



## NEW ENGLAND NORTH WEST LANDCARE

# REGIONAL UPDATE

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### OPTIMIZING YOUR GRAZING BUSINESS FOR CASHFLOW & PROFIT

Tuesday 26th November 2013,  
9.30am - 3.00pm at Armidale  
Bowling Club, with Jim Lindsay, Rod  
Knight, and Grahame Rees.

At the KLR Marketing school we  
cover all areas you need to know to  
run a profitable grazing business.  
Profitable grazing is about managing  
that grass resource and selling that  
as animals whether it be breeders,  
agistment or trading livestock.

To register visit

[www.klrmktg.com.au](http://www.klrmktg.com.au)

### SEASONAL UPDATE FOR LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS

Border Rivers-Gwydir CMA are  
presenting a road show of  
information sessions for Northern  
Tablelands livestock producers  
focussed on grazing management,  
supplementary feeding, early  
weaning strategies, animal health  
and sheep industry outlook.

Inverell - Monday 25th November  
Riverside Function Centre  
9.00am - 12 noon

Armidale - Tuesday 26th November  
Armidale Golf Club  
7.30am—10.30am

Tenterfield - Wednesday 4 December  
Tenterfield Golf Club  
6.00pm - 9.00pm

Glencoe - Friday 6th December  
Red Lion Tavern  
9.00am - 12 noon

Places are limited so RSVP is essential  
to Jason Siddell on 0459 162 295 or  
email [jason.siddell@cma.nsw.gov.au](mailto:jason.siddell@cma.nsw.gov.au)

### WETHER TRIAL SHEARING

The first shearing of the Northern  
Tablelands Wether Trial (2011 drop 25  
teams from local commercial breeders)  
will be held at the Glen Innes Ag  
Research Station woolshed on  
Thursday 5th December 2013. People  
are welcome to call in and see teams  
being shorn throughout the morning -  
perhaps they will get a job on a broom!

Enquiries to Jim Meckiff 0428968159  
or the Ag Research Station 67301923

### IS IT TIME TO CHECK FOR WORMS?

Our interactive online Faecal Worm  
Egg Counting workshop is a great first  
step to targeted and effective worm  
control.

Learn about different parasite types,  
life cycles, use of a microscope to  
determine the need for and timing of  
drenching, non-chemical control  
strategies and integrated pest  
management.

Our next online workshop is  
Wednesday 11 December 2013. Visit  
[http://www.ruralbiztraining.com.au/  
courses/worm-egg-counting](http://www.ruralbiztraining.com.au/courses/worm-egg-counting) for full  
details or download a registration  
form. Don't miss out!

### WILD DOG PREDATION & REPORTING

Across the New England LHPA region  
for the month of October 211 sheep,  
lambs, goats and cattle were killed by  
wild dogs, and 28 stock mauled. 60  
wild dogs were sighted, with some  
sightings being of packs of up to 6  
dogs. This information is vital in the  
allocation of resources for wild dog  
control activities, so it is important that  
producers report all wild dog attacks  
and sightings to the local LHPA Ranger.

### 2014 LANDCARE ADVENTURE

Mark it in your diary - the 2014  
Landcare Adventure will be held  
19th & 20th March 2014 in Glen  
Innes. Your hosts GLENRAC are  
already assembling a great line-up  
of speakers including Sam Bailey,  
Terry McCosker and Isobel Knight.

### WIN A \$25,000 GRANT TO HELP YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

RAS Foundation 2014 Community  
Futures Grant Now Open. The  
Royal Agricultural Society of NSW  
(RAS) Foundation is giving young  
people who live in rural NSW the  
chance to secure a \$25,000 grant  
to deliver a new and innovative  
community project.

Now in its sixth year, the RAS  
Foundation Community Futures  
Grant has gifted \$250,000 to  
community projects across NSW.

