

GLENRAC

Newsletter

June/Aug 2019



Glen Innes Natural Resources Advisory Committee

**Our vision
solutions for a
sustainable and
productive
landscape.**

Where to find us -
NPWS Building, 68
Church St, Glen Innes

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Many Hands, One Voice



WHITE ROCK
Wind Farm

Men's Night Out Event

The GLENRAC Men's Night Out, held on Friday 17 May 2019, at the Glen Innes Services Club was an excellent opportunity for people to hear the latest advice about men's health and wellbeing, catch up with friends and meet a racing industry great, Dick Johnson.

More than 100 attendees – male and female motor enthusiasts - enjoyed a free roast dinner with apple pie and sticky date pudding in the auditorium, decorated with racing flags, bunting and tyres generously loaned to GLENRAC for the night by Tyrepower Glen Innes.

The event started with pre-dinner food, the chance to connect with friends in the bar area, have a free health check offered by HealthWISE nurse, Chris Connor, and view displays from the Rural Adversity Mental Health Program (RAMHP) and National Clinical Services' sleep apnea equipment.

Led by MC, Justin Karcher, the night featured a number of speakers keen to address the issue of men's health. Special guest speaker Rob Anderson talked honestly and from the heart about his ongoing struggle with depression and coming to terms with life after leaving the land, while RAMHP Coordinator Leticia Cross spoke about general health and wellbeing and the ways in which you might recognize and assist someone who is struggling with their mental wellbeing. HealthWISE nurse Chris Conner reminded guests of the importance of maintaining good health and explained the need for prompt action in the event of the symptoms of heart attack.

But the highlight of the night was Dick Johnson. Visitors came from as far away as Tamworth and the Gold Coast to catch up with the racing legend. Dick talked about the loves of his life: motor racing and his beautiful wife. He spoke of the infamous "rock incident" and how it led to amazing events that revitalized his career. From current controversies within the Supercar series to stories about run-ins with highway patrol, it seemed no question was off limits in the Q and A session with both MC Justin and the audience. Dick also took the time to meet with fans throughout the night, chatting at the bar and signing 100s of autographs on memorabilia from die-cast Fords, to racing suits and souvenirs from the Bathurst "Great Race". Fans were vocal in their appreciation of his generosity.

GLENRAC has already seen positive effects of the night within the community. We have been told of how the word is out about the need to talk and to ask 'how are ya going?'.

This event was made possible by Drought Funding received by Glen Innes Severn Council and distributed to GLENRAC through the Australian Government Drought Communities



GLENRAC Matters

Hello Readers,

Did you know in June GLENRAC celebrates 30-years in operation? A significant achievement for any community organisation. Thanks to all past and present Committee of Managements members, Landcare groups members and individual members for your support!

The GLENRAC team have been very busy delivery new projects over the past 3-months with a flurry of events and activities. We have been joined by 3 new part-time members to deliver new projects. Welcome to Julie Firth; Shelley Eglesfield and Eliza James. Funding at GLENRAC is a little like the weather at present, sometimes in abundance and other times absent! This may help explain why activity is sometimes more than others. Funding is at the discretion of the respective bodies and often doesn't align with our needs on the ground. But be assured we are doing our best to deliver projects that will make difference in our community! GLENRAC is here to help so please phone or call in if you have matters you'd like to discuss. Regards, GLENRAC Staff

Income Support for Farmers

St Vincent de Paul Society Receives Further Drought Assistance Packages—13th May 2019

The St Vincent de Paul Society in NSW has received further Drought Assistance Packages from the Commonwealth Government to be expended by the end of this financial year. Packages are worth \$3000, composed of two components: - \$2000 Direct Grant for the recipient and \$1000 to be applied to accounts engendered in the operation of the farming business. Farmers, Farm Hands and Farm Contractors affected by the continuing drought are eligible to apply for a Drought Assistance Package. St Vincent de Paul Society Armidale office on (02) 5776 0200

CWA NSW Drought Aid Fund:

Assistance to meet household expenses for drought affected families, up to a **maximum of \$3,000 per family/ household**. Expenses can include grocery bills, vehicle maintenance, school, electricity, rates, telephone, medical treatments etc. **HOW? Ph: 02 8337 0200**



Farmer Support : The Salvation Army is on the ground supporting families and communities affected by the drought.

If you are currently living in a drought-affected area and would like to find out what support is available, we encourage you to reach out.

