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2013 COUNTRY ARTS GRANT PROGRAM

Applications are open for the 2013 Country Arts Support Program (CASP), which offers small grants up to \$3,000 per applicant, to regionally-based arts and community organisations and local arts councils for short-term, locally-initiated projects. CASP is an annual small grants round, funded by Arts NSW.

We recommend that interested groups download the forms as soon as possible and applicants must contact their regional arts body to discuss their project.

The 2012 CASP small grants round is open to projects taking place between January 1 and December 31, 2013.

Applications close October 2.

Download the CASP information pack and application form from www.regionalartsnew.com.au

BEGINNING IN BEES – NARRABRI

This hands-on two day course for budding beekeepers covers many aspects of beekeeping and includes plenty of bee handling. Participants will make their own frame to take home. The following topics are covered – hive manipulation, bee biology, honey - flora, honey extraction, diseases and pests, OHS and legislation, honey - marketing, food safety, record keeping and industry structure.

Date: Sat 13 - Sun 14 Oct 2012

Venue: Narrabri

Trainer: Allan Thomas

Course fee: \$500 per person GST free (Fee includes NSW DPI Bee Agskills publication & course

notes/booklet)

To register or for further information please call Cassie Gardiner 6763 1276 or Julie Chapman 6763 1285.

WETLANDS AND WOODLANDS EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

High Country Wetlands and Woodlands is an exciting new project being undertaken by Southern New England Landcare. It extends the recent HiCUB project well beyond the towns into grazing country and woodland areas. The project focuses on conserving and increasing the resilience of three nationally listed endangered ecological communities that occur across the northern tablelands. These are Box, Gum Grassy Woodlands, New England Peppermint Woodlands and Upland Wetlands (Lagoons). The project runs until May 2013. For more details please contact Nic Cobcroft or Bec Ballard at SNECC 6772 9123 or nic@snelcc.org.au. Closing date for registering interest is 30 September 2012.

PEST ANIMAL ISSUES? HAVE YOUR SAY!

A survey to assess landholder concerns regarding pest animals has been developed as a part of the "Pest Animal Management and Landholder Engagement in New England NSW" project. The responses received from the survey will assist Landcare and other organisations such as the Livestock Health and Pest Authority, Department of Primary Industries and

Catchment Management Authorities to gain a snap shot of pest animal concerns and current management across the region. Responses will help direct field day topics and funding applications into the future. This short survey includes questions such as "What pest animal impacts are you concerned about?" and "Would you like to be involved in a coordinated pest control group?" Survey responses will be treated confidentially and will contribute to an improvement in pest animal management across our region. To complete the survey online go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/KJGP6G5>

This project is funded through the Australian Government's Caring for Our Country program.

ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTO & VIDEO CHALLENGE

Yates and Junior Landcare launch kids' environmental photo and video challenge Whether it's a farm, a suburban veggie patch or an apartment balcony herb garden, Yates and Junior Landcare are asking kids around Australia, "How does your backyard grow?"

The 2012 Yates Junior Landcare Backyard Challenge is getting kids to answer this question with a short film or series of photos, allowing them to showcase the unique aspects of their local environment. The challenge is a fantastic opportunity for young people to explore their backyards, learn how plants grow, and share what they



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have learnt with other kids and the wider community.

The Yates Junior Landcare Backyard Challenge will launch on Monday 10th September 2012, with entries to be submitted by Friday 16th November 2012. Winners will be announced in the first week of December. For more information please go to juniorlandcarechallenge.com.au

REGENERATING AGRICULTURE AND PROFITABLE GRAZING

Young graziers in the Glen Innes District who want to improve farm production and protect their natural resources, are being encouraged to take advantage of subsidised training to attend a 2 ½ day sustainable grazing workshop. "Pasture to Pocket" begins 23rd October and is presented by Resource Consulting Services at the heavily discounted price of \$100 per person (normally \$1,000). It involves a mix of "in room" theory discussions as well as a field trip focusing on applying the principles and tools discussed.

The Pasture to Pocket program links property development, grazing management and pastures with animal nutrition and reproduction for a sustainable and profitable business. This course helps the farmer know with confidence, when to graze and when to rest paddocks. Add in the other topics of property development, nutrition, reproduction and economics, and the farmer is equipped to run a sustainable farm business to suit their circumstances.

The course provides information for graziers to calculate total stock feed requirements for their herd as well as total pasture feed availability for the months ahead so grazing intensity can be matched to pasture growth to maximise productivity.

A detailed understanding of carrying capacity and pasture growth patterns can lead to increased productivity, faster pasture regeneration and increased ground cover without added seed, fertilizer, machinery or chemicals. This Workshop is supported by GLENRAC and the Australian Government's Caring for our Country Community Action Grants program.

To register, contact GLENRAC 6732 3443 & /or email office@glenrac.org.au by the 19th October

CARBON FARMING WEEK 2012 PROFITING FROM THE CARBON FARMING REVOLUTION

Showcasing the latest advances in Carbon Farming and Sequestration technologies, experts in advanced Carbon Farming techniques & Government representatives will be presenters and exhibitors at the Carbon Farming Conference and Expo. Learn how to avoid the carbon tax and speak with the experts.

Date & Venue - Dubbo 23-25 October 2012 at the Dubbo Regional Theatre & Convention Centre

For more information visit — carbonfarmingconference.com.au

SUSTAINABLE FARMING PRACTICES FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Do you and your neighbours want to be more sustainable? The Border Rivers-Gwydir CMA would like to support neighbouring landholders (2 or more) to improve landscape resilience beyond the scale of one property. Funding will be available for

practices that improve water quality and/or soil health or condition, activities that increase the area of land managed within its capability and field days/demonstration days highlighting management methods which provide economic sustainability and social well being.

For more details about how to get involved contact BRG CMA on 6728 8020

BE NATURAL LANDCARE GRANTS PROGRAM

If you're interested in getting a local environmental project off the ground, like a community garden, greening an urban space or inner-city veggie patch, the Be Natural Landcare Grants could be just for you.

20 grants of up to \$2,500 are available for volunteer community groups to work on projects such as building local community gardens or creating indoor edible gardens within community centres while aiming to get more volunteers involved across community oriented environmental projects. For more information visit the Landcare Australia's website –

www.landcareonline.com.au