



NEW ENGLAND NORTH WEST LANDCARE

REGIONAL UPDATE

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NATIONAL WILD DOG ACTION PLAN LAUNCHED

The National Wild Dog Action Plan was launched to deliver a blueprint for helping solve this huge problem for livestock producers. Developed over 12 months and with support from Australian agriculture ministers, the plan was officially launched by Minister for Agriculture on Friday 4 July.

The development of the plan has been supported by the Invasive Animals Cooperative Research Centre (IACRC).

Consultative arrangements are a vital part of the plan. These arrangements will ensure that landholders especially get the maximum benefit from this nationally coordinated approach.

Read the National Wild Dog Action Plan at <http://www.woolproducers.com.au/>

AGRICULTURAL NATURAL DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE

Assistance available for primary producers in parts of the Tenterfield Local Government Area, affected by the Cullendore Road bushfire on 21 - 22 January.

The assistance comes in the form of loans of up to \$130,000, at 1.67 per cent interest per annum, with a two year interest and repayment free period, and 50 percent transport subsidies on fodder and stock movement.

For more information visit <http://www.raa.nsw.gov.au/assistance/natural-disaster-relief>

2014 NATIONAL LANDCARE CONFERENCE AND AWARDS

We are pleased to announce that the 2014 National Landcare Conference will take place in Melbourne from September 17th to 19th.

Taking place in Crown Conference Centre, the three day Conference will include a day of field trips to a number of Landcare projects in Victoria. The National Landcare Awards gala dinner will take place on September 18th at the World Heritage listed, Royal Exhibition Building, featuring 69 finalists in nine categories from across the country.

This year's National Landcare Conference promises to be an exciting celebration of 25 years of Landcare as a national program with a focus on the future and what this means for Landcare, with a program based on the theme – Celebrating our history – growing our future.

The National Landcare Conference and Awards are supported through funding from the Australian Government.

2014 COOLAMON RURAL WOMEN'S GATHERING

The 2014 NSW Rural Women's Gathering is being held on 12th-14th September in Coolamon, offering local Riverina women a unique opportunity to learn, network and be inspired right on their doorstep.

The Rural Women's Gathering is a well established statewide community event which will bring together close to 400 rural women for an annual weekend of education, skills training, information sharing and fun.

With its theme 'Heritage with Heart', the 2014 Gathering promises to be a great one and will focus on issues that are important to the Riverina region such as strengthening community voice, rural health care and drought support.

One keynote speaker for this year's Gathering is Charles Sturt University Senior Lecturer, Dr Maree Bernoth PhD Med, BH Hh ScRN, whose passion is rural healthcare and ageing. Maree began nursing in 1971 and has enjoyed an extremely diverse career working across regional towns in NSW.

As well as hearing from the high profile keynote speakers, local women are invited to participate in a selection the workshops on offer including biodynamic farming, wild and wacky women, painting, local garden viewing, gingerbread house making and a guide to common medications.

The 2014 Gathering in Coolamon is being held from Friday 12th to Sunday 14th September 2014 and registration is now possible by contacting the Coolamon Rural Women's Gathering Committee by email: info@nswruralwomensgathering.org or by telephone: 0488 376 514.



NATIONAL LANDCARE PROGRAM ENQUIRY

The Federal Senate Standing Committees on the Environment and Communications will be undertaking an enquiry into the National Landcare Program.

Submissions are now open, closing on 8th August 2014. The enquiry has a reporting date of 29 October 2014. More information can be found on the webpage http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Environment_and_Communications/landcare

The terms of reference can also be found on the web and relate to the history, effectiveness, performance and future of the National Landcare Program.

Landcare NSW will be making a submission and be looking to secure a hearing. Landcare NSW encourages all Landcarers to discuss with their networks and make their own submissions and/or contribute to the LNSW submission.

Please contact your Landcare NSW Council member or Regional Landcare Facilitator if you have material to contribute, who will forward your information from your region to Landcare NSW.

NSW NATIVE VEGETATION REPORT

The NSW Report on Native Vegetation 2011-13 is available.

The report and the associated data spreadsheets can be found at: <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/vegetation/reports.htm>

It combines four major reports relating to native vegetation management in NSW. These are the:

- Native Vegetation Report Card;
- Private Native Forest Report;
- NSW Woody Vegetation Change Report 2010–2011; and
- Compliance and Enforcement Report Card.

For more information about native vegetation management please visit the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage website at: <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/vegetation/>

BOARD DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

In 2010 we launched our national Board Diversity Scholarship program, jointly funded by the Federal Government. The scholarship program is aimed at providing women with the governance knowledge and skills to help them secure directorships.

The Board Diversity Scholarship program awards full-fee scholarships to high-calibre women to undertake the

Australian Institute of Company Directors' highly regarded governance education programs.

Scholarship recipients also receive complimentary 12-months membership to the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

We are pleased to announce we have partnered with the Federal Government for a third round of Board Diversity Scholarships, which will award 140 full fee scholarships to experienced women.

The program will award scholarships to women through three core streams including:

1. Rural and Remote Diversity Scholarships (applications open on the 14 July 2014) - to provide 30 scholarships to women living in rural and remote locations (including an allocation for travel and accommodation costs) aimed at supporting and developing their executive or professional director careers. In this stream 30 Company Directors Course scholarships will be awarded.

<http://www.companydirectors.com.au/Director-Resource-Centre/Governance-and-Director-Issues/Board-Diversity/Diversity-Scholarship-Program>

Applications close 31st July 2014.