

GLENRAC NEWSletter



Glen Innes Natural Resources Advisory Committee

Our vision is to create solutions for a sustainable and productive landscape.

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'RURAL WOMEN... WE'RE BACK!' – 29TH RURAL WOMEN'S GATHERING GOES OFF WITH A BANG IN GLEN INNES



L-R: Pip Job, Shannon Bishop, Christine Dance, Allegra Pinferi, Kate Dance, Lara Gresham, Anne Starr

More than 200 women (and a few men) celebrated the 29th Rural Women's Gathering in the New England.

GLENRAC and Guyra CWA Evening branch, with support from the NSW Government and the Rural Women's Network, organised the gathering - themed 'Restoring Our Colourful Selves' - featuring an impressive line-up of female guest speakers including politicians, journalists, farmers, health workers and emerging youth leaders.

At the Glen Innes Chapel Theatre Evening on October 13th, the room was full of sparkles and colour and the excited buzz of friends catching up, reinforcing the meaning in the words of MC and Guyra CWA President, Anne Starr: 'the key part of all rural communities is the female friendships.'

Performers Naomi and Alkira Bain opened the event before presentations from Allegra Pinferi, Glen Innes St Joseph's Primary School Captain; Nicky Scholes-Robertson, Armidale Citizen of the Year, Founder of the Rural Kidney Association; and Anna Barwick, 2022 NSW Premier's Woman of the Year, 2022 NSW Minerals Council Regional Woman of the Year, pharmacist, lecturer and author.

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GLENRAC MATTERS

Welcome to the first GLENRAC newsletter for 2023!

Rain, rain and more rain has resulted in a fantastic season despite the high risk of getting bogged in our paddocks. Our committee and staff are continuing to work hard to attract funding and bring new projects and opportunities to our community.

Check out the images from the very successful Rural Womens' Day activities, upcoming events and much more. Stay tuned!

The GLENRAC team

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The next day, the Honorable Bronnie Taylor MLC, NSW Minister for Women, Regional Health and Mental Health, told the audience at the Ben Lomond Memorial Hall that 'Rural women are amazing. We are industrious, we don't take no for an answer, we are practical, we don't ask for the world, we bring people into the middle; it really is our superpower,' Presentations followed from Gail Commens, Associated Country Women of the World SE Asia President; Ellie Mitchell, 2022 Guyra Evening CWA Scholarship recipient; Ellen Adams, exercise physiologist and Pilates instructor; Belinda Hook from BreastScreen; and Hayley Dawson on 'harnessing your hormones'.

'An amazing team of volunteers, staff, speakers, and special guests combined to create these memorable events, informing and celebrating rural women and launching the return of the NSW Rural Women's Network. We were also delighted to welcome Adam Marshall MP' said GLENRAC CEO, Kylie Falconer.

We are grateful for the support from Women NSW, Glen Innes Arts Council, Guyra CWA, Ben Lomond P&C, Ben Lomond Memorial Hall Committee, the GLENRAC team and all our motivational and informative presenters, including our two wonderful MCs: Anne Starr and Caitlin Furlong, Chief of Staff at ABC NENW. A special mention also to Alkira Bain and Tremane Patterson for Welcoming the gathering to Country.'



Adam Marshall, MP with Anne Starr, Guyra CWA President.



'We're Back' Bronnie Taylor.

READ

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A farmer's handbook to on-farm carbon management

This handbook is a handy introduction to carbon concepts and the requirements of participating in a carbon scheme. The handbook details practical carbon sequestration activities and the potential cost and income implications. It provides audience-specific information that outlines the steps to participate and the potential risks and returns for a farm enterprise.

Download a free copy of this 160-page book at <https://www.agrifutures.com.au/product/a-farmers-handbook-to-on-farm-carbon-management/>

Author(s): Carbon Count
17 Aug 2022



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TREE IDENTIFICATION FIELD DAY AT RUMMERY'S HILL

The first Saturday of November was spent with Rummery's Hill Landcare Group at "Redbank" with Tom and Lucy Faithfull and the members of the landcare group. Our wonderful ecologist, Peter Croft, taught us the simple ways to identify the different Eucalypt tree species and native bushes and flowers using the J.B. Williams Key to the New England Eucalypts.

