







## “Implementing sustainable land management practises in the Glen Innes district” Caring for Our Country Project BP 00139 2009 - 2013


### Caring for Our Country Business Plan Targets

-  Sustainable Farming Practises
  - Improving land management practises
  - Increase soil carbon or have adopted other soil management methods
  - Reduce risk of soil acidity
  - Improving knowledge and skills of land managers
  - 30% of land managers in four years
-  Biodiversity & natural icons
  - Increasing native habitat
  - Nationally by 400 000 ha in two years
-  Community skills, knowledge and engagement
  - Increasing community knowledge and skills
  - Increase participation in natural resource management


### Glenrac Activities Targets

-  Biodiversity
  - i. Develop incentive program for increasing native vegetation between National Reserve System and private lands
  - ii. Fund 10 projects to increase the area by 12ha.
-  Improving knowledge and skills of land managers
  - i. Establish 5 demonstration sites demonstrating soil carbon and soil acidity management strategies
  - ii. Conduct annual soil monitoring each year
  - iii. Hold 2 workshops (training) 20 farmers at each.
  - iv. Hold 4 field days at demo sites 40 farmers at each
  - v. Produce 5 publications
-  Increasing community knowledge and skills
  - i. Hold 2 field days to raise awareness about increasing biodiversity
  - ii. Attend 8 local events (4 x GI Show + others)
  - iii. Produce 18 newsletters (6 per annum)

### Glenrac Activities Achievements

-  Biodiversity
  - i. Develop incentive program for increasing native vegetation between National Reserve System and private lands
  - ii. Fund 10 projects to increase the area by 12ha.
    - a. Year 1 – 2010 – Planted 9920 seedlings on 22 farms – 9ha
    - b. Year 2 – 2011 – Planted 5760 seedlings on 16 farms - 6ha

### Summary 15,680 seedlings, approx. 15ha

-  Improving knowledge and skills of land managers
  - i. Establish 5 demonstration sites demonstrating soil carbon and soil acidity management strategies - completed.
  - ii. Conduct annual soil monitoring each year - completed.
  - iii. Hold 2 workshops (training) 20 farmers at each.
    - a) Spotlight on Weeds field day at Warawee May 2010 ( 35 participants)
    - b) All about carbon workshop, Ben Lomond 21st October 2010 (30 participants)
    - c) Soil & Plant Nutrition workshop, Glen Innes 9th May 2013 (18 participants)
  - iv. Hold 4 field days at demonstration sites 40 farmers at each
    - a) Spotlight on Weeds field day at Warawee May 2010 (45 participants)
    - b) Coolatai grass management at Reedy Creek 9 November 2010 (35 participants)
    - c) Creating healthy soils and how to increase soil carbon at “Redbank” 8th March 2012 (25 participants)



#### Improving knowledge and skills of land managers (cont)

- d) Soils, Seeds & Weeds field day at Il'al'do 8th April 2013 (19 participants)
- e) Coarse grass management at Reedy Creek 24th February 2012 (28 participants)
- f) Soils for Life Field day at Shannonvale Station 21st November 2012 (130 participants)
- g) Advanced livestock handling at Ardleigh (18 participants)
- v. Produce 5 publications
  - a) Sow your seedlings successfully – the Lynn way (09/2010)
  - b) Regenerative landscape management practises to achieve increased sustainable production (11/2012)
  - c) GLENRAC services guide (06/2011)
  - d) A guide to Eucalypts of the Glen Innes district (03/2013) – redesigned and reprinted
  - e) Summary of Project Achievements (06/2013)

#### Summary

- **Soil monitoring completed on 5 farms across the Glen Innes district**
- **Hosted 3 workshops attended by 83 participants**
- **Hosted 7 field days attended by 300 participants**
- **4 field days hosted on demonstration farms across the district**
- **Produced 5 new publications**

#### Increasing community knowledge and skills

- i. Hold 2 field days to raise awareness about increasing biodiversity
  - a. Sow Your Seedlings field day at "Yirri North" 23 Sept 2010 (38 participants)
  - b. "Little Llangothlin field day" 13th December 2010 (45 participants)
  - c. Trees on Farms field day at "Yirri North" 13th October 2011 (30 participants)
- ii. Attend 8 local events
  - a. GLENRAC display at the 2010, 2011, 2012 & 2013 Glen Innes Show.
- vi. Produce 18 newsletters (6 per annum) – Completed
- vii. Additional outcomes
  - a. Redeveloped the GLENRAC website 2012/2013
  - b. GLENRAC staff attended 4 local events
    - Grasslands Field Day 10/2010
    - Weed management Field day 10/2010
    - Governance training for community groups and 8/2011
    - Display at the GLENRAC AGM 9/2012

#### Summary

- **Hosted 3 biodiversity field day attended by 113 participants**
- **Attended 8 local events**
- **Produced 18 GLENRAC newsletters**

#### Additional Project Outcomes

- *Increased participation in Landcare*
- *Increase in Landcare memberships*
- *Increased participation in natural resource management activities*
- *Increased investment in NRM in the local community*
- *Raised GLENRAC's profile as a professional service provider*
- *Provided local training opportunities for land managers*

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