HOW? Phone 1300 551 030



Mental Health Line
1800 011 511

The NSW Mental Health Line
Connecting you with the right care
24 hour service across NSW

Calls from landlines are free but charges may apply from mobiles.



New Book Releases



CATS IN AUSTRALIA

Companion and Killer

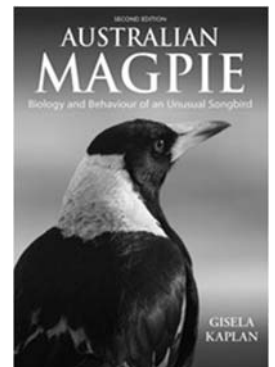
John Woinarski, Sarah Legge, Chris Dickman A discussion of the impact of cats, their relationship with people, and their management. ISBN: 9781486308439 | 344 pages | 245 x 170 mm Publisher: CSIRO Publishing Paperback - June 2019 - AU \$59.99

AUSTRALIAN MAGPIE

Biology and Behaviour of an Unusual Songbird

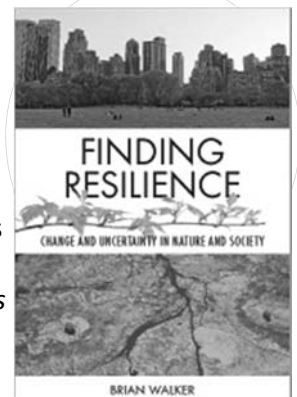
(Second Edition: Gisela Kaplan)

An insight into the cognition, communication and social structure of this iconic Australian bird. The Australian magpie is one of our nation's most popular and iconic birds. It is loved for its impressive vocal abilities, propensity to play, excellent parenting and willingness to form enduring friendships with people. Paperback | May 2019 | \$ 45.00 ISBN: 9781486307241 | 280 pages | 245 x 170 mm Publisher: CSIRO Publishing



FINDING RESILIENCE

Change and Uncertainty in Nature and Society. An analysis of how ecosystems, societies and people cope with disturbance and adversity. Floods, fires, famines, epidemics and disasters of all kinds are on the increase Finding Resilience is published in conjunction with CABI. Paperback - March 2019 - AU \$59.99



GLENRAC Projects Update

Update for Little Llangothlin Nature reserve RAMSAR site – NLP2 Project

We have reached the end of Year 1 successfully delivering all contractual milestones. Strategic actions for years 2 to 5 are now being collated to assist with the start of planning of how to deliver milestones if the drought continues and the lagoon remains dry. The flora survey of the reserve by Dr John Hunter discovered a possible four new and as yet unnamed species.



Watch this space as John coordinates with fellow botanist Professor Jeremy Bruhl to taxonomically examine these plants.

Pest Animal Projects Update

The Indian Myna Bird workshop was well attended with lots of questions for Kevin and Laura. Many are very interested in borrowing traps so that is a good start. There is a lot more knowledge of this pest species. We currently have 4 Myna Bird traps available to lend and are in the process of writing up a lease form to be filled out by the persons borrowing traps. The 'Ferals in Focus' day at Dundee was well attended and the display that is currently in the Landmark window in Glen Innes will be moved to Emmaville next to the local 'Haywards Fuel Station'.



GLENRAC is organising funds for the local RSPCA to be used in conjunction with discounts in July for the 'National De-Sexing Month'. Two local vets, Glen Innes Vet Clinic and Michelle Piccini Mobile Vet who service both Deepwater and Emmaville will assist.

The Glen Innes local ranger is collaborating with GLENRAC in the 'Feral Cat' program. He has a number of traps already lent out however another 6 traps have been ordered.

Woodland Birds of New England

A Great day was had at "Wattle Bend" for GLENRAC's inaugural Bird Walk, coinciding with the biannual survey weekends for Regent Honeyeaters and Swift Parrots. The next weekend is the 3-4 August (and up to a week either side).

"It was just a really fun time and I got to get close with birds. The vegetation was great. I especially liked seeing the Yellow-tufted honeyeater for the first time..." 11 year old Sam Walsh.

"A great spot to bird watch. I enjoyed the opportunity to spend a peaceful and relaxing morning with my son and other friendly folks wandering along the Severn River. There were many woodland birds as the habitat was very good. Thanks to Glenrac for organising this free community event and the family at Wattle Bend for hosting" said Nerida Holznapel.