Tom and Lucy are working with the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Trust to conserve woodlands and this day was a perfect opportunity for Rummery's

Hill neighbours to come together and increase their expertise and knowledge of our native flora. We bird watched too and identified a number of rare species although, not the critically - endangered Regent Honeyeater - one species we truly hoped to spot! We got to witness a natural hollow in a Eucalypt that Tom says has been occupied by generations of brushtail possums for many years - thanks to Jim Barker for the excellent photograph.



SIT IN FOR NATURE CAMPAIGN

GLENRAC took part in a national community art exhibition in October: Sit in for Nature Campaign organised by Carmel Killin - to honour all of our threatened and endangered species. GLENRAC's project manager, Mahri Koch, spent a Sunday at The Local in Glen Innes sharing information and images with visitors about our spotted tailed quoll, the critically endangered Regent Honeyeater, and a number of our threatened flora species.

Artworks of threatened species created by people across Australia were displayed at The Local for everyone to enjoy. We talked about where the threatened species live and what the key threats to their survival are. GLENRAC thanks Jim Barker for his excellent photography on the day



PROTECTING AND ENHANCING BIODIVERSITY: TREE PLANTING IN ACTION

GLENRAC has just completed a two year project funded by the NSW Environmental Trust that has planted 17,320 native seedlings with 26 participating landholders, and at 35 sites across the Northern Tablelands. The project concentrated on supporting and protecting two threatened ecological floral communities, New England Peppermint and White Box, Yellow Box, Blakely's red gum grassy woodlands.

GLENRAC was supported in the project by Glen Industries' horticultural division where the seedlings were carefully maintained and watered, and later planted. Continuation of funding to restore ecosystems across the Northern Tablelands is essential to enhance biodiversity and protect endangered woodlands now and into the future.

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MEET LOCAL LAND SERVICES' TWO NEW DISTRICT VETS FOR NORTHERN TABLELANDS

Dr Meg Parsons

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or meg.parsons@lls.nsw.gov.au

Dr Meg Parsons, born and raised in Inverell, completed her Veterinary degrees (Vet. Biology & Vet Science) at CSU, Wagga Wagga. Following positions at mixed practices in rural Queensland (Mount Isa, Sarina & Mackay), Meg arrived in Glen Innes with her young daughter and old kelpie in June 2022 to take up the District Vet position with Northern Tablelands LLS. She thoroughly enjoys being back in the Northern Tablelands region and looks forward to meeting you all out and about in the district.



Dr Kate Burren

(Wed-Thu) 02 6732 8800 / 0417 676 326 or kate.burren@lls.nsw.gov.au

Kate was born in Queensland and grew up on a beef cattle property. She completed her Bachelor of Veterinary Science at the University of Queensland and has been working as a vet in the Glen Innes region for the past 13 years. For the last 12 months, she has been working for the Local Land Services, as a part-time district vet. In her "spare time", she can be found helping run her husband's family's beef cattle and merino property, with their 2 young children.



HOMES FOR SQUIRREL GLIDERS AND GLOSSY BLACK COCKATOOS

GLENRAC's project to provide Homes and Habitat for Gliders & Glossy Black Cockatoos is progressing well, with 6,000 food and habitat seedlings planted at Currys Gap and Torrington State Conservation Areas as well as on two private properties. The project will also install 100 artificial nestboxes for squirrel gliders and glossy black cockatoos when the ground conditions allow for machinery access.



SURVEYING OUR FROGS PLEASE HELP

Dr Jodi Rowley, Amphibian and reptile conservation curator with the Australian Museum, has put out a call for help from all of us to record sightings and sounds of frogs across the Glen Innes and Guyra areas following the mass mortality event that occurred in the winter of 2021.

Dr Rowley's team has been conducting frog surveys in our area to find out how the frogs are faring in the wake of this event. She is now appealing to all of us to help her team by recording the calls of frogs using the *FrogID* app.

"Dead frogs were reported across rural paddocks and suburban backyards, and sick frogs were found sitting out in the open during the day, often discoloured and with patchy skin. In total, in that winter alone, over 1600 reports were received by people across Australia of sick and dead frogs," Dr Rowley said in her request for help.

You can read more from Dr Rowley by accessing this link:

<https://bityl.co/Ff1Y>

INFORMATION, OPPORTUNITIES AND FUNDING

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE AND LUMPY SKIN DISEASE

With the detection of Foot and Mouth Disease and Lumpy Skin Disease in Indonesia recently, it is important landholders be extra vigilant, understand what to look for, check your animals regularly and report any suspect cases.

