

Regional Landcare Update 9

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

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Burke Funds More Community Action

A further round of Community Action Grants has been announced this week. This will see another 81 projects funded across Australia, equating to \$1.4million.

In our area, Granite Borders Landcare received funding for Landcare activities in Koreelah and Rocky Creek / Timbarra areas. Ben Lomond Landcare Group will receive \$20,000 for soil monitoring activities while Gwymac's Bannockburn Landcare Group secured \$12000 funding for soil biology workshops and revegetation activities.

A complete list of approved projects for round three announcements is online, visit www.nrm.gov.au

Green Globe Awards

Open to individuals and organisations within the private, public and community sectors, the awards celebrate outstanding achievements. Focus areas include sustainability and climate change leadership, waste and water savings, reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and adaptation to climate change. Nomination packs are available online at www.environment.nsw.gov.au/greenglobes/

New Biodiversity Help for landholders

Northern Rivers CMA and partner organisations are holding information sessions

throughout the region to help landholders identify and manage vegetation of high conservation value on their properties. A series of information sessions will be rolled out throughout the region over the next month. More information is available from Warwick Browne, NRCMA 6771 3450.

Clean Air Poster Competition

DECCW is hosting a student academic poster competition to provide individuals with an opportunity to showcase their works and projects relating to air quality.

The competition is open to all undergraduate and post-graduate students attending universities in NSW. The theme is broad but must relate to air quality issues. Entries close 12 July 2010. More details at www.environment.nsw.gov.au/actionforair/caf2010poster.htm

What Women Want

A one-day workshop will be held in Tamworth to help country women get the most out of their lives. Special guest for the event include comedian and broadcaster Wendy Harmer, Lyn Sykes (Succession Planning Facilitator), Sonia Muir (Rural Women's Network) and motivational speaker Genevieve Marchiori.

The event will be aimed at motivating women, maintaining motivation and building a support network.

Date for the event is Friday 18th

June (admission free). RSVP is essential to Jenny Croft 0429 446 417.

RCS Conference 2010

Resource Consulting Services will hold their 2010 conference in Brisbane, under the banner 'Farmers...Heroes of the Future'. Date for the event will be 20-22 July.

The event will provide an insight into sustainable farming and holistic management. The conference will address 3 challenges of world food production; the role of carbon trading and also the link between human health and natural farming systems. For more information or price information, please see the RCS website, www.rcs.au.com

BLOG Expansion

The Border Landcare Organic Group will be working in partnership with Landcare networks SNELC and GWYMAC to host biological farming workshops soon.

BLOG has a strong membership in its base in the Granite Borders area. The group will now take their recipe for success into the Southern New England and Inverell districts. See future editions of the Landcare Update for workshop dates and venues.

Dispelling Myths of PVPs

Native vegetation has been the subject of rigorous debates in recent months. Despite a common misconception, the Border Rivers-Gwydir CMA does

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not undertake any enforcement or compliance associated with native vegetation. This task is undertaken by the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water.

Under the Native Vegetation Act 2003, the CMA provides advice on native vegetation management and prepares Property Vegetation Plans (PVP). These are a voluntary agreement between a landholder and their local CMA. BRG CMA has prepared a press release outlining the facts of Property Vegetation Planning. For your copy, contact Communications Officer Annabelle Monie 67288032.

CMA and Landcare launch new Sub Catchment Funding

Border Rivers Gwydir CMA and the Landcare networks of GWYMAC and Upper Gwydir Landcare Association have launched a new joint project to improve water quality.

The project will focus on farm-based activities in the Myall Creek and Inverell subcatchments. On-ground eligible activities include fencing riparian areas, providing off-stream watering points and riparian revegetation. More information is available from UGLA 67242052 or Gwymac 67211241.

Water Workshop at Gunnedah

Dr Darren Ryder from UNE at Armidale will be special guest for this free water quality workshop on 2nd June. The

event will provide skills in water testing, with a limited number of water test kits available.

The workshop is a partnership between the Murray Darling Basin Authority, Namoi CMA and WaterWatch. Details available from Stephanie McCaffrey 67645961.

NSW Farmers Awards

NSW Farmers Association is encouraging landholders to nominate for the 2010 Farmer and Young Farmer of the Year Awards. The successful Farmer of the Year will win \$10,000 while the Young Farmer of the Year will collect \$5000. The four judging criteria are:

Farm management

Innovation

Financial management

Leadership

Nominations close 10th June.

Nominate yourself, a neighbour or a client.

www.nswfarmers.org.au/farmers_of_the_year

Sheep Online

Sheep producers can now find all they need to know about sheep industry training and events at one central website. The online resource is a joint effort of I&I NSW and Australian Wool Innovation. It provides relevant and current information for sheep producers.

www.sheepconnectnsw.com.au

Fishers Forum

The 2010 Fishers for Fish Habitat forum will be a free 2-day event for recreational fishers with a focus on what

fish need to survive and thrive. The role of recreational fishers in the protection and rehabilitation of fish habitat will also be addressed. 4-5 June, Lake Macquarie. More details: fish.habitat@industry.nsw.gov.au

Weeds Partnership Commences

The Northern Inland Weeds Advisory Committee (NIWAC) has secured \$230,000 funding through the Border Rivers-Gwydir CMA under the Caring for our Country program. The funds will see on-ground eradication, containment and community education on 4 species of Weeds of National Significance:

Gorse *Ulex europaeus*

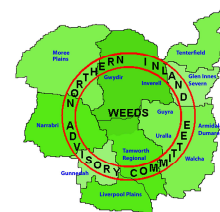
Serrated Tussock *Nasella trichotoma*

Chilean Needle Grass *Nasella neesiana*

Bridal Creeper *Asparagus asparagoides*

The project will be a partnership between BRG CMA, NIWAC and the Landcare Networks of the New England-North West.

Activities will include mapping and density monitoring of species, implementing containment lines and managing infestations. Further information: Heather Apps (NIWAC) 0427 080567



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