Farming Families Succession Planning

GLENRAC had a full house at the Glen Innes Services Club for Lynn Sykes and Kathy Sims at the Succession Planning workshop in May. Multi-generational families, businesses and others attended to learn about ways to communicate and work out ways to smoothly transition farming and other businesses to future generations.



Farmer Update (April 2019)

GLENRAC's 2nd annual Farmer Update was a great success with 60 landholders coming to hear the latest information on a range of topics relating to beef and sheep markets and landholder requirements and responsibilities. GLENRAC hosted a range of presentations relevant to the current season: Market Outlook for Beef & Sheep – Meat & Livestock Australia; NSW Drought Coordinator – Jock Laurie; Water – who to contact for water related activities; Weeds Update – New England Weeds Authority; New on-farm dung beetle research – UNE and Training opportunities for farmers & your staff – Training NSW

Farmer Breakfast: Are You Boggled Mate?

On the 11th April, GLENRAC welcomed members of the community to a Farmer Breakfast at the Glen Innes Saleyards. Mary O'Brien, a passionate advocate for agriculture and men's mental health was on hand to share breakfast with the attendees. After spending her whole life working in the rural sector and in remote Australia, Mary has the unique knack of being able to engage rural men and get them thinking about their health and mental wellbeing.

Her "Are You Boggled Mate?" approach aims to start a conversation in the broader community about the rising issue of depression and suicide in rural areas. The breakfast concluded with the event's men adding their hands to Mary's photographic collection of Rural Hands: lives that are written in the cuts, scars, grease and mud ingrained in their hands.



GLENRAC's "Smoko With Friends"

Round Two of GLENRAC's "Smoko With Friends" will be occurring in June! GLENRAC is once again taking its drought support message to the smaller villages in the Glen Innes Severn LGA. ALL WELCOME. These events are FREE and each features guest speakers ready to answer your questions. The GLENRAC team will also be there to assist with advice on rebates and other financial help. So take a quick break from the farm and come spend "Smoko with Friends" at the following locations in June :

Date	Location	Guest Speakers & Topics
Wed 5 June 10:30am	Glencoe Shoppe & PO	<i>Dr Zac Hemmings, UNE</i> : Dung Beetles & <i>Brenda and Kelvin Stace, Salvation Army Chaplains</i> : Assistance and Gifts
Wed 12 June 10:30am	Club Hotel Emmaville	<i>Dr Nigel Brown, NT LLS District Vet</i> : Animal Health & <i>Brenda and Kelvin Stace, Salvation Army Chaplains</i> : Assistance and Gifts
Fri 21 June 10:30am	Wellingrove Hall	<i>NSW Police</i> : Rural Crime and Prevention & <i>Brenda and Kelvin Stace, Salvation Army Chaplains</i> : Assistance and Gifts
Wed 26 June 10:30am	Pinkett Hall	<i>Dr Nigel Brown, NT LLS District Vet</i> : Animal Health & <i>Brenda and Kelvin Stace, Salvation Army Chaplains</i> : Assistance and Gifts

Put down the tools, dust off your boots, and come along with the family to the "Rugged Bash" drought relief event on Saturday the 8th June in the Main Street of Glen Innes.



The Rugged Bash offers free entertainment designed to provide a respite for everyone in the local and wider community affected by the drought. The event is funded through the Drought Communities Programme Extension. This Government initiative is designed to deliver benefits to drought-affected communities throughout Australia. There will be plenty of fun-filled action, with the event running all day from 10am:

- Market stalls will be selling a variety of locally produced goods
- Free performances by local entertainers and guest stars throughout the day, including Tahnee Rose, Alex Mossman, Burnt Embers and Naomi & Jodie Bain.
- An appearance from well-known Australian comedian Vince Sorrenti
- Guest speaker Warren Davies, also known as 'The Unbreakable Farmer' will talk to Resilience, Persistence and Determination
- Saturday night concert featuring 2014 XFactor Finalists Brothers3.

Rugged Bash Community Event Program – Saturday 8th June
FREE Entry to attend event and performances

FREE EVENT

COMMITTEES *with* CONFIDENCE

Effective meeting management

TWO WORKSHOPS

Thursday 13th June, 1pm-4pm OR **Thursday 13th June, 6pm-9pm**

Glen Innes Services Club Boardroom, 120 Grey St

THIS WORKSHOP WILL HELP PEOPLE WHO ARE ON BOARDS AND COMMITTEES TO:

- Hold more effective meetings
- Stay strategic in meetings and planning
- Better understand legal obligations
- Improve minute taking and record keeping

WHAT TO BRING

- Reading glasses • Paper & pen
- Other group members!