Animal diseases can have a serious impact on livestock activity, trade and even human health. If you suspect or know of a notifiable animal disease, you have a legal obligation to report it immediately.

Fortunately Australia currently has a disease-free status for foot and mouth disease and lumpy skin disease, however we all need to play an active role in monitoring and reporting any suspect cases.

Your support is essential to protect NSW's clean reputation and ensure ongoing market access. An early report can make the difference between a disease becoming established or being eradicated.

Foot and mouth disease and lumpy skin disease are nationally notifiable diseases. It is critical that all livestock owners know what these diseases look like and that you check your animals regularly, reporting any suspect signs immediately to your local district vet on 1300 295 299 or the Emergency Animal Disease Watch Hotline on 1800 675 888.

For further information visit www.ils.nsw.gov.au/EAD or contact your Local Land Services District Veterinarian by calling 1300 795 299.

YOUNG FARMER SURVEY

GLENRAC recently asked what projects, events, workshops and/or support young farmers would like to see from GLENRAC.

The survey indicated that workshops to develop skills in building drought resilience, on-farm pasture walks and assistance with funding were all considered to be valuable to young farmers.

GLENRAC hope to keep delivering events that will engage young farmers. If you have any suggestions or ideas of events that you would like GLENRAC to run, send an email to glenrac@glenrac.org.au

GLENRAC IS SEEKING YOUR ASSISTANCE

The research team for the MLA-funded project 'Serradellas for new environments' is conducting a survey to assess current awareness and attitudes toward serradellas in permanent pastures.

If you complete the survey by Wednesday 21st December 2022, you have the opportunity to enter a draw to win a \$200 gift card for a major retailer. There is a gift card for each survey category.

Link: <http://bit.ly/3tu9t6M>

RURAL LANDHOLDERS GRANTS

Up to \$25,000

Applications close 30 June 2023

Grants are available to landholders and oyster farmers in declared Local Government Areas (LGAs) who have holdings of at least 10ha of rural land or a Class A aquaculture permit authorising at least 1ha; and receive at least \$20,000 in income from primary production per annum.

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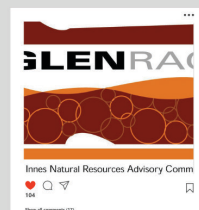


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Follow

If not go follow us so you don't miss out on an event! [@Glenrac](https://www.instagram.com/glenrac)

We have some exciting new events coming in the new year



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WHAT CAN RFCS HELP YOU WITH?

Rural Financial Counselling Service NSW - Northern Region offers financial counselling and guidance to Primary Producers who are experiencing, or at risk of experiencing financial hardship. Our services are free to all Primary Producers who are eligible.

Your Rural Financial Counsellor can assist you to;

- Analyse business performance & understand your financial position
- Develop cash flow budgets & projections
- Explore & identify options (Business & Risk management planning) to improve financial self-sufficiency.
- Prepare for succession planning
- Prepare for and facilitate meetings with lenders
- Access Government Assistance and Information during times of need & declared disasters.

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<https://www.glenrac.org.au/flood-support>

2023 RURALBIZ TRAINING SCHOLARSHIPS

Apply now for a full-fee scholarship in 2023!

Courses:

- AHC50116 Diploma of Agriculture or
- AHC51422 Diploma of Agribusiness Management

Eligibility:

To meet the scholarship eligibility requirements, you must:

- have regular and ongoing access to a farm on which you can base your assessment tasks
- be an Australian citizen or permanent resident
- reside in a Regional, Rural or Remote area defined as RA2, RA3, RA4, or RA5 on the ASGS Remoteness Area Map 2016. (You can check your RA zone by entering your address, selecting the remoteness area filter here: [Remoteness Area Map](#) and select the remoteness ASGS 2016 filter.)

You need to complete a course enrollment application.

If you are not found to be eligible for a scholarship, you will be given the option of a standard enrollment or withdrawing your enrollment application.

Applications close 13 January 2023. Successful applicants are expected to complete all required enrolment procedures by 28 February 2023.

