



## NEW ENGLAND NORTH WEST LANDCARE

# REGIONAL UPDATE

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### BREEDING BETTER BEEF FIELD DAY

Northern Tablelands Local Land Services are hosting a Field Day on Wednesday 25th June at "Mountain Valley" 1220 Wallangra Road, Coolatai. The Field Day includes sessions on market compliance, supplying the EU market, Bindaree Beef's operations & MSA Index, as well as a practical session on selecting bulls that are highly fertile, structurally sound & well muscled. The field day starts at 9.00am. For more information and to RSVP please contact Jason Siddell, NT LLS on 02 6730 1941 or 0459 162 295.

### FUTURE LEADERS ENVIRONMENT AWARD 2014

The Future Leaders Environment Award recognises Year 12 students who have shown strong environmental leadership and initiative. Australian secondary schools are invited to nominate Year 12 students for the Award. In 2014, the award winners will receive a Fellowship to participate in an Earthwatch Expedition in Australia [www.earthwatch.org](http://www.earthwatch.org).

Nominations should include detailed information about the student's environmental leadership activities. This should be in the form of a letter on school letterhead and include two references. Nominations close 1 July.

For more info <http://www.futureleaders.com.au/>

### SOCIAL MEDIA WORKSHOP FOR WOMEN

Upper Gwydir Landcare Association present this fun and informative workshop at The Roxy Theatre on Wednesday 25th June starting at 3.30pm.

This workshop will empower women with the knowledge and skills to feel connected in the digital age. Facebook, Twitter, Linked In, Instagram... learn how to understand and respond to life on-line.

Melinda Tankard Reist is an author, speaker, commentator and advocate with a special interest in issues affecting women and young girls. She recognises parents fears about the impact that popular culture is having on our children and understands what we can do about it.

Bookings are essential—go to [www.trybooking.com](http://www.trybooking.com) (search for Bingara). Cost is \$15 per person.

### GRASSLAND SOCIETY OF NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Inverell is the venue for the Grassland Society of NSW Annual Conference 22nd-24th July 2014. "Versatile Production for a Variable Climate" featuring an exciting line up of presenters from Australia and abroad, including a number of local producers. There are also 4 bus tours on offer visiting a diversity of venues including Rangers Valley Feedlot, Guyra Tomato Farm, Sundown Pastoral Co or tropical pasture trials.

For more information visit <http://placestories.com/story/152128>

### A DAY IN THE LIFE OF LANDCARE

Landcare means many different things to many people and we want to see what a Day in the Life of Landcare looks like by finding out what it means to you.

July 20th 2014 marks 25 years since Landcare was announced as national initiative and we want to use that day to capture the diversity of Landcare and Landcarers and see what one of Australia's largest volunteer movement looks like 25 years on.

Help us celebrate this special anniversary by taking a photo of what Landcare means to you on July 20th and emailing it to [25years@landcareaustralia.com.au](mailto:25years@landcareaustralia.com.au) along with a short caption of no more than 20 words and your contact details.

We will share all submissions in a Facebook album and later this year will publish a special commemorative 'A Day in the Life of Landcare' book.

The best three entries as chosen by a panel of judges will also win a special prize pack containing 25 years of Landcare merchandise, two tickets to the 2014 National Landcare Awards gala dinner, and a copy of the Day in the Life of Landcare book.

Why not submit an event for July 20th to our online events calendar so you can be part of a Day in the Life of Landcare?

Visit <http://www.landcareonline.com.au/25years>



## PEABODY ENVIRONMENT AWARDS OPEN

Recently announced, The Peabody Environment and Landcare Awards are now open for 2014. This Award is open to those who are implementing Landcare practices on their own properties or within the local community, as well as groups who are promoting the need for environmental awareness within their community.

By nominating an individual or organisation in this year's The Peabody Environment and Landcare Award, they could be in the running to win \$5,000!

There are many categories and nominating is free and easy. Visit [www.awardsaustralia.com](http://www.awardsaustralia.com) to find out more. Nominations close 31st July.

## THE FARM CRAP APP'

UK soils researchers have helped develop an App to help farmers visually assess manures and slurry application rates, calculate nutrient levels and estimate potential savings in artificial fertilisers.

The App, allows farmers to select different seasons, types of manures and crops growing to see what the manure will provide in terms of fertiliser value. The app, is available on Apple and Android devices, through Google Play or iTunes stores. Go to:

<https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/farm-crap-app/id842077044?mt=8>

## 2014 NATIONAL LANDCARE CONFERENCE AND AWARDS

We are pleased to announce that the 2014 National Landcare Conference will take place in Melbourne from September 17th to 19th.

Taking place in Crown Conference Centre, the three day Conference will include a day of field trips to a number of Landcare projects in Victoria. The National Landcare Awards gala dinner will take place on September 18th at the World Heritage listed, Royal Exhibition Building, featuring 69 finalists in nine categories from across the country.

This year's National Landcare Conference promises to be an exciting celebration of 25 years of Landcare as a national program with a focus on the future and what this means for Landcare, with a program based on the theme – Celebrating our history – growing our future.

The National Landcare Conference and Awards are supported through funding from the Australian Government.

## PERFECT PITCH OF GREEN PROGRAM

Making Aussie schools and youth groups greener is the aim of a unique grant program donating thousands of square metres of natural turf across the country. Landcare Australia CEO Tessa Jakszewicz said the program was a great way to encourage outdoor learning. "We are delighted to be

part of this Perfect Pitch of Green program, which will provide kids with inviting outside environments, where they can experience the benefits of time spent outdoors enjoying their natural environments, which is the aim of Junior Landcare," said Ms Jakszewicz. Turf Australia members will donating the new grass to the successful schools and youth group applicants. For more info:

<http://www.juniorlandcare.com.au/news/archive/calling-on-aussie-schools-and-youth-groups-to-go-green>

## CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS & ADAPTATION WORKSHOP 2014

At the recent Climate Change Roadshow, you let us know that you wanted more information, we listened!!

Workshops are being held on the following dates:

Bonshaw - Monday 21st July - 2pm to 5pm (Bonshaw Public Hall)

Armidale - Tuesday 22nd July - 2pm to 5pm (City Bowling Club)

Glen Innes - Wednesday 23rd July - 2pm to 5pm (Glen Innes RSL Club)

Inverell - Thursday 24th July - 5pm to 8pm (Inverell RSM Club)

Tenterfield - Friday 25th July - 2pm to 5pm (Tenterfield Golf Club)

Light refreshments provided.

RSVP by Tuesday 15th July. RSVP is essential. For more information or to RSVP for a workshop, contact: Vicky Wong on (02) 6728 8036 or email [vicky.wong@lls.nsw.gov.au](mailto:vicky.wong@lls.nsw.gov.au)