ALL GROUPS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES WELCOME

- Landcare groups • Sporting groups
- Trust boards • Section 355 committees
- P&C committees • and others

RSVP: 11th June 2019 -10am
Phone: 6732 3443
Email: eliza.james@glenrac.org.au

This event is supported by

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21ST CENTURY FARMING

June 12 & 13, 2019
Crossing Theatre, Narrabri

2019 New England & North West Landcare Adventure & Regional Awards Dinner

GUY WEBB - SOIL C QUEST
GRANT SIMS - VIC NO TILL
DAVID MARSH - 2018 NATIONAL LANDCARER OF THE YEAR
KIRRILY BLOMFIELD - THE CONSCIOUS FARMER
FIELD TRIP - SYDNEY UNI. DIGITAL FARM & PLANT BREEDING INSTITUTE
FIELD TRIP - AQUACULTURE - NARRABRI FISH FARM
DALE KIRBY - NORTH WEST LLS - NEW AG TECHNOLOGIES
JOHN WELSH - ADAPTING TO A CHANGING CLIMATE

Full conference - Early Bird tickets before 24/5/19 - \$85.00 (incl. Awards dinner ticket). Full price after 24/5/19 \$110.00
Awards dinner only \$60 per person

TO BOOK GO TO WWW.STICKYTICKETS.COM.AU

This project is supported by the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources, through funding from Australian Government's National Landcare Program.
The Regional Agriculture Landcare Facilitator Program is funded under the Australian Government's National Landcare Program. For more information about the program visit www.ram.gov.au
Contact Shelley at Northern Slopes Landcare Association on 02 6724 2002 for further details

DEMYSTIFYING CARBON FARMING

GLENRAC IS HOSTING AN EVENING WHERE THOSE NEW TO THE CONCEPT OF CARBON FARMING CAN DISCOVER ITS POTENTIAL AND HAVE THEIR QUESTIONS ANSWERED.



**WEDNESDAY
19th JUNE
7:00 - 9:00 pm**

**REMEMBRANCE ROOM, GLEN INNES
AND DISTRICT SERVICES CLUB**

PRESENTER: Lousia Kiely Director - Carbon Farmers of Australia

TOPICS:

What is Carbon Farming?

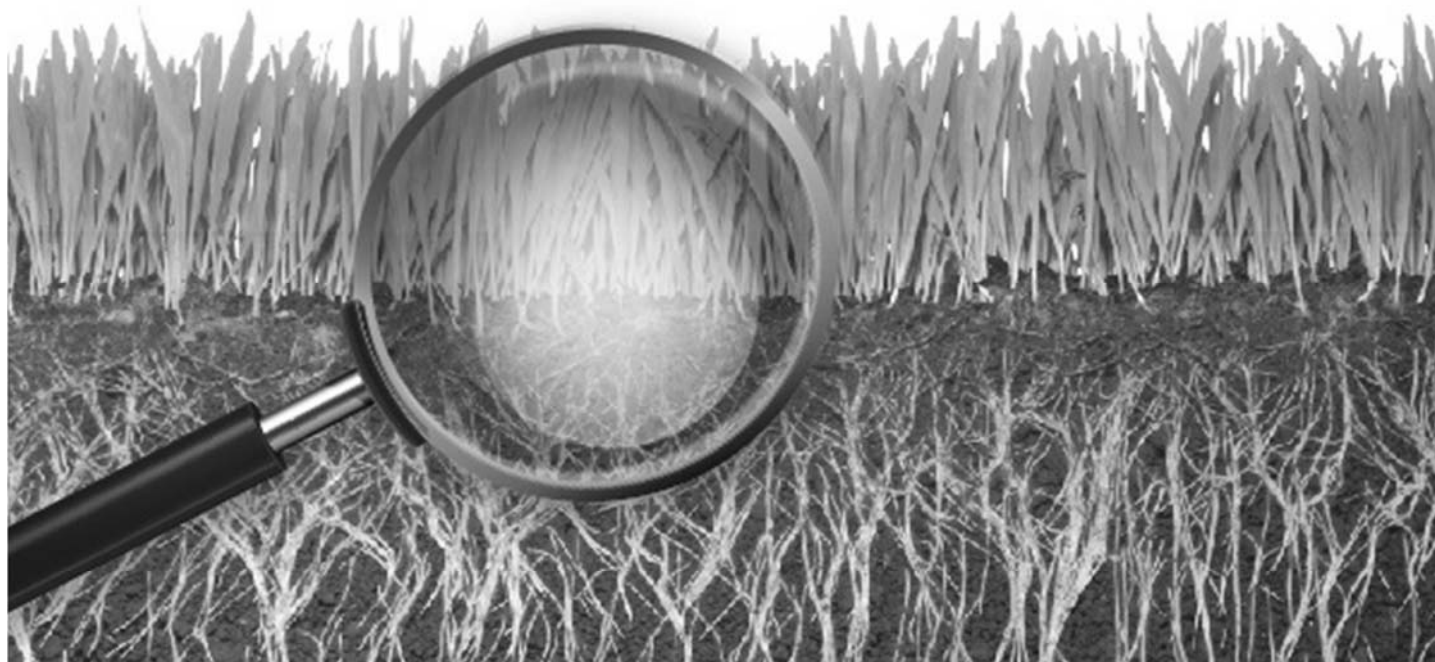
Who can take part?

