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## GRANTS FOR ENVIRONMENT, SUSTAINABILITY AND HERITAGE ORGANISATIONS

The 2012-13 round for Grants to Voluntary Environment, Sustainability and Heritage Organisations (GVESHO) has now been announced.

The GVESHO program helps eligible community based organisations to value, conserve and protect Australia's natural environment and historic heritage and to promote sustainability by assisting with their administrative costs.

Grants provided through the program may be used to assist with salaries and salary on-costs for executive and administrative staff; office accommodation rental; electricity, gas, phone and other similar charges; essential office supplies and equipment; staff and volunteer training; photocopying and printing costs; and travel costs incurred on behalf of the organisation.

Applications will close 5pm (AEST) 14 September 2012. More details on the program along with the application form and guidelines will shortly be available on the website: [www.environment.gov.au/gvesho](http://www.environment.gov.au/gvesho) or can be obtained by sending an email to [gvesho@environment.gov.au](mailto:gvesho@environment.gov.au) or phoning on 1800 003 562.

## NEW BOOK - 'STICKS AND STONES'

The Border-Rivers-Gwydir CMA have launched a new book by Harry White and Tony Sonter. The book 'Sticks and Stones' is a

valuable guide to stone artefacts, wooden tools, weapons and implements used and traded by the Aboriginal people in the Border Rivers and Gwydir catchments. Contact Harry White on 6728 8047 or [harry.white@cma.nsw.gov.au](mailto:harry.white@cma.nsw.gov.au)

## WETLANDS AND WOODLANDS EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

High Country Wetlands and Woodlands is an exciting new project being undertaken by Southern New England Landcare. It extends the recent HiCUB project well beyond the towns into grazing country and woodland areas. The project focuses on conserving and increasing the resilience of three nationally listed endangered ecological communities that occur across the northern tablelands. These are Box Gum Grassy Woodlands, New England Peppermint Woodlands and Upland Wetlands (Lagoons). The project runs until May 2013. For more details please contact Nic Cobcroft or Bec Ballard at SNECC 6772 9123 or [nic@snelcc.org.au](mailto:nic@snelcc.org.au) Closing date for registering interest is 21 September 2012.

## SMALL GRANTS FOR SMALL RURAL COMMUNITIES FOUNDATION FOR RURAL AND REGIONAL RENEWAL

(Source: Regional Arts NSW e-Bulletin August 2012)

The Small Grants for Small Rural Communities program offers up to \$400,000 per round in

grants up to \$5,000 for projects and activities that offer clear public benefit for communities, with populations of 10,000 or less, living in small rural and remote locations in Australia, contributing to their development in social and community welfare, economic, environmental, health, education or cultural areas. Applications are invited from not-for-profit, incorporated community organisations. For more information go to - [www.frrr.org.au](http://www.frrr.org.au)

**Applications close 30 Sept 2012**

## SNELC TREEFEST LANDCARE CHALLENGE

Southern New England Landcare invites your Landcare group to come along to "The Hill" Kentucky, and join in the Treefest Landcare Challenge on Friday 21st September. Each group can send a team of 3 people to complete 3 challenges including, a tree planting race, fencing challenge and seed ball making. The team with the highest score at the end of the challenge will win \$2000 for on-ground works for their group. Runner-up receives a book prize. Enter your best team and challenge for the title of Treefest Champion 2012. Bring a cheer squad and join other activities until 4pm. For a registration form contact Gwymac on 67211 241.

## YATES JUNIOR LANDCARE BACKYARD CHALLENGE

How does your backyard grow? This exciting new challenge



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gives kids the opportunity to explore what is growing in their very own backyards!

We are asking kids to submit a photo or short video, and want to hear about everything from pot plants on apartment balconies to leafy suburban gardens or rural and remote properties, and everything in between.

Awesome prizes are up for grabs from Canon Australia, and a few exciting celebrity judges will pick the winning entries!

Kids aged 8 – 16 can enter, and you can enter as individuals, families, schools, or with a youth group such as Scouts or Girl Guides.

The challenge will launch on Monday, 10th September 2012. If you would like an email reminder make sure you REGISTER!

## **WORM EGG COUNTUNG WORKSHOP**

Hosted by Gwymac Landcare, the workshop will be delivered by David Worsley (Ruralbiz Training) and is designed to teach you how to identify worm eggs under a microscope, do your own worm egg counts + interpret the results, use tests to determine which drenches are effective on farm, and use worm egg counts to detect worm infestations early.

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2012 (8.30am-4pm) at the Bonshaw Hall, Bonshaw

**Cost - \$40 (Normally \$250)**

Please note places will be limited to 10 participants.

RSVP – To Gwymac Landcare

office on 6721 1241 or [admin@gwymaclandcare.net.au](mailto:admin@gwymaclandcare.net.au)

## **NEW CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR BRG CMA**

Hans Hietbrink is the new Chair of the Border Rivers-Gwydir CMA Board. As the Mayor of Guyra Shire Council Hans will bring experience in governance, planning and leadership to the role of Chair. He is looking forward to meeting current and future clients in our catchment communities.

Jim Benton and Angela Doering have been appointed to the Border Rivers-Gwydir CMA Board, joining our new Chair Hans Hietbrink and current members, Leanne Savage, Jim Burley, Sue Hudson and Deputy Chair Grahame Marriott to complete the Board team.

## **WORLD RIVERS DAY BARBECUE AT INVERELL**

On Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup> of September celebrate World Rivers Day at the Sapphire City Markets in Campbell Park, Inverell and enjoy a barbecue with the Border Rivers-Gwydir CMA.

## **HOLISTIC MANAGEMENT**

Expressions of Interest are being taken for a Holistic Management course starting on 1st November. Cost of the course is highly subsidised, at only \$231.00 per person. This course will run over several months and will include; increasing productivity sustainably, increasing soil carbon, reducing weed and

pest problems naturally, improving time management, understanding the benefits of grazing charts, using animals as a tool to improve the environment; understanding the principles of planning for profit and including the whole family or business partners in decisions and the future. To register your interest, please contact Gwymac on 67211 241.

## **YEAR OF THE FARMER CELEBRATIONS**

On Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup> of September, the Inverell community is invited to take part in a celebration of agriculture as part of the Australian Year of the Farmer. A terrific line up of guest speakers will entertain and inform. Tickets will be on sale shortly. Contact Annabelle Monie for more details on 02 6728 8032.

## **CARBON FARMING 2012 PROFITING FROM THE CARBON FARMING REVOLUTION**

Showcasing the latest advances in Carbon Farming and Sequestration technologies, experts in advanced Carbon Farming techniques & Government representatives will be presenters & exhibitors at the Carbon Farming Conference & Expo. Learn how to avoid the carbon tax and speak with the experts.

Dubbo 23-25 October 2012 at the Dubbo Regional Theater. For more information – [carbonfarmingconference.com.au](http://carbonfarmingconference.com.au)