

Regional Landcare Update

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

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More Success with CFOC

Last update detailed CFOC funds secured for Landcare networks in the New England. There are 2 further projects which have also attracted funding. This includes:

New England North West Landcare (Network Chairs)

\$190,300 for a joint project to increase awareness of feral animal threats to biodiversity and a coordinated control program across the New England region.

Lower Pagan/Pian Creek Conservation Group \$340,000

for raising awareness of the impact of grazing on TECs of Coolabah Black Box and Weeping Myall Woodlands in the Walgett district.

Keep an eye on the Country Leader for a comprehensive report of all funding in our region!

Young Rural Women Needed

The Australian Women in Agriculture (AWiA) national project is conducting a project Leadership and Decision Making in Agriculture, with a workshop, dinner and meetings in Canberra from 29th Oct to 1 November.

AWiA is seeking enthusiastic young women 18-25 years from all states to contribute and attend the gathering. For more details, visit www.awia.org.au. There will be some assistance available to cover travel costs.

Grazing BestPrac Workshops

Workshops will be hosted as below:

Healthy Soils, Healthy Pastures:
Toowoomba 14.10.2011

Soil + Plant Nutrition with Bart Davidson:

Bingara 11.10.2011
(subsidised)

Both workshops are FarmReady accredited. Book in for the Bingara workshop with UGLA 67242052.

MDU Annual Field Day, Inverell

Local NRM group, MDU will host their 24th annual Resource Management Field Day on 14th October.

Supported by BRG CMA and Caring for our Country, this year's field day will be held on Billabong, a beef cattle enterprise east of Inverell. Themes explored include permaculture in broadacre agriculture, conversion to an organic enterprise, beef cattle marketing and increasing humus. Key note presentation by Matt Barton (Wellington) - Carbon Cocky, RCS trainer, farmer and pasture cropping advocate. More details from Gwymac 67211241.

Managing Land for Carbon

This workshop will be presented by NSW DPI in Armidale 28.11.2011. Hear

about the latest in carbon trading and how it will work. What is in and what is out. Learn how to keep your options open and identify which parts of your property are most suitable for building up carbon. Basic materials and equipment supplied. Register with NSW DPI 66722770.

Pasture Update

Presented by the Grasslands Society of NSW, a field day will be held at Glen Innes Research Station 11th October 2011. 10am-4pm.

Speakers include Bob Freebairn (The Land columnist + Agronomist), Dr Greg Lodge (NSW DPI), Mick Duncan (President, Grasslands Society) and also includes paddock sessions. \$10 member; \$15 non members.

Free buses will run from town across the New England + Stanthorpe.

Further details from Carol Harris 0458 206973 or Jennie Coldham 0427 260 258.

Community Partnership Funding

The NSW Community Building Partnership program has opened. The program is ideal for community groups and buildings such as community halls in need of a facelift and repair. If you have a project in mind, talk to your State MP.

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

Contributions to the Landcare Update are welcome.
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Details available online at www.communitybuildingpartnership.nsw.gov.au
Closes 31.10.2011

2012 Science Awards

Grant applications are now open for the 2012 Science & Innovation Awards for Young People in Agriculture. Open for 18-35 year olds, this is your chance to apply for up to \$22,000 to fund your project on an innovative or emerging scientific issue. Several categories are open. More information and application forms at www.abares.gov.au/scienceawards. Closes 18.11.2011.

CFOC Review

As a follow up to the consultation conducted earlier in the year, Caring for our Country has released a summary of their findings. Feedback from 4000 community members has been compiled and is available at www.caringforourcountryreview.com.au.

Book Launch in Armidale

SNELC will host an event in Armidale to showcase the BRG CMA's new publications featuring local information on indigenous plants of significance and artefacts, wooden tools, weapons and implements used by aboriginal

people in the Border Rivers region. To be held 6th October at the Pat Dixon Centre, Taylor St, Armidale. RSVP to SNELC 6772 9123.

Holistic Management Course in Inverell

Judi Earl will present this workshop at Billabong, Inverell with the first module beginning 26-27 October. The Holistic Management course has been re-vamped with more than half the course presented on the land. Participants also have the opportunity to see farmers who are practising Holistic Management first hand. FarmReady accredited. Numbers limited. Contact Judi Earl 0409 151 969 or view the Holistic Management flyer at www.gwymaucklandcare.com.au

Raymond Borland Bequest Grant

Offered by Landcare Australia, this is a one-off grants program. Grants of up to \$30,000 are available to support community groups and other organisations to undertake projects that will rehabilitate non urban land. All community groups or organisations involved in caring for and managing our landscapes are invited to apply. The grants are particularly targeted at community based organisations that are successfully delivering projects.

Closes 16.10.2011. More at www.landcareonline.com.au
RIRDC Women's Award
RIRDC has launched its 2011 Rural Women's Award. The award is one of the most successful and enduring awards for rural women. Since 200, more than 170 women have been recognised. The award provides a \$10,000 bursary for each state and territory winner. Closes 15.10.2011 on World Rural Women's Day. More details at www.ruralwomensaward.gov.au

2012 Adventure Date

Inverell based Landcare network, Gwymac, will host the 2012 Landcare Adventure. This will be the 14th year of the event.

Gwymac has set the date for the event as 26-27 March and already confirmed two VIP guests for the event. Major General Michael Jeffery will provide the key note address at the gala Landcare Dinner while newly installed NSW Farmers President Fiona Simson will also be attending.

Biological Farmers Roadshow

BFA will host a Roadshow event in Stanthorpe 5th October with special guest Gary Zimmer (USA) and Joel Williams. Venue is Summit Public Hall. More details / registrations www.bfa.com.au