What are the risks and benefits?

Is there a carbon market for agriculture?



Lousia Kiely has been active the past 14 years campaigning for the right of farmers to sell the Soil Carbon they grow, and the emissions they reduce.



RSVP 16 June 2019 5:00pm

Phone: 02 6732 3443

Email: julie.firth@glenrac.org.au

LIGHT SUPPER PROVIDED

**FREE
EVENT**

The event is supported by



Weed risks during drought

WHAT IS A WEED?



Mexican Water Lily

Biosecurity Officers (Weeds) are always on the lookout for Mexican Water Lily. In the past week there have been three fresh sightings for this plant in the New England Weeds Authority areas. Assistance from landholders has been critical in identification and treatment of this aquatic weed.

Mexican water lily has been extensively used as an aquatic ornamental. It was thought to be introduced into Australia through the aquarium plant trade which through careless disposal has escaped into the environment. It has attractive yellow flowers and the leaves are waxy, elliptical, becoming erect when crowded. Mexican Water Lily rarely produces seed in Australia. It does however produce stolons (horizontal stems) which produce new plants at each node. These plants are easily detached from the parent plant and will drift downstream to establish new infestations. It is known to easily invade nutrient rich slow moving water bodies.

Mexican Water Lily forms dense floating mats that rapidly choke waterways. It out-competes native plant species and can make aquatic habitats unsuitable for some fauna species by preventing light from penetrating the water surface, decreasing the water movement, increasing siltation and generally deoxygenating the water. These impacts severely reduce the habitat value for our native flora and fauna.

Additionally, foul odour and restricted waterside access reduce the recreational and economic value in these areas.

Mexican Waterlily is difficult to control and even harder to eradicate. Physical removal is rarely successful due to the vegetative way these plants reproduce. All parts of the plant need to be carefully removed as remaining vegetative matter will almost certainly result in reinfestation. Chemical treatment is the most effective control measure although this must be done with great care given the sensitive aquatic environment. There are herbicides available that have been developed exclusively for aquatic use but landholders would be well advised to get good advice before spraying in waterbodies.

This plant should not to be bought, sold, grown, carried or released into the environment and under the Biosecurity Act 2015 all plants should be eradicated from the land and the land kept free of the plant. It is important to keep a lookout for suspected new water weeds in your local waterways and report any suspicious water weeds to local Biosecurity Officers.

Pest Animals - Fox Baiting Begins

“Foxes are a pest animal in Australia, attacking livestock and wildlife, carrying disease and increasing the spread of weeds on our land,”

Please contact GLENRAC if you are part of our group baiting—or want to be, and the Local Land Services to obtain baits. You **MUST** have a Chemical Card or have completed the LLS 1080 course (02) 6720 8300



New England Weeds Authority Weed Officers are on hand to assist with your noxious weed identification, management and control. Visit www.newa.com.au or Phone 6770 3602



Funding & Training Opportunities

Farm Business Skills Professional Development Program

The Farm Business Skills Professional Development Program provides subsidies to farmers to help them access vocational skills and training.

