

Regional Landcare Update 20

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Facilitators on Board

NE NW Landcare has announced the four Regional Landcare Facilitators recruited for our region. They are: Sally Dickinson (Moree) Tania Mucillo (Walgett) Rachel Hill (East Namoi) Jennie Coldham (Tablelands-Slopes).

All will be on board by early November. Although working across different areas, our project staff will work as a team, to utilise their complimentary skills, experience and local/regional knowledge.

Farm Office Workshops

This topic is enough to make many landholders shudder in their boots. However, hosts Partners in Grain will help participants learn how to make farm office work simple. The one day workshop will help you reduce the chaos of farm bookkeeping and keep paperwork up to date. \$330 (FarmReady approved). Dates:

Yetman 15th Nov

Tenterfield 16th Nov

Deepwater 17th Nov

Glen Innes 18th Nov

Armidale 19th Nov

Register with Theresa Kunde on 0428 147749 or t.kunde@bigpond.com by 8th November.

Silverleaf Nightshade Focus

Researchers from Charles Sturt University and I&I NSW will unveil the results of their

Silverleaf Nightshade studies over the last 3 years, focused around Inverell shire. The research team will share their knowledge at field days in Delungra (3rd Nov) and Nullamanna (1st Nov). Outputs of the study include an updated best management practice guide for management of this noxious species. Event held in conjunction with Dung Beetle roadshow. Contact Gwymac 67211241.

Dung Beetle Roadshow

Landcare will host a Dung Beetle Roadshow for landholders in our area. The free event features the ever-popular Pam Wilson, parasitologist Leo le Jambre and John Feehan, the recognised authority on dung beetles in Australia. Free, contact Granite Borders Landcare 67363500.

Commences Sunday 31st October, with morning & afternoon workshops as follows:

Sunday pm – Koreelah

Monday– Bonshaw (am),

Nullamanna (pm)

Tuesday– Furracabad (am),

Bolivia / Deepwater (pm)

Wednesday– Delungra (am),

Bundarra (pm)

Thursday– Guyra (am),

Nowendoc (pm)

Friday - Dorrigo (am),

Bellingen (pm)

Funding Success

The Australian Government's Caring for our Country projects for 2010-2011 have been announced. In our area, successful Landcare applications include Upper Gwydir Landcare Association (Bingara), Southern New England Landcare and GWYMAC (Inverell).

SNELC's project will focus on connecting remnant vegetation in Walcha / Uralla area; GWYMAC will establish 15000 native seedlings in the Bundarra area while UGLA's project focuses on improving land management through farm based trials and training. For a full list of successful projects, go to www.nrm.gov.au/business-plan/funded/index.html

Thrive with Style

Drought Support Worker Jenny Croft is calling on rural women to attend this new event in our region. Special guest Sandra Martin will provide tips on how to look and feel your best. The event is free and includes fun skills sessions on goal setting, communication and self confidence. Book in with Jenny 0429 446417. Deepwater 22nd Nov Uralla 23rd Nov Delungra 24th Nov Barraba 25th Nov

Farm Gate Training

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



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Consulting is offering the staff & members of NSW Landcare Groups funded places in:

- Diploma of Rural Business Management
- Diploma of Agriculture
- Diploma of Conservation and Land Management
- Advanced Diploma of Rural Business Management
- Advanced Diploma of Agriculture
- Advanced Diploma of Conservation and Land Management

Recognition of prior learning is available. Contact Jennifer Gleason, 93175770 or jen@fgt.com.au

SLEX 2010

Armidale creeklands will host the 2010 Sustainable Living 29-31 October. Theme of this year's event is Live-Learn-Act. Special guests at this year's event include Dr Karl, Costa (SBS's Costa's Garden Odyssey) and John Dee. This year's program features Sustainable Farm tours—including engineered woodlands and working farms where innovative strategies have been implemented for grazing outcomes. View the official program at www.slex.com.au

Ben Lomond Carbon Focus

Ben Lomond Landcare Group and Glenrac will host an

information day on soil carbon on 4th November. Richard Makim will explain the carbon journey and Dr Chris Guppy from UNE will outline research taking place on the Northern Tablelands. Free. RSVP to Glenrac 67323443.

Landcare Muster new date

The Landcare Muster and Forum that was proposed for early November in Wellington has been postponed until 9 and 10 March 2011. More details will be available as the event nears.

Pestivirus Information Morning

Double B Beef will host an information morning on Pestivirus on Mon 8th November at Horton Valley. Pestivirus has been a popular point of discussion for many farmers in the last few years, with ~90% of all herds showing some level of exposure to pestivirus. RSVP to Georgina by 12.11.2010 on (02) 6723 6645 or doublebbeef@bigpond.com To find out more about Double B Beef (Barraba), visit www.bingara.com.au/index.cfm?page_id=1174

Fauna Awareness Workshop

This 3 hour workshop will be held at Warialda and presented by Alexander Dudley of Faunagraph. The event will coincide with the launch of BRG CMA's posters focused on

increasing knowledge and awareness of our native habitat and its inhabitants. RSVP by 3.11.10 to Kelly 67288041.

Grazing Management Workshop near Uralla

Southern New England Landcare at Armidale will host this workshop on farm at Bimbi Vale, Kentucky. This workshop on 4th December will feature Judi Earl, who will be assisted by local landholders. The day will encompass making changes to grazing management, the positives and negatives and innovative approaches to grazing. \$25 (partner \$15). Registrations to SNELC 67729123.

New Rural Industries Conference

RIRDC will host their first ever New Rural Industries Australia (NRIA) conference at the Gold Coast on 28-30 November. NRIA will showcase new and emerging industries and will bring together a fascinating array of rural industries, from crocodile farmers to wildflowers. The conference is all about turning passion into profit. New and emerging industries are said to be worth \$1 billion of Australia's agricultural exports. View details at www.nria2010.com.au