

NEW ENGLAND NORTH WEST LANDCARE

REGIONAL UPDATE

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LANDCARE HOTHOUSE WORKSHOP

Granite Borders Landcare are hosting a Landcare Hothouse Workshop on Wednesday 18th September at RSL Pavillion in Tenterfield starting at 4pm.

Topics include database options, websites, communications & advocacy and roles & responsibilities of committees.

Please RSVP to Granite Borders Landcare on 02 67363500 or email <u>landcare@gblc.org.au</u> by 16th September 2013.

GLENRAC AGM

Glen Innes Natural Resources Advisory Committee (GLENRAC) are holding their Annual General Meeting at the Glen Innes & District Services Club from 7.00pm Tuesday 24th September 2013. Includes a summary of GLENRAC's achievements for the past 12 months and will be followed by a presentation from Scot McDonald, MLC. Please RSVP to GLENRAC on 02 67323443 or email glenrac@glenrac.org.au

RAA FARM FINANCE CONCESSIONAL LOANS SCHEME

NSW Rural Assistance Authority (RAA) currently have a 'Farm Finance Concessional Loans Scheme' available to farmers allowing them to refinance up to \$650,000 of their farm debt. Applications close 30 September 2013. Full details available here http://www.raa.nsw.gov.au/

SCALD REHABILITATION FIELD DAY

Thursday 19th September 10am-1pm Lanark, Pilliga (approx. 15km west of Pilliga on Walgett/Come-by-Chance Rd)

Guest speaker Ray Thompson from Central West CMA will be coming along to discuss some scald rehabilitation techniques such as water ponding and water spreading. We will also be looking at some water ponding and saltbush plantings that were carried out in the past five years

For enquiries or to register, please call Tanya Slack-Smith on 0419 215998 or email tanyam.rlf@gmail.com

GRAVESEND CARP MUSTER

Friday 18th, Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th October 2013

Essy's Crossing, Gwydir Highway Hosted by the Royal Hotel Anglers Club

Registration from 4PM Friday & 9AM Saturday & Sunday—\$2.00pp BBQ available & Light refreshments

Saturday weigh in 10am—4pm, Sunday weigh in 10am—12noon

All entrants must abide by current NSW Fishing rules and regulations.

TULLOONA CONSERVATION FARMING GROUP FIELD DAY

Tulloona Conservation Farming Groiup are holding their annual Field Day on Wednesday 18th September 2013 starting 7.30am for breakfast at Tulloona Fire Shed. The program is packed with lots of interesting visits and an amazing lie up of speakers. For more information call Darryl Batelen on 0401 572807 or Lou Gall on 0429 321060.

NSW RURAL WOMEN'S GATHERING

The 2013 annual NSW Rural Women's Gathering will be held in Scone on 25, 26 and 27 October.

Thanks to the Upper Gwydir Landcare Association, YOU could attend for free.

Upper Gwydir Landcare Association (UGLA) is pleased to be able offer this opportunity to seven female residents of the Gwydir Shire to participate in the Gathering at no cost. This has been made possible from funding through Caring For Our Country – Community Landcare Grants program.

To be one of the UGLA participants you MUST register your interest with UGLA by 20th September www.ugla.com.au

All enquires to UGLA on 6724 2052 e-mail: ugla@gwydir.nsw.gov.au

BRINGING BACK THE FISH ON THE HORTON RIVER

Join the Border Rivers – Gwydir CMA for a BBQ and a chat about a healthier Horton River.

Upper Horton Sports Club Tuesday 17th September 2013 5:30pm till 8.00pm BBQ provided

ALL WELCOME.

Bring the kids (activities available to keep them entertained)

Please RSVP to Andrew Walsh Border Rivers-Gwydir CMA 67288044 or Brooke Kelly UGLA 67242052 or email ugla@gwydir.nsw.gov.au



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HEALTHY SOILS WORKSHOP

Healthy soils, Healthy animals, Healthy people & Healthy profits

New England Club, Glen Innes

Costs just \$20 per person Limited to 20 people

RSVP and payment by 2nd October to secure your registration.

Contact GLENRAC on 6732 3443 or office@glenrac.org.au

IMPROVE RIPARIAN HABITATS OPPORTUNITY

GLENRAC is now calling for Expressions of Interest from landholders to implement activities that improve riparian habitats in priority rivers and streams of the Tablelands.

Priority will be given to those properties that have or are willing to obtain a Property Management Plan.

To register your interest, please contact GLENRAC by Monday 23rd September 2013 Ph: 02 6732 3443 or email: tanya@glenrac.org.au

WINGS 'N THINGS BIRD & BUSH FESTIVAL

Gwydir Shire Council will host it's first ever shire wide event this October long weekend. Wings 'n Things Bird and Bush Festival will run from Friday 4th to Monday 7th October 2013 and is a celebration of the incredible variety of birds located with in the shire.

For enquiries, contact our friendly Visitor Information Centre Staff on 02 67240066 (Bingara) or 02 67290046 (Warialda).

DESIGN THE LOGO FOR THE AUSTRALIAN YOUNG FARMER CHALLENGE

Be in the running to win \$2,500 Are you an up-and-coming designer? Do you have a passion for agriculture and rural Australia? Enter the Australian Young Farmer Challenge National Logo Competition and you could win \$2,500.

The Royal Agricultural Society of the NSW (RAS) is launching a competition to design the logo for the Australian Young Farmer Challenge (AYFC).

More information, including the design brief and competition entry forms are available from: www.rasnsw.com.au/ayfc

NEW PLATFORM TO SUPPORT CARBON FARMERS

The process for landowners to participate in the CFI will be made easier through the development of a new myCFI website, www.mycfi.com.au.

myCFI will become a single online entry point for anyone interested in agricultural greenhouse gas emissions management or developing a carbon farming project.

To ensure the platform provides the most relevant content, landowners are being asked for their input by completing a survey before 23 September 2013.

If you wish to make comment go to https:// www.surveymonkey.com/s/myCFI

NEW ENGLAND NORTH WEST SUCCESS AT NSW LANDCARE AWARDS

A number of the great projects and people involved in Landcare from the New England North West were recognised at the 2013 NSW Landcare Awards last week.

- The High Country Urban Biodiversity Project was the winner in the Landcare Partnerships Award
- The Junior Landcare Team Award was taken out by the Frog Dreaming Program
- Murries on Barwon won the Indigenous Land Management Award
- The Taylor Family of Kentucky were recognised with a Highly Commended Award in the Innovation in Sustainable Farm Practices category
- GLENRAC Landcare Coordinator, Kylie Falconer, was runner up in the Landcare Coordinator / Facilitator Award.
- Kath Wray was recognised as a finalist in the highly competitive Individual Landcarer Award category.

Congratulations to those winners and finalists, as well as all the nominees. The winner from each category will go on to be part of the National Landcare Awards in 2014.