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COUNTRY HEARTS HIGH TEA KENTUCKY

Rural Primary Health are delighted to be hosting a Rural Women's Health gathering at Kentucky Community Hall on 7th May commencing 9,30am.

Attendees will walk away not only having had a great time, but also inspired to improve their health and wellbeing.

Add in some belly dancing, some medical students and a Rural Woman of the Year Nominee... what have you got? An amazing, fun, funky and memorable day.

Morning tea and lunch will be provided.

Bookings are essential. Contact 6767 8238 to register and leave a message if unattended.

FREE PINDONE AND 1080 CERTIFICATION COURSE

Uralla Shire Council is hosting a free Pindone and 1080 Certification course for residents living near high value ecosystems (such as wetlands) in the Shire.

There are 12 places available and participants must be over 18 years of age.

If you are interested please contact the Environmental Projects Officer to check your eligibility, phone 6778 6300. **When:** Friday 3 May 2013, 9am to 1pm - refreshments included **Where:** Uralla Community Centre, Hill Street URALLA

SUSTAINABLE NAMOI LIVING EXPO

This year the Sustainable Namoi

Living Expo will be held at Bicentennial Park, Tamworth on Friday 10th and Saturday 11th May 2013.

The Sustainable Namoi Living Expo will provide your business with a cost effective opportunity to educate and inform the community about your eco-friendly products or services, exposing your business to thousands of potential customers.

Don't Miss Out! Register online.

Packages start from as little as \$60 (for non-profit organisations).

For further information go to <u>www.sustainablenamoiliving.c</u> <u>om.au</u>

SHAPING OUR FUTURES TOGETHER (SOFT)

Shaping Our Futures Together is a two-day leadership course for rural women developed in response to rural women asking for relevant, accessible and affordable, community-based leadership training.

The workshop, is designed to engage and energise new and existing rural women leaders, builds on women's self-esteem/ confidence, goal setting, personal action planning skills, and support networks and is suitable for a wide range of women including Aboriginal women and those from culturally diverse backgrounds. For more information go to www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/rwn

BACK FROM THE BRINK Field Day with Peter Andrews Peter Andrews, well known author, land restorer, and horse stud breeder from Bylong in the Upper Hunter, will outline and demonstrate his concept of Natural Sequence Farming, derived from years of hands-on trial and error.

Discover an alternative approach to Sustainable Land Management.

Where: Danthonia, Glen Innes Road, Inverell NSW 2360 When: Saturday, 25 May 2013 Admission: \$20.00/person RSVP to (02) 6723 2213 or email: fieldday@danthonia.com.au Contact: Johannes Meier

PHOTOGRAPHY FOR FIELD WORK

Photos play an important role today for many purposes in our working lives. Field workers need to be able to produce quality images for species identification, monitoring projects, collecting evidence on compliance issues, producing reports and publications.

While the technology has advanced, few people receive any formal training on how to use it, often leading to disappointing results.

This course provides participants with the opportunity to understand and utilise the functions of their equipment and the principles of photography.

Date: 25 July 2013 Venue: Tamworth Trainer: Steve Honeywood Course fee: \$320 pp GST free To register or for further information – please call Cassie



CARING FOR OUR COUNTRY

NEW ENGLAND NORTH WEST LANDCARE



Gardiner 6763 1276 or Julie Chapman on 6763 1285

MEASURE TO MANAGE WORKSHOP Thurs 9th May 2013

GLENRAC will host the Measure to Manage workshop series of three one-day workshops conducted by Bart Davidson. You will need to complete Day 1 to attend the remaining two workshops.

The aim of the workshop is to give farmers the framework and systems to measure and monitor soils and pastures to make better farm input decisions and maximise farm returns.

If you would like to attend please RSVP to GLENRAC on 02 6732 3443 or email office@glenrac.org.au by the 1st May.

A fee of \$40 per person per day will be payable on registration to secure your place.

COLES JUNIOR LANDCARE SCHOOL GARDEN GRANTS

Since 2008 Coles has been providing School Garden Grants of up to \$1,000 to schools and youth groups to help create gardens in their grounds or community, such as bush tucker gardens, water wise gardens or veggie gardens.

These programs encourage students to learn about the environment through "outdoor learning" and interaction in developing their own school agrdens.

Round 2: closes 5pm (AEST) Friday 10 May 2013 Round 3: closes 5pm (AEST) Friday 2 August 2013 For more information visit: www.juniorlandcare.com.au

RIRDC RURAL WOMEN'S AWARD

The <u>RIRDC Rural Women's</u> <u>Award</u> encourages women's contribution to primary industries and rural Australia by providing skills and resources to build leadership and decision making capacity. Applications open annually on 1 August and close on World Rural Women's Day, 15 October.

Go to <u>www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/</u> <u>rwn/rirdc</u>

PERFECT PATCH OF GREEN

Fifteen schools and youth groups around Australia will receive a green makeover thanks to Turf Australia and Junior Landcare.

The Perfect Patch of Green program will see the 15 groups receive natural turf, professionally laid and supported by local turf growers from each region.

The program invited schools and youth groups from across Australia to describe how natural turf would enhance their environment and how their school grounds or recreational areas would benefit from a real green makeover.

Most of the groups will use their new turf to makeover general play areas, while some will be getting turf rolled out on their sports field.

To find out about Junior Landcare Grants go to www.juniorlandcare.com.au

NSW WEEDS ACTION PROGRAM

CALL FOR NEW INNOVATIVE PROJECTS

Minister Katrina Hodgkinson MP has announced \$1 Million for innovative projects addressing high priority weeds in NSW. The new funding builds on the NSW Government's \$9.4 million Weeds Action Program (WAP), which addresses priorities of the NSW Invasive Species Plan.

To date there are 14 Regional WAP projects in place covering most of NSW and with nearly 200 partner organisations participating.

Eligible projects will prevent and manage new weed incursions, contain existing weeds, build effective partnerships and address research, training, education and community awareness priorities.

For further information contact your local <u>DPI Invasive Species</u> <u>Officer</u> or email <u>admin.weeds@dpi.nsw.gov.au</u>

BINGARA CARP MUSTER

Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th May Cunningham Park, Keera Rd, Bingara.

Registrations from 9am, cost is \$2pp.

Categories include; Most Carp caught, longest Carp, smallest Carp, junior and seniors. BBQ available \$2. Not native Fish will be weighed.

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