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BANKSIA SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS

Australia's preeminent environmental awards organization. Now, in its biggest year – our 25th Anniversary we have expanded our category selection with 19 to choose from.

In particular, the Indigenous award, recognises indigenous community or organisations that have delivered excellence in stewardship of the land, waterways, wildlife habitats, native flora and fauna through demonstrated indigenous leadership, community involvement and benefit.

The event this year will be held on 9 October at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre in association with the Australian Sustainability Conference and Exhibition.

See the full list of categories [here](#).

Important dates are:

26th July - All Entries Close
21st August - Finalists Announced
9th October - Winners Announced

RAS FOUNDATION RURAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Are you a student who is passionate about forging a career that will help strengthen your local rural community?

These scholarships are aimed at reducing some of the financial challenges rural students often face when pursuing their education and training goals.

There is no age limit and students could be studying anything from education, engineering, health, agriculture, business and anything in between.

The Scholarships offer \$5,000 for full-time study and \$2,500 for part-time study to assist students from rural areas who in turn are motivated to help build strong and vibrant communities.

Interested applicants are encouraged to visit www.rasnw.com.au/programs

Applications close 30 September, 2013 and the scholarship recipients will be announced in February 2014.

COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIP APPLICATIONS OPEN

Who can apply?

Incorporated not-for-profit [community organisations and local councils](#).

What are the grants for?

To fund the [building and improvement of local community facilities](#).

Community infrastructure projects which are intended to commemorate the Centenary of ANZAC 2014 - 2018 may be submitted.

How much is available?

Grant funding of \$200,000 will be made available for every electoral district with an additional \$100,000 for electorates identified with [higher unemployment rates](#).

How do I apply?

Applications must be made [online through the link on this website](#). Applications must be submitted within the application period. Late applications will not be accepted.

How are applications assessed?

Grants applications will be [assessed competitively on merit](#) against the [Project Assessment Criteria](#) with other projects in the State electoral district

Applications close: Wednesday 31 July 2013

MOBILE MAPPING PEST ANIMALS

Farmers and communities can now use mobile phones to map pest animals and note the damage they cause in their local area into the popular website FeralScan using the latest technology produced by the Invasive Animals CRC.

The FeralScan citizen science program currently hosts more than 20,000 pest animal records entered by landholders and communities across Australia. Having this technology now going mobile will dramatically increase the value of FeralScan for landholders and communities coordinating on-ground control programs.

To find out more go to: www.feralscan.org.au

PUBLIC LAUNCH & NEW ENERGY FORUM

Big advances towards sustainable power generation



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by several communities in NSW will be announced as part of the New Energy Forum in Tamworth on July 9.

Funding for development of seven community-owned solar farms will be announced by NSW State Member for Tamworth, Kevin Anderson, along with funding for a third phase of work in the New England Wind project.

Outgoing member for New England, Tony Windsor, an advocate for renewable energy, will be addressing the forum.

**Britten Room, Tamworth Community Centre
Darling Street, Tamworth
Tuesday 9 July 2013, 11am-12:30pm**

A light lunch will be provided.

For more information see the project websites – www.newenglandwind.coop and www.farmingthesun.net

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MERINO SIRE EVALUATION FIELD DAY

The NEMSEA committee invites Merino Breeders to attend a field day for inspection of the 2012 drop progeny from industry leading merino and poll merino sires (10 months wool).

Where:

Jock & Shara Menzies
"Coningdale" Chandler Rd,
Armidale

Directions:

22 km NE Armidale on Rockvale Rd, turn onto Chandler Rd for

12.5 km, Woolshed on the left (look for DPI signs).

When: Friday 26 July

Time: 10.30am – 3.30pm

Morning and afternoon tea along with a BBQ lunch provided.

RSVP: Friday 19th July to Jim Meckiff

jim.meckiff@dpi.nsw.gov.au

Enquires: Mob: 0428 968 159

Invited speakers and trade displays from agribusiness service providers, animal husbandry representatives and industry R & D organisations including CSIRO, Sheep Genetics, NSW DPI and Sheep CRC, addressing current industry issues:

Economic outlook for agriculture

Sheep genetics and genomics

Animal health including flystrike and worms

Precision sheep management

AG INDUSTRY ACTION PLAN

The NSW Department of Primary Industries invites stakeholder input to address the challenges and opportunities for the agriculture sector over the next 10 years. A key initiative to promote agricultural sustainability, this taskforce has now released an Issues paper. For more information, and copy of the paper go to the Consultation for agriculture industry action plan page of the www.haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au website.

A DAY WITH ALLAN SAVORY

@ Cunningham Hall- Leyburn
Cunningham Rd, **WARWICK.**

Saturday 3rd August 2013

Allan Savory, founder of Holistic Management's career as a research biologist, Game Ranger, a farmer, game rancher, politician and international speaker & consultant provided the foundations for understanding what was causing the degradation and desertification of the world's grassland ecosystems. "holistic management" was created.

This breakthrough reverses land degradation and creates highly productive properties with minimal costs. Thousands of land, livestock and wildlife managers have benefited from the consistent results the process delivers.

**BOOKINGS: CONDRAMINE
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RSVP 29TH July 2013.

2013 NSW VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Ever wondered how to let the volunteer or volunteers in your life know they are appreciated? The Centre for Volunteering has the answer. Nominate them for the only State-wide award program open to all volunteers in NSW – the NSW Volunteer of the Year Award.

Go to: <http://www.nswvolunteerawards.com/home>