<https://www.ruralbiztraining.com.au/>

NOW ONLINE! VERTEBRATE PESTICIDE INDUCTION TRAINING

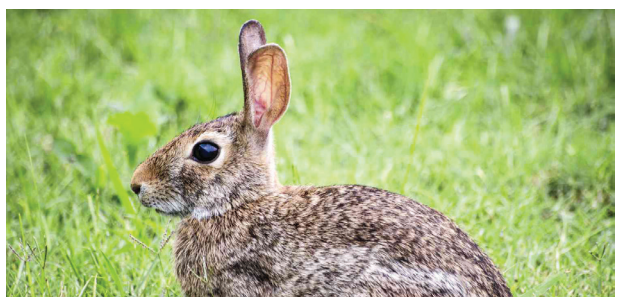
To acquire and use 1080, Pindone, RHDV, or PAPP baits in NSW, you must be accredited (or under the direct supervision of an accredited person) with an AQF3 Chemical Accreditation or *Vertebrate Pesticide Induction Training (VPIT) course* accreditation.

Our *online VPIT course* takes approximately two hours to complete and mirrors traditional face-to-face training using video and other online learning methods. Once you successfully complete the eight modules and five exams within the session, you will be emailed a certificate which is valid for up to five years.

The Local Land Services course takes you through the legal responsibilities, safety requirements and practical considerations for an effective use of baits and pesticides.

Complete the online course here:

<http://bit.ly/3UFzpsf>



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NAIDOC NEST-BOX BUILDING WORKSHOP AT COORAMAH

GLENRAC's nest-box building workshop was one of the many activities held at "Cooramah", the Glen Innes Aboriginal Cultural Centre for the Glen Innes Local Aboriginal Land Council's Community Open Day on 16 September 2022. It was such a treat to have members of the wider community - especially young people - learning how to easily create artificial nest boxes for a variety of native wildlife species.



We want to hear from you

If you live in the Torrington area & are having problems with invasive perennial grasses such as:

Giant Parramatta Grass
Whiskey Grass
Coolatai Grass
Bahia Grass



Call us on (02) 6732 3443 or email christine.davis@glenrac.org.au



This project is supported by GLENRAC, through funding from the Australian Government's Murray-Darling Healthy Rivers Program.



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WEED FOCUS - GORSE (*ULEX EUROPAEUS*)

Gorse is an invasive spiny shrub that forms dense impenetrable thickets. It can reduce pasture carrying capacity, block access and provide shelter for pests.

In National Parks and other environmental areas, gorse can compete with native vegetation and increase the risk of bushfire as it contains flammable oils and retains dead vegetation, increasing fuel loads.

Gorse is a spiny, branched, evergreen, perennial shrub, which commonly grows 1- 2.5 m in height. It is long-lived (up to 30 years) and has a deep and extensive root system.

GLENRAC COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT 2022/23

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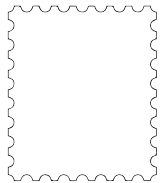
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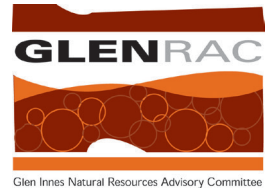
To The Land Manager

This activity is part of the Local Landcare Coordinators initiative



**Local Land
Services**

The Local Landcare Coordinators initiative is funded by the NSW Government and is supported through the partnership at Local Land Services and Landcare NSW



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Digging Deeper

Series of three workshops looking at understanding soil type, soil health and soil fertility. **FREE soil tests.**

**Tuesday
21st February
2023
9:30am - 3:00pm**

Understanding Soils

Learn about how the soils on your place really work!

A hands-on interactive workshop that gives participants an introduction to soils and soil health. It covers the biological, physical and chemical aspects of soils. Participants get their hands dirty with a range of soils in practical activities.

Managing Soil Health

Demystify soil health and learn how to manage it on your place.

This practical workshop gives participants the skills to assess and benchmark the biological, chemical and physical health of their soil using field skills and soil tests. We use the RASH approach (Rapid Assessment of Soil Health) which is an easy way to manage your soils' health.

Making sense of your soil test!

Learn the essentials for reading soil tests. Agronomic soil tests are a really useful tool for soil management but the ability to read and interpret them effectively takes skill and understanding. In this 1 day workshop we pull apart soil tests and learn how to make sense of them no matter what colourful graphs and technical jargon they contain.

Book your place now - numbers are limited!
Email jennie@glenrac.org.au
or phone **02 67323443**

National Landcare Program Smart Farms Small Grants - an Australian Government Initiative

