



## NEW ENGLAND NORTH WEST LANDCARE

# REGIONAL UPDATE

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### NSW STATE LANDCARE AWARDS "PEOPLE'S CHOICE"

The People's Choice Award for the 2013 NSW State Landcare Awards is now open for voting.

There are nominations from the New England North West in all categories, except Young Landcare Leader and Coastcare.

You can only vote for one nominee across all of the categories (i.e. not one nominee in each category, just one all up) and you can only vote once, so choose carefully!

Follow this link to the People's Choice voting [http://www.landcareonline.com.au/?page\\_id=11525](http://www.landcareonline.com.au/?page_id=11525)

### TRAINING NEEDS IN LANDCARE

Conservation Volunteers Australia (CVA) is conducting a survey of organisations working in practical conservation activities. This survey will assist CVA to develop and implement training programs that will benefit Landcare.

It is a simple survey that should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete. Have your say about training for your organisation by completing the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TrainingNRM>.

For more information contact Graeme Hickingbotham, CVA National Training Manager at [ghickingbotham@cva.org.au](mailto:ghickingbotham@cva.org.au).

### NATIONAL LANDCARE WEBINAR WITH ALLAN SAVORY

Allan Savory is often cited as one of the fathers of holistic management and is the founder of the Savory Institute. Whether you think his approach is compelling or controversial, most people agree that he is thought provoking and a great presenter that engenders discussion.

Please join me at; 12.00 noon EST on Friday 16th August for a free webinar discussion with Allan Savory. To register for the free webinar;

<http://www.webcasts.com.au/nlf160813/index.php?enter>

To see previous National Landcare webinars go to: [http://www.landcareonline.com.au/?page\\_id=10445](http://www.landcareonline.com.au/?page_id=10445).

### QUEENSLAND STATE LANDCARE CONFERENCE

27-29 SEPTEMBER 2013

The Queensland State Landcare Conference will take place from the 27th – 29th September in Warwick. This year's conference, with the theme Healthy Habitats ... Profitable Production, will focus on balancing sustainable natural resource management with vibrant landscapes for profitable and productive farming.

For more information go to: <http://headwaters.ddrlandcare.org/>

### NSW LANDCARE & CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT FORUM

The forum will be held over three days from 3rd - 5th September 2013. The forum will be held at Newcastle with a number of field trips conducted around the region to showcase the environmental values and the amazing work being done by community groups, individuals and agencies to protect and enhance it.

This bi-annual forum is the premier event to showcase sustainability, Landcare and volunteering across NSW and includes the annual Landcare Muster and the NSW State Landcare Awards Dinner.

For more information on the program and how to register visit <http://landcarecmaforum.com.au/>

### NSW HENDRA UPDATE - WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Did you know that you can subscribe to a new weekly (or as required newsletter) from NSW DPI? The NSW Hendra Update has been introduced to inform horse owners, industry and other interested parties of developments in the Hendra virus situation in NSW. Newsletters will be sent out each week or more often as needs be. Go to <http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/agriculture/livestock/horses/health/general/hendra-virus> to subscribe.



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



### SMALL GRANTS FOR SMALL COMMUNITIES

The Small Grants for Small Rural Communities is a collaborative program supported by various partners. It is the longest running and broadest program offered by FRRR. The program is open twice a year, and closes at the end of March and September.

The program will offer 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.

**Round 24 will open on 1st August 2013.** Application forms and guidelines will be posted on this date.

[http://www.frrr.org.au/cb\\_pages/small\\_grants\\_for\\_small\\_communities.php](http://www.frrr.org.au/cb_pages/small_grants_for_small_communities.php)

### THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW 6TH AUGUST 2013

Holistic Management™ Conference in Orange on 6th August featuring Allan Savoury, along with Major General Michael Jeffery and a number of other high profile speakers.

For more information and to register visit [www.tasteorange.com.au](http://www.tasteorange.com.au)

### GWYMAC SPECIAL MEETING

On Friday 16th August at 2pm, on the same day as the Quarterly General Meeting, there will be a Special Meeting to ratify an updated version of the Gwymac Constitution.

Both meetings will be held in the Inverell Shire Council Chambers. All current members who plan to attend are encouraged to contact Gwymac or go to our website to view a copy of our constitution prior to the meeting.

Go to: <http://www.gwymaclandcare.com.au/event-details.php?eid=17>

### R & R AT BUNDARRA

On Thursday 8th August Gwymac Landcare will be hosting a Day of R & R – Revitalising soil and foliage, and Riparian Zone Management at Bundarra.

Guest speaker Shane Fitzgerald, Total Grower Services, is an agronomist and will be expanding on the benefits of soil microbiology and the use of Petrik certified organic fertilisers and biological farming systems to produce nutritionally complete food from strong healthy plants that require minimum chemical assistance.

The day will also include a River Management presentation from the BR-G CMA. For more information about this day or to register your interest please contact the Gwymac office on 02 67211241.

### INTERNATIONAL GRASSLAND CONGRESS

International Grassland Congress will be held 15th—19th September 2013 in Sydney with the theme “Revitalising grasslands to sustain our communities”.

The program will be delivered in 3 main streams:

1. Improving production efficiency to revitalise grasslands
2. Improving grassland environment and resources
3. Grassland people, rights, policies, practices and processes.

Register online at [www.igc2013.com](http://www.igc2013.com)

### PASTURE PLANT ADAPTATION TO DROUGHT & HIGH TEMPERATURE STRESS

Saturday 14th September 2013, Sydney University.

As the impacts of climate change impinge more and more on agriculture and the demand for increased production of animal protein grows, the search for pasture and forage plants with greater adaptation to drought and high temperature increases.

This workshop will bring together some of the leading researchers in the world in this field to present their findings.

For more information visit <http://grasslandnsw.com.au/news/event/workshop-pasture-plant-adaptation-to-drought-and-high-temperature-stress/>