Applications for the Community  
Futures Grant will be judged on  
several criteria including  
innovation, impact on the  
community and plans for  
implementation. They must  
identify an existing community  
organisation or group to partner  
with to deliver their project.  
Eligible entrants must be 35 years  
or under on 1 May, 2014 and  
projects must be located in rural  
or regional NSW.

Applications close 13 January,  
2014.

Interested applicants can visit  
[www.rasnsw.com.au/programs](http://www.rasnsw.com.au/programs)  
to find out more and to complete the  
online application form.

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

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





## FUNDING FOR 50+ YEAR OLD FARMERS

Over 50? Like to get a qualification and knowledge recognised formally, or do some extra training towards a qualification. RuralBiz Training and Rural Skills Australia have joined forces to apply for SkillsConnect funding for Mature Aged Workers. Check out the factsheet at <http://www.ruralbiztraining.com.au/LiteratureRetrieve.aspx?ID=149686> for more details.

The project will not start until 2014 (preferably late February) but we need to know NOW if you're interested to secure the funding. Please complete the Expression of Interest Form at <http://www.ruralbiztraining.com.au/expression-of-interest-mature-age-worker-funding> immediately to be included.

## PROTECTING OUR INTERESTS

World Heritage Information Sharing Day - Washpool National Park on Friday 6th December 2013. The day will begin at 9.45am at Granite Lookout with morning tea and includes a free BBQ lunch.

Presenters on the day will discuss strategic invasive weed and vertebrate pest animal management, as well as a flora & fauna walk.

Please RSVP to Mahri Koch on 0428 272781 by 2nd December 2013.

## GROW IT LOCAL EVENTS

The following are 'Grow it Local' events with guest presenters Jerry Coleby-Williams and David Carr

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November  
Jerry Coleby-Williams visits Boomi School

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November  
Jerry Coleby-Williams visiting Mungindi Central & St Josephs

Sustainable Living evening under the stars in Mungindi (venue TBA)

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November  
Jerry Coleby-Williams visits Moree High School Carol Avenue Campus

Sustainable Living evening under the stars in Moree (venue TBA)

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November  
Jerry Coleby-Williams visits Croppa Creek & North Star

Sustainable Living evening under the stars in Boggabilla (venue TBA)

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November  
Jerry Coleby-Williams visits Toomelah & Boggabilla

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November  
8-10am at the Goondiwindi Community Gardens

10am-12pm at an Open Garden with the Goondiwindi Garden Club

5-9pm at the Goondiwindi Botanical Gardens

For more information contact Border Rivers-Gwydir CMA on 02 67288020 or visit

[www.brg.cma.nsw.gov.au](http://www.brg.cma.nsw.gov.au)

## PHOTOGRAPHY PRIZE 2014

WetlandCare Australia invites photographers of all ages to enter our Photography Prize. Exhibit your work in Townsville, QLD, and celebrate World Wetlands Day on Sunday 2 February 2014. To enter visit [www.wetlandcare.com.au](http://www.wetlandcare.com.au) or call 1800 816 147, closes 7th December.

## IN SAFE HANDS TOOLKIT

The In Safe Hands Toolkit is a user friendly safety management system for community groups. This is currently being made available FREE by Conservation Volunteers Australia (CVA). CVA is supported by the Australian Government to assist community groups with their safety management. Get your copy of In Safe Hands Toolkit through a download at [www.insafehands.org.au](http://www.insafehands.org.au)

CVA are also conducting an In Safe Hands Toolkit Workshop training program - FREE. See dates and locations at [www.insafehands.org.au](http://www.insafehands.org.au)

## 2013 LANDCARE FARMER SURVEY

The 2013 National Landcare survey of 500 commercial farmers found that respondents chose to be part of local Landcare and farming systems groups to get information tailored to local issues/conditions, join social networks and see what other farmers are doing. Their primary information sources were the rural media, local Landcare/farming systems groups and State departments of agriculture. Average farm expenditure on pests and diseases was around \$20,000.

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