



2013 LANDCARE ADVENTURE

Upper Gwydir Landcare Association will host the 15th annual Landcare Adventure on the 19th & 20th March 2013.

This year's program includes 2012 Farming Woman of the Year Anne Williams, Graeme Sait from Nutritech Solutions, Dr Carole Hungerford, Ben Keogh of Australian Carbon Traders and Bart Davidson.

The Adventure includes the presentation of the Border Rivers -Gwydir Regional Landcare & Catchment Management Awards at the dinner on Tuesday 19th.

For further information call UGLA (Bingara) on 02 6724 2052.

Hope to see you there!

ONLINE TRAINING ROOMS

Are you part of a not for profit community group? Are your members struggling to get the time to travel to meetings? Rural Biz are offering the use of their online interactive training rooms to community organisations in remote areas - FREE!! (first come first served). The online training rooms enable people from different areas to meet online instead of face to face and interact via voice and text. Rural Biz is happy to show you how to use this technology for your organisation. Please contact Rural Biz if you would like to explore running some of your meetings online - Email admin@ruralbiztraining.com.au

SUCCESSION PLANNING FOR SUCCESS

If you have 10 minutes to spare why not make a cuppa and sit down and listen to an interview with Lisa Herbert (ABC Rural) and our 2013 NSW-ACT RIRDC Rural Women's Award finalists, Isobel Knight.

Succession planner Isobel Knight says preparing a plan can have great financial benefits (Lisa Herbert)

Not many farmers like to think about what will happen to their business when they get a little long in the tooth. That's why less than 10 percent of farming families take part in succession planning.

Succession planner Isobel Knight says the process isn't only about just 'who gets what and when'; it's about business continuity.

"A lot of people don't want to do a succession plan because they think it gives them a use-by date."

But that's not the case.

"Good succession uses the wisdom of the 'wise old heads' along with the enthusiasm of the young people. A good plan has everyone in a role and doesn't cast someone out to retirement."

Isobel Knight is a finalist in the NSW Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation Rural Women's Award. The winner will be announced in Sydney on March 26.

<http://www.abc.net.au/rural/content/2013/s3710446.htm?site=newengland>

BEEF TRADING SYSTEMS & PASTURE ECONOMICS IN THE NEW ENGLAND

Learn whether it pays to agist to produce low cost weaners for trading systems.

Understand whether your pastures are making you more profitable.

New England beef producers are invited to attend a series of 3 workshops aimed at improving profitability.

Topics for the workshops:

Workshop 1 - Agisting to produce low cost weaners - does it pay?

Workshop 2 - Pasture economics does more production equal more profit?

Workshop 3 - In field pasture assessment case study

Total cost: \$275 per business up to 2 business members (for 3 workshops)

For further information contact John Francis at Holmes Sackett on (02) 69317110 or email john@holmessackett.com.au

THE COMMUNITIES IN CONTROL CONFERENCE 2013

Melbourne - Monday 27 and Tuesday 28 May 2013

EARLY BIRD OFFER - BOOK NOW
AND SAVE!

Pre-Conference Marketing & Social Media Bootcamp on

Sunday 26 May

If the voice of the not-for-profit sector is to be heard amongst the cacophony of individual fears and complaints we must know our common mission and





understand our common interests.

The Communities in Control Conference brings not-for-profit & government sectors together to rededicate our efforts to the cause we all share. www.ourcommunity.com.au/cic2013

QRRRW STONG WOMEN WEBINARS

Do you need some regular inspiration in your life? Then why not consider signing up for our Strong Women Webinars series? Each month, an inspiring woman shares her Strong Woman journey, including her tips and tricks, the challenges she's faced and overcome, her wisdom for the future and her vision for life.

You can listen to each monthly webinar live, or download it to play later at a time that suits you.

You can also phone the QRRRW's office on 1300 795-571 or email admin@qrrrn.org.au if you have any questions.

CREATING KITCHEN GARDENS WORKSHOP

Thalgarrah Environmental education Centre (EEC) is pleased to be able to once again offer to schools the opportunity to send teachers to our Institute registered course Creating Kitchen Gardens on Thursday 9th May 2013.

This day will be presented by three expert horticulturalists from Sydney Royal Botanic Gardens as well as including

curriculum sessions by Thalgarrah Environmental Education Centre staff.

With strong endorsement from course sponsors, Border Rivers-Gwydir Catchment Management Authority (CMA), we are inviting attendees to arrive at Thalgarrah EEC after school on the previous day, Wednesday 8th May. This will be an opportunity to share a (free) meal at Thalgarrah, to meet other teachers with similar interests and to meet informally with the course presenters. Please note that the enrolment fee of \$110.00 including GST (covering morning tea, lunch and resources) will be reimbursed to the first 25 enrolments (CMA Sponsorship). For more details please contact Thalgarrah EEC on 6775 1736.

FERAL ANIMAL CONTROL AND LANDHOLDER TRAINING DAY

Landcare will be hosting a number of Feral Animal and Landholder training days aimed at Identifying pest animal signs and implementing control. The days will concentrate on maximising your pest animal control efforts by identify signs of pest animals, use of different bait preparation and placement techniques, sensor trail cameras: what's available and what benefit are they + how to undertake effective monitoring and record keeping.

Barraba – Wednesday 17th April 'Gundamulda', 1560 McIntyre Road Barraba
RSVP 11th April, to UGLA on 02

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Inverell – Thursday 18th April 'Maryland', 3386 Nullamanna Road, Pindaroi
RSVP 12th April to GWYMAC on 6721 1241

ONLINE WORM EGG COUNTING WORKSHOP

Wednesday - 10 April 2013

Workshop Time: 8.45am to 12 pm & 1pm to 4pm (AEST) Learn how to:

- Use worm egg counts to detect worm infestations early
- Identify worm eggs under a microscope
- Do your own worm egg counts and interpret the results
- Use tests to determine which drenches are effective on farm
- Use WormBoss to help with your decision making

You will need to order applicable equipment and allow 4 weeks for it to arrive.

This course is the practical section of the unit *AHCLSK504A Develop Livestock Health and Welfare Strategies from the Diploma of Agriculture*.

For more information or to complete a workshop registration form go to www.ruralbiztraining.com.au for

THE SPORTS WITHOUT BORDERS CONFERENCE

Melbourne - Friday, 3 May
Learn to recruit volunteers, engage members and develop partnerships and more for your club, all while playing your part in developing a more tolerant Australian community. www.ourcommunity.com.au/swb2013