



## NEW ENGLAND NORTH WEST LANDCARE

# REGIONAL UPDATE

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### **HAVE YOUR SAY ABOUT NATIVE VEGETATION MANAGEMENT IN NSW**

Landholders with an interest in Native Vegetation management are invited to attend Native Vegetation Regulation Review Regional Information Sessions to be held - Monday 9 July - at the MOREE Max Centre, 3pm, Thursday 12 July - at the INVERELL RSM Club, 3pm (including afternoon tea) Monday 16 July - at the TENTERFIELD Golf Club, 10am (including lunch)

These information sessions will explain the proposed changes to the Native Vegetation Regulation 2005 (which underpins the Native Vegetation Act, 2003), the associated methodology used by Catchment Management Authorities to assess clearing proposals, and the Private Native Forestry Code of Practice.

The information sessions will be hosted by the **Border Rivers-Gwydir CMA**, with representation from the Office of Environment & Heritage at Moree. Please RSVP for catering to Alice Devlin at the Border Rivers-Gwydir CMA on 6757 2562 or email: [alice.devlin@cma.nsw.gov.au](mailto:alice.devlin@cma.nsw.gov.au)

### **NATIONAL LANDCARE PEOPLES CHOICE AWARDS**

All Australians can get involved and show their support for their favourite National Landcare Awards finalists by voting in the People's Choice Award. These awards will be presented to the

finalist who receives the most votes from the general public in the run-up to the 2012 National Landcare Awards, which take place on Tuesday, September 4th, and you can vote right up to 4pm (EST) on that day. If you have more than one favourite environmental hero, don't worry, because you can vote once in each of the 12 categories. To show your support please visit [www.landcareonline.com.au/nationalawards](http://www.landcareonline.com.au/nationalawards).

### **PEST ANIMAL MANAGEMENT**

Pest Animal Management and Landholder engagement in New England NSW is a new project that is up and running in the region. The project has numerous partners and runs until June 2013. The project aims to reduce the threats to endangered ecological communities and threatened species in the New England region of NSW. In addition, it aims to raise awareness about the impact of pest animals such as pigs, foxes, wild dogs and rabbits on our valuable natural assets as well as agricultural production. Landholders will be engaged in cooperative program to control and manage these pests.

The project will be delivering a number of field days and training workshops over the life of the project.

PESTSMART has a range of fact sheets available regarding pest animals and their control, including wild dogs, foxes, feral

pigs, feral cats and rabbits. To find out more visit <http://www.feral.org.au/pestsmart/>

### **NATIONAL LANDCARE CONFERENCE & AWARDS**

The National Landcare Conference will be held at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour from 3 to 5 September 2012. The conference will be held during Landcare Week, in association with the biennial National Landcare Awards ceremony.

The conference will provide an opportunity for the Landcare community and natural resource management professionals from across Australia to come together and share their experiences and knowledge.

Visit the [National Landcare Conference](http://National Landcare Conference) website for more information about the conference program and registration.

### **PEABODY ENVIRONMENT & LANDCARE AWARD**

Is now open. This award acknowledges individuals and organisations who show a proven passion and dedication to reducing environmental impacts in rural and regional areas. Many individuals and organisations recognise our need to improve our patterns of consumption and environmental behavior. They are environmentally conscious and understand that this and future generations will be dependent on the environment, and their actions



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will encourage sustainable and responsible development in the future. Nominating is FREE, don't miss out. Nominations close Friday 27th July. There are great prizes up for grabs—win \$5,000 from the Commonwealth Bank. For more information about the Awards, please contact the local awards office on 1300 735 445 or visit the website at [www.awardsaustralia.com](http://www.awardsaustralia.com).

### **BOB HAWKE LANDCARE AWARD**

Nominations are open for the inaugural Bob Hawke Landcare Award. This prestigious new award celebrates individual excellence in the promotion and adoption of sustainable agricultural practices, either on their own property or through a Landcare group.

Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Senator Joe Ludwig, said the Bob Hawke Landcare Award was a tribute to Bob Hawke's role in driving national support for Landcare, calling on all Australians to unite with government to tackle the crisis in natural resource conservation.

"Like its namesake, the award will recognise an outstanding individual effort in encouraging Australians to adopt sustainable and productive agricultural practices," Minister Ludwig said. For more information on the Bob Hawke Landcare Award or to nominate visit: <http://www.bobhawkelandcareaward.com.au/>

### **PHD PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES NOW AVAILABLE**

To better understand the Australian community's role in controlling invasive animals, four Invasive Animals CRC "Facilitating Community Action" PhD scholarships are on offer for study commencing in 2013 at the University of New England, Armidale, NSW.

Successful candidates should have a good quality research Masters or Honours degree in a relevant discipline and be an Australian resident or citizen. Since the award of a scholarship is likely to be highly competitive, we anticipate that the successful candidate will also be able to demonstrate superior research and publications skills, which may be demonstrated by prior scholarly publications or related evidence.

### **Applications close 17 August 2012.**

For more information, applicants should contact:  
Contact: [Prof Paul Martin](mailto:Prof Paul Martin) Email: [pmartin9@une.edu.au](mailto:pmartin9@une.edu.au) or  
Phone: (02) 6773 3811

### **THE CARBON TAX: IMPLICATIONS FOR PRIMARY PRODUCERS**

The Committee of Ebor Beef invites all Stakeholders, Primary Producers, Rural Businesses and the general interested public to a very informative and politically important forum. Speakers include Senator Barnaby Joyce, Richard Torbay MP, Mick Keogh (Executive Director, Australian farm Institute) & Charles Hollingworth (Group Environmental Manager, Teys Australia Pty

Ltd).

When – Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug 9am  
Where – Armidale Ex-Services Club

Cost – Members free, Non-members \$25 payable on the day

RSVP essential for catering.

Please email

[info@eborbeef.com.au](mailto:info@eborbeef.com.au)

### **VOLUNTEER GRANTS 2012**

Call for applications now open  
Volunteer Grants 2012 recognises the valuable work of Australia's volunteers. This initiative forms part of the Australian Government's ongoing commitment to organisations whose volunteers assist disadvantaged communities and encourage inclusion of vulnerable people in community life. Funding of \$16 million is available to support and encourage volunteering. Eligible not-for-profit community organisations can apply for grants between \$1,000 and \$5,000.

Funding is limited and applications will be assessed and prioritised according to how strongly they meet the selection criteria. The selection criteria, eligibility requirements and other essential information about Volunteer Grants 2012 are provided on website – [www.fahcsia.gov.au/volunteer-grants-2012-call-for-applications-now-open](http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/volunteer-grants-2012-call-for-applications-now-open)

All completed online applications must be received by

Wednesday **25 July 2012 at 5pm AEST.**