The funding may be used for:

- professional development, vocational training and farm business planning
- travel costs (fuel, accommodation, meals)
- child / respite care costs (from a registered provider)
- software that is specifically related to the professional development activity

Approved participants can claim a 50 percent subsidy of up to \$5,000 for the first individual. There is an additional \$1,000 available per person for a maximum of four people for a total maximum of \$9,000 per farm business.

For more information visit www.raa.nsw.gov.au or Phone 1800 678 593

FREE & TAILORED TRAINING - Get Connected!

GLENRAC is looking to continue to run short training events (2-hours) on basic computer skills during in June. Bring your own laptop or phone to participate. The range of topics can include: Using social media; Using your tablet or smart phone; How to use a spreadsheet; How to set up to write letters or reports; Using emails.

These courses are designed to boost users' confidence in using their devices.

Courses will be in run in Glen Innes but we will come to your local hall or sports ground if you have a minimum group of 4 people.

Upcoming dates at the GLENRAC Office, 68 Church St, Glen Innes are
6 June at 10:30am & 20 June at 10:30am.



Know someone who might be interested? Let them know what's on offer and ask them to contact GLENRAC to put their name down on 02 6732 3443 or email eliza.james@glenrac.org.au

Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme

NSW DPI
RURAL ASSISTANCE
AUTHORITY

This rebate is 25 % of the cost of purchase, delivery and installation of water infrastructure for animal welfare needs. The maximum that can be claimed is \$25,000. Allocated funding of \$12 million. Back dated to 1 July 2018. Applications close 30 June 2021.

GLENRAC can help you complete the paperwork required to apply for this rebate, including your property map. For more information visit www.raa.nsw.gov.au or Phone 1800 678 593



Carbon Farming 101: The Basics of Carbon Farming & Trading

New to the idea of Carbon Farming as a potential income stream and would like to know more?

GLENRAC invite you to participate in Carbon Farming 101, a FREE 3-hour workshop Thursday 20 June at Glen Innes Services Club from 9:00am to noon

Topics Covered:

1. Carbon Fundamentals; the Carbon Farming Initiative (CFI) & the Emission Reduction Fund (ERF)
2. The CFI/ERF Process
3. Potential Revenue Streams and Opportunities for Farmers
4. 'Methods', Projects and Landholder Responsibilities
5. ERF Auction, Secondary and International Markets



Training provided by Louisa Kiely, Director, Carbon Farmers of Australia (CFA). CFA has been helping farmers and other organisation gain access to carbon markets since 2006.

**Places are limited; Book Early to Secure your Spot
RSVP: 16 June 2019 (02 6732 3443)**

GLENRAC OPERATING COMMITTEE 2018/19

CHAIRMAN - John Bavea

VICE CHAIR - Ian Lockwood **TREASURER** - Sam Baker **SECRETARY** - Tony Corcoran

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Glen Innes Severn Council : TBA

Department of Primary Industries : Carol Harris ,

National Parks & Wildlife Office: Dr. Peter Croft

Glen Innes Local Aboriginal Lands Council: Jayden Potter

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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 of Local Land Services and Landcare NSW.



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New South Wales



Glen Innes Natural Resources Advisory Committee

Coming Events:

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| June | Free meat baits for foxes — Feral Fighters, contact NT Local Land Services— 02 6732 8800 |
| 5 June | Smoko - Glencoe 10:30am - 11:30am |
| 5 June | NSW DPI Weather trends & forecasting workshop - Glen Innes |
| 7 June | Glen Innes Highlands— Rugged Bash - Evening Program |
| 8 June | Glen Innes Highlands—Rugged Bash - Daytime Program |
| 12 June | Smoko—Emmaville 10:30am to 11:30am |
| 12-13 June | Landcare Adventure, Narrabri |
| 13 June | Committees with Confidence workshops - Afternoon or Evening options |
| 19 June | GLENRAC Focus—Demystifying Carbon Farming 7:00pm—9:00pm |
| 20 June | Carbon Farming 101: The Basics of Carbon Farming & Trading 9:00am-noon |
| 20 June | Be Connected Workshop 10:30am-11:30am |
| 21 June | Smoko Wellingrove 10:30am-11:30am |
| 26 June | Smoko Pinkett 10:30am—11:30am |
| 17 July | GLENRAC Focus Event 7:00pm—8:30pm |
| 12 Sept | Annual Fit Farmers Event |