

Regional Landcare Update

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NSW Awards Shine on Region's Landcarers

This week saw the NSW State Landcare and Catchment Management Forum held in Parkes. Our region was represented by several finalists with Balala Brushgrove Landcare Group taking out the state award in the Community Group category. Duncan Davidson of 'Yoi', Delungra also was named Runner-Up in the Young Landcare category. Our region was represented by several state finalists at the Awards, including Tenterfield Naturalists, Banbai Enterprises, Greg + Sally Chappell and Fiona Adams.

Success with CFOC

CFOC has announced the 2011 round of Open Call grants, which will see further NRM investment in our region. This includes grants to:

Glenrac (Glen Innes) \$196,141 for a joint project on the Severn River with Gwymac.

Southern New England Landcare \$162,800 for developing sustainable farms.

Granite Borders Landcare (Tenterfield) will receive

\$59,675 to repair natural assets after January flooding.

Gwymac secured \$87,529 for farm resilience workshops and on ground works in the Ashford region.

Gwymac also will receive \$170,755 for riparian planning and on ground works along the

Upper Gwydir above Copeton Dam.

Young Farmer Forum, Tamworth

To be held Friday 16th September 2011. Includes a field trip, meals and accommodation provided. Features guest speakers, information about new innovation and how to tackle economic and environmental change in Agriculture. Register today at www.nswfarmers.org.au/young_farmers/young_farmers_forum/

Glenrac AGM

Glen Innes Natural Resources Advisory Committee (Glenrac) will host their annual general meeting Wednesday 13th September from 7pm. Guest speaker is Paul Hutchings, General Manager, Border Rivers-Gwydir CMA. A light supper will be served after the meeting. Venue is the Services Club, RSVP essential to Glenrac 67323443.

Seeds of Renewal Grants

Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal has opened their latest round of grants for community organisations to create education and employment opportunities. Up to \$15,000 is available under the program. The program

targets communities under 15,000 people and is supported by ANZ. Closes 23.9.2011, more at www.frrr.org.au

River Reach Field Day

Glenrac will host the Mann River Reach Field Day on Greg and Sally Chappell's Shannonvale Station. The event will be held 22nd September with a 10am start. Learn about NRCMA Soils Program, Native Veg Clearing Act, River Reach Planning on Shannonvale Station and Riparian Weeds. Includes paddock walk and catering. Free. RSVP to Glenrac 67323443.

Carbon Accounting Course Offered

TAFE NSW will roll out a new Carbon Accounting course in Armidale and Tamworth in October. Find out more about getting your organisation carbon ready in the 2 day workshop. Learn how to streamline collecting data, identify and categorise greenhouse gas emissions and more about risk management in the low carbon economy. Armidale 5 & 12 October Tamworth 4 & 11 October \$425. More information from Lynda Lewis 0425 327 689 or register at www.tafetrades.com.

Past editions of the Update are available at www.landcarensw.org.au/nenw-docs

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



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Australian Wool Enviro Assessment

AWI has funded a project to assess the environmental credentials of Australian wool. As part of this process, a meeting will be held in Armidale 19th September to discuss the project and also outline topical issues such as greenhouse gas emissions, water usage and land use associated with wool production. Contact SNELC 67729123.

New NSW Farmers President in Inverell

NSW Farmers Association president Fiona Simson will be attending a BBQ in Inverell Tuesday 13th September. The event will be held at Inverell Pioneer Village and commences 4.30pm. This is your opportunity to meet the new head of NSW Farmers and find out more about the association's year ahead. RSVP to albinusb@bigpond.com as soon as possible.

RASF Scholarships

The Royal Agricultural Society of NSW offers Rural Scholarships to lend a hand to anyone wanting to make a difference to their rural community. The grants are available to those studying at a tertiary level, who can demonstrate a passion for rural issues and studying something of value in rural communities. TAFE and University students

are eligible and 37 scholarships have already been awarded under the program. Closes 30.9.2011 Grants of \$5000 are available for fulltime students and \$1500 for part time students. More at www.rasf.org.au

Bingara Garden Expo

To be held Saturday 29th October in Bingara, this event's theme is *Gardening on the Edge of Extremes*. A wealth of nursery industry experience will be on offer at the event including Marcus Ryan, Lambley Nursery Victoria, East West Enviro Ag, Tamworth, Garry McDouall's presentation about the Living Classroom and Colin Rushton from Tomato Exchange in Guyra. \$5pp. Market stalls and prizes. RSVP to Alec 67240095.

Small Grants for Small Rural Communities

This is the second of FRRR grants currently available and is focused on communities under 10,000 people. Grants of up to \$5000 are available. Grants include programs that assist with development of social and community welfare, economic benefit, environmental, health, education or cultural areas. Applications that are a partnership of community groups or interest groups will be favoured. Closes 30.9.2011. More at www.frrr.org.au

Community Grants Program

Australian Government Department of Health and Aging has a local community campaigns grants program on offer. The grants program is open to community groups for projects that help our communities make healthy lifestyle choices—includes the likes of community garden initiatives Closes 30.9.2011. More at www.health.gov.au

Pasture Update

The Northern Tablelands of the Grasslands Society of NSW will present a field day at the Glen Innes Research Station on 11th October. The event will showcase local trials and the latest in pasture information for landholders. Stay tuned for further information, or contact Carol Harris 67301900 for more.

Rural Women's Gathering 2011

Rural Women's Network will host their annual Gathering this year in Gloucester. This is a 3 day program with workshops, tours and forums. The online program is now available at www.gloucester-womensgathering.com The Gathering brings together rural women from across NSW each year to build connections and increase resilience.