



NEW ENGLAND NORTH WEST LANDCARE

REGIONAL UPDATE

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LOCALS URGED TO NOMINATE FOR CMA BOARD

The Border Rivers Gwydir Catchment Management Authority is seeking nominations for 2 vacancies on their board. The skills based Board sets the direction for the CMA, and oversees and governs the Authority on behalf of the Minister for Primary Industries. Nominees must reside within the Border Rivers Gwydir catchment, and have an understanding of key natural resource management issues. For an information package, please contact Judy Fleming at the Inverell office on 67288 031.

VOTE FOR AUSTRALIA'S FAVOURITE ENVIRONMENTAL HERO!

Taking place in Sydney during Landcare Week, the 2012 National Landcare Awards celebrate the passion and diversity of Landcare, the grass-roots movement of farmers and community volunteers who protect and restore Australia's land and coast.

88 finalists representing 8 states and territories across 12 diverse categories will be recognised for their work utilising and promoting sustainable agriculture, caring for their local environments and educating others about the importance of local action and how it can make a real difference. We invite you to join in the celebrations by going online and voting for your favourite finalist in the 2012 Landcare People's Choice Award.

Voting closes at 4pm (EST) on Tuesday, September 4th, with the winner being announced at the 2012 National Landcare Awards gala dinner that night. To help you to promote this campaign to your networks, please find attached a web tile and media release that can be used on websites, newsletters and social media sites.

Landcare Week is September 3-9th.

For further information please contact Landcare Australia Limited
www.landcareonline.com

DROUGHT-FREE AND NOW DROUGHT REFORM

Australia became drought-free in May 2012 for the first time in over a decade, with no Exceptional Circumstances (EC) declared areas in Australia. The Australian Government is now working on its drought reform program which will move away from a crisis management approach to risk management and preparedness.

<http://www.daff.gov.au/about/budget/2012-13/reforming-drought-programs-factsheet>

NATIONAL TREE DAY

Planet Ark is calling on local environmental groups to register their National Tree Day event and inspire their communities to reconnect with nature. National Tree Day is on Sunday 29th July and Schools Tree Day is on Friday 27th July,

but you can register a site or activity on any date that suits you or your local environment. Be part of the country's largest nature care event and officially register your activities and/or event at

www.treeday.planetark.org.

Tree Day activities can also include plant maintenance, weed control, bush regeneration and seed collecting activities, as well as guided walks, gardening workshops, and plant or mulch giveaways.

GREENING AUSTRALIA CELEBRATING 30TH ANNIVERSARY

Alcoa of Australia and Greening Australia celebrate a 30 year milestone this year in one of Australia's longest and most successful corporate and environmental NGO partnerships.

This unique 30 year partnership has seen more than 200 million trees provided to farmers, millions of seeds collected and seedlings planted, large scale landscape transformation and the participation of tens of thousands of school children and over 500 teachers in education programs, such as the hugely successful habitat revegetation program Grow Us a Home.

The partnership's success has been honoured on many occasions by a number of awards and acknowledgements. Recently it was announced as a finalist in the 2012 United Nations Association of Australia World



Send your news for the Landcare Update to
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Environment Day Awards for environmental best practice.

JUNIOR LANDCARE GRANTS

Round 3 of Coles Junior Landcare Grants are now open. These grants to the value of \$1000 will assist with the development of various garden projects, not only educating children about fresh fruit and vegetables, but also the importance of looking after the environment. Schools, kindergartens, day care centres and youth groups looking to start their own garden program can apply for a Coles Junior Landcare garden grant by registering with Junior Landcare at www.juniorlandcare.com.au. Applications close Friday 27th July.

SIMPLY GREEN – BACKYARD FUN FOR FAMILIES

Simply Green Back Yard Fun for Families, a new FREE eBook that promotes low cost green ideas and activities for families to enjoy in their own back yard has been released for Australian families battling the rising cost of living and time pressure of work. The brainchild of Melbourne Publicist Ron Smith and Bob Winters, one of Australia's leading sustainability educators, the 60 page publication has been released from the environmental website www.thelittlegreenbooks.com With Australian families facing a tough Budget and sky rocketing costs of living including energy, water, council rates and food, *Simply Green Back Yard Fun for*

Families is aimed at promoting the concept of family activity in the back yard which virtually costs nothing.

TWO EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES WITH LANDCARE NSW

Landcare NSW Inc (LNSW) exists to be a strong representative body to work for all grassroots community driven natural resource management in NSW. It is our aim to support community organisations working to promote and encourage awareness and education in sustainable natural resource management and advocate ecologically sustainable development. There are currently two positions available that will support the work of the volunteer executive of Landcare NSW – Landcare NSW Project Officer & Landcare NSW Executive Officer (Location of the positions is subject to negotiation) For further information and to access the employment information package please go to <http://www.landcarensw.org.au/node/2671>

PEST ANIMAL MANAGEMENT & LANDHOLDER ENGAGEMENT IN NEW ENGLAND NSW

This project is being delivered by NENW Landcare Network Chairs Inc in partnership with the five Landcare networks of the New England North West and numerous other partners.

The project will be delivering support and assistance for control programs as well as a number of field days and training workshops over the next 12 months.

Coordinated pest animal control utilising a number of control methods will be encouraged and supported through the development of coordinated groups. Co-operative community control efforts reduce the rate of pest animal reinvasion, and landholders save time and money by planning coordinated action. If you would like to know more about the project or are interested in starting or joining a pest animal control group in the New England Tablelands area contact your local Landcare Office or Project Manager Bec Ballard on 02 67729123 or bec@snelcc.org.au

EMISSIONS AT A RECORD HIGH

Global carbon-dioxide emissions from fossil-fuel combustion reached a record high of 31.6 gigatonnes in 2011, according to preliminary estimates from the International Energy Agency. This represents an increase of 1.0 Gt on 2010, or 3.2%. Coal accounted for 45% of total energy-related CO2 emissions in 2011, followed by oil (35%) and natural gas (20%). <http://www.iea.org/newsroomandevents/news/2012/may/name,27216,en.html>