



NEW ENGLAND NORTH WEST LANDCARE

REGIONAL UPDATE

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ARMIDALE'S BIRTHDAY BASH

Sunday October 13th is drawing ever closer. That's the day we celebrate Armidale's Big Birthday Bash at New England Regional Art Museum and Black Gully. From 10 in the morning until 8.30 in the evening, we have a full program of great family activities involving art, music and the environment.

For more information visit <http://slaati.org/?p=6764>

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.

AG-N-CHAT WOMEN'S WEEKEND

Book early to secure your place at this "not to be missed" event in Warialda on Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd November 2013. An interesting array of workshops, activities and guest speakers.

For more information contact the GWYMAC Landcare Office on 02 67211241 or visit www.gwymaclandcare.com.au

ARMIDALE TREE GROUP 30 YEAR DINNER & OPEN DAY

Join us on the 12th October to celebrate our Anniversary, starting with our Annual Open Day. Activities.

Growing Your Own Organic Vegetables Workshop, with organic expert Tim Marshall at 11 am. Also we are having a free BBQ all morning with Woodland and Smart Tree Tours of The Mike O'Keeffe Woodlands.

Later that night at the Town Hall join us for our 30th Anniversary Dinner at 7.00pm. Tickets cost \$45 for 2 courses and entertainment, tickets can be purchased from the nursery.

NATIVE VEGETATION REGULATIONS

NSW Farmers met with the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) and various Catchment Management Authorities (CMA) representatives last week regarding native vegetation self-assessable codes. Representatives at the meeting are responsible for developing self-assessable codes for new Routine Agricultural Management Activities (RAMAs) as a part of the new native vegetation regulations which commenced on 23 September 2013.

NSW Farmers is pleased to be involved in the development of the codes and is lobbying for sensible and workable codes which improve the current native vegetation scheme in NSW.

For more information about changes to the regulations visit <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/vegetation/nvreg.htm>

BIOSECURITY GATE SIGNS

Producers can now purchase their own farm biosecurity gate sign. Signs can be used to indicate to visitors the importance of following biosecurity procedures on the property. They are available for \$40 including postage and handling anywhere in Australia. For more details visit <http://www.animalhealthaustralia.com.au/farm-biosecurity-farm-gate-sign>

NSW RURAL WOMEN'S GATHERING

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

There is a fantastic line-up of tours, more than 60 workshops on offer, and a host of other great activities you don't want to miss. Oh, and don't forget the ever popular Partner's Program!

Registrations are filling up quickly so jump online <http://www.upperhuntertourism.com.au>

WINCOTT AGM & LADIES LUNCH

Women in Cotton are holding their AGM & Ladies Lunch Wednesday 16th October 2013 at Ascot Lodge, 2 Phar Lap Court, Goondiwindi from 12.30pm.

Inspirational guest speaker Benita Bensch, Sunburnt Country Consulting "Staying on track in life & business". Sponsored by B&W