Rivers-Gwydir CMA. Special guest for the event is Harry White from Border Rivers-Gwydir CMA. The event will be held 24th June in Glen Innes at the GILALC Rooms and commences at 9.30am. RSVP to Glenrac 67323443.

## NSW Landcare Forum Register Now

Registrations are now open for the 2011 NSW Landcare Catchment Management Forum. The event runs from 5-7 September and has a theme of *Thinking Differently: New Solutions for Old Issues* and incorporates the NSW Landcare Awards.

Download a registration and view the 2011 Preliminary Program at [www.parkeslandcare.org.au](http://www.parkeslandcare.org.au)

## CMA Expands Workshops

Border Rivers-Gwydir CMA is in the process of upgrading its Catchment Action Plan. This will commence with a phase of community workshops across the catchment. The workshop series have now been expanded to include Warialda and Yetman, to allow as many as possible to have input to the new CAP. Stay up to date on all locations and dates at [www.brg.cma.nsw.gov.au](http://www.brg.cma.nsw.gov.au)

## New England Grazier Updates

A three hour update focussing on issues effecting your enterprises and allowing you to capitalise on meat and wool markets. Topics include ewe and lamb management for survival; pasture assessments; animal health; predator control and seasonal climate update. Field days commence in the Armidale areas from July.

## Kentucky 1st July

Woolbrook 5th July (am)  
Yarrowitch 5th July (pm)  
Booroolong 6th July (am)  
Enmore 6th July (pm)  
Winterbourne 7th July (am)  
Guyra 8th July (am)  
Contact Jim Meckiff 02 67388505

## Mulcher + Min Till Machinery Field Day

Recent wet weather has forced the postponement of Gwymac's Mulcher and Direct Drill Showcase. This will now be held on Saturday 9th July from 12 noon-2.30pm. The event showcases a flail mulcher unit and 8.5m direct drill unit now available for hire in the Inverell area.

Locally made bulk compost will also be on show. RSVP for the event and free lunch to Gwymac 02 67211241 or [gwymac@bigpond.net.au](mailto:gwymac@bigpond.net.au)

## Grasslands Society Conference

The NSW Grasslands Society Conference will be hosted in Bathurst from 26-28 July. The 26th annual conference includes a wide array of presentations from speakers from as far afield as New Zealand. Also includes paddocks tours, presentations from landholders and opportunities for networking. Details of registration fees and membership to the Society are available at [www.grasslandsnsw.com.au](http://www.grasslandsnsw.com.au)

Past editions of the Update are available at [www.landcarensw.org.au/nenw-docs](http://www.landcarensw.org.au/nenw-docs)

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## Evocities Launch

In an Australian first, seven of NSW's regional cities have united as Evocities to encourage people to live, work and invest in an Evocity. Tamworth and Armidale are two of the seven cities selected and the initiative has received the support from Australian and NSW Governments. Find out more at [www.evocities.com.au](http://www.evocities.com.au)

## New Staff on Board

Granite Borders Landcare at Tenterfield has welcomed on board new Landcare Coordinator Mark Thomas. Mark commenced his role recently and comes to the area from Queensland. Upper Gwydir Landcare Association at Bingara will welcome new staff member Brooke Kelly on board shortly. Brooke is a farmer from the Bingara area.

## Fox Baiting Launches

Southern New England Landcare has launched its 2011 Fox Baiting program. The program encompasses 34 groups, who bait foxes under the 2011 baiting schedule. Landholders in the Bundarra, Uralla, Guyra and Armidale areas are encouraged to join the program, which will see baits distributed throughout June and July. For details on the baiting program, contact SNELC 6772 9123.

## Grain and Graze Trial Sites Needed

Grain and Graze will be conducting a variety of experiments to see how to make pastures productive more quickly after establishment. Grain and Graze are looking for suitable sites for the trials which may involve co-sowing winter growing legumes or implementing a range of stubble treatments. If you are interesting in knowing more, contact Lindsay Bell 07 4688 1221 or 0409 881 988.

## Regional Electricity Survey

NSW Farmers Association is conducting a survey of rural areas to obtain feedback on power supply and outages. The electricity industry survey takes a few minutes to complete online and relates to power failures and outages occurring on agricultural property, voltage surges and drops, and consequently the overall effect that electricity issues has on rural industry. Click on the link at [www.nswfarmers.org.au](http://www.nswfarmers.org.au)

## APEN Forum for Armidale

In November 2011, the Asia Pacific Extension Network (APEN) will host its national forum in Armidale. This year's theme is *Hitting a Moving Target—Sustainable Landscapes, Livelihoods and Lifestyles in a Changing World*. The forum targets those in the

extension field and community development. As the forum rotates around Australia's state each year, this is an excellent opportunity to attend in our region. More details are available from Greg Mills [greg.mills@industry.nsw.gov.au](mailto:greg.mills@industry.nsw.gov.au)

## Walking Feat Launch

This will be an evening to raise awareness of mental health issues, to be held in Armidale 16th July. Keynote speaker is the esteemed Prof Patrick McGorry—2010 Australian of the Year and a leading expert in early intervention for mental ill-health. Runs from 6pm-9pm with light refreshments served. Entry by donation @ Lazenby Hall, Armidale. RSVP to [walkingfeat@gmail.com](mailto:walkingfeat@gmail.com) by 1st July.

## Woody Weeds Sink?

A senior NSW scientist, Associate Professor David Eldridge from the University of NSW says invasive scrub, known as woody weeds could be a valuable tool in efforts to influence climate change. He has researched woody weed control in western NSW for over 30 years and found many shrublands have a lot of carbon tied up in them. He believes that if we move into an era where landholders are going to be rewarded for keeping carbon in the environment, woody weed shrublands are going to be critically important.