



## NEW ENGLAND NORTH WEST LANDCARE

# REGIONAL UPDATE

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### LOCAL LAND SERVICES ELECTIONS ON 12 MARCH 2014

The inaugural Local Land Services Board Member elections will take place on 12 March 2014. There are three members to be elected to each region.

Nominations for Board member positions are now open. Occupiers of rateable land are eligible to nominate a candidate. Nominations close 5pm 31 January 2014

Ratepayers across the State are encouraged to enrol to vote by lodging an enrolment form to be eligible to vote in the 2014 LLS elections.

Only persons on the Local Land Services electoral roll for the region will be eligible to vote. Persons on the electoral rolls of Livestock Health and Pest Authorities will not have their names automatically transferred to the LLS electoral roll.

Enrolments close 5pm 17 February 2014.

For more information please visit <http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/locallandservices>

### NATIONAL LANDCARE FACILITATOR NEWSLETTER

The November / December 2013 issue of the National Landcare Facilitator newsletter is now available visit <http://www.landcareonline.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/NLF-November-December-2013-Newsletter.pdf>

### NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR THE 2014 WOMEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

The NSW Women of the Year Awards are a fantastic way for our communities to recognise the inspirational women in our lives and nominate them for an award.

These Awards showcase women who have made outstanding contributions to the community and have paved the way for women in NSW, particularly the younger generation.

This year a third category has been added to the awards which will recognise the achievements of young women in our community.

This category shines the spotlight on young women aged 18 to 30 who have excelled in their chosen field or have made a significant contribution in the community.

Awards will be presented in three categories:

- \* The NSW Premier's Award for Woman of the Year
- \* A.H. Beard's Community Hero Award
- \* Harvey Norman's Young Woman of the Year Award

The Awards are a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge the outstanding contributions and achievements of the hard-working women in the community.

Nominate someone today who you think deserves to be recognised.

For more information or to make a nomination visit [www.women.nsw.gov.au](http://www.women.nsw.gov.au). Nominations close on Thursday 9 January 2014 at 11.00pm.

### ADDITIONAL IN-DROUGHT SUPPORT PACKAGE FOR NORTH WEST NSW

Deputy Premier Andrew Stoner and Minister for Primary Industries Katrina Hodgkinson have announced a package of emergency in-drought support measures for primary producers and communities in North West NSW.

The NSW Government has allocated \$7.6 million to the emergency support measures for the Bourke, Brewarrina and Walgett local government areas. For more information, contact the NSW Rural Assistance Authority on 1800 678 593.

### IMPLEMENTING RAPID IMPROVEMENT IN PASTURE & CROPS

Four Hours That Could Change The Way You Farm!

Wednesday 11th December 2013  
8.30am to 12.30pm  
142 Brooklyn Road, Gravesend

Featuring:

Graeme Sait - a nutrition expert who travels the world highlighting the critical importance of soil in relation to animal, human and planetary health

Steve Capeness - is Australia's leading biological agronomist. He was one of the first soil scientists to move from a career in chemical agriculture to embrace the science of biological agriculture

RSVP to Mel Farthing 0427 185839

Free including a BBQ lunch.

Send your news for the Landcare Update to Jennie Coldham at [jennie@gbic.org.au](mailto:jennie@gbic.org.au)

The Regional Landcare Facilitator Program is an initiative of the Australian Government Department of Agriculture





## POSTCARDS FROM THE PINE FOREST PHOTO COMPETITION

Do you have a great photo taken from the Armidale Pine Forest, Tilbuster Ponds or Charleston Willows Recreation Area?

Using photos we want you to show us how important these local recreation areas are to you.....

Southern New England Landcare is hosting a Photo Competition for school children to celebrate the diversity of the Pine Forest and adjoining areas. This is a great activity for families to enjoy in the summer school holidays.

Entries close 31st January 2014  
For more information visit:  
[www.snelandcare.org.au](http://www.snelandcare.org.au)

## RWCONNECT SURVEY

Rural Women's Network's new Rural Women Connect (RWConnect) initiative was established earlier this year to create a platform for rural and regional women to voice their needs and concerns to government

An issue of concern to RWConnect is violence against women. We are keen to gather feedback from women living in rural and remote communities in NSW to help us better understand their needs in relation to services and support in this area. If you're a woman living in rural, regional and remote NSW spend a few minutes completing this short questionnaire at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SVCBGPQ>. Access to the survey will close Friday 3 January 2014.

## NEW COTTON EDUCATION KIT LAUNCHED

Cotton Australia has launched a new, comprehensive and interactive Cotton Education Kit to help senior secondary teachers and students understand the Australian cotton industry. The kit features detailed, but easily digestible information on the cotton process from fibre to fabric, from planting, growing and harvesting cotton to the ginning process, shipping and the manufacture of fabrics. The kit has a wealth of information and teaching aids about Australia's cotton industry. Sample the education kit and tell Cotton Australia what you think of the new resource to go in the running to win an iPad Mini. <http://cottonaustralia.com.au/cotton-classroom/test>

## EVERTRAIN LEARNING

Online learning allows farmers to connect from the paddock, a new e-learning training platform is available for agribusiness and farmers to study a range of courses on managing carbon, soil biology, salinity and climate risk.

The five EverTrain courses are:

- Managing Carbon on Agricultural Land;
- Managing Climate Risk in Agriculture;
- Salinity Concepts NSW;
- Salinity Management NSW;
- Soil Biology.

For more information or to sign up for a course go to:  
[www.evertrain.edu.au](http://www.evertrain.edu.au)

## AG DATA FOR GROUP TREASURERS

On the recent National Landcare Webinar on Little River Landcare having sound business processes and tools in place was one of the key elements that helped reinvigorate Little River Landcare Inc. into one of the most dynamic Landcare Groups in the country.

AGDATA Australia was on that webinar and thought that here was an opportunity to help these not for profit groups by providing their Treasurers with an accounting tool that could easily be moved from one Treasurer to the next with ease and was simple to use. Under their Community Involvement Program, AGDATA Australia is offering your group a free download of Phoenix Lite. To take advantage of this offer, send your Group and Treasurer's contact details to [stephend@agdata.com.au](mailto:stephend@agdata.com.au) quoting Little River Landcare offer. You will then be sent a download URL and an activation code.

## NEW LANDCARE NSW WEBSITE

Landcare NSW Inc has a new look website to provide Landcarers from across NSW with information and resources. Landcare NSW helps grassroots Landcare engage, communicate, and influence organizations and governments at the State and Federal level that play a role in natural resource management policy and resourcing. To visit the website go to [www.landcarensw.org.au](http://www.landcarensw.org.au)