





# "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** 
  - Develop incentive program for increasing native vegetation between National Reserve System and private lands
  - ii. Fund 10 projects to increase the area by 12ha.
- of 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)

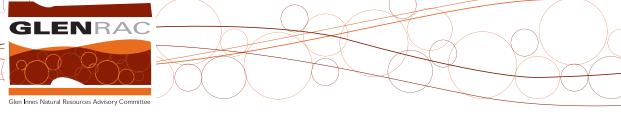
#### Glenrac Activities Achievements

- **Biodiversity** 
  - 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) Soil health in the spotlight 3rd June 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 It'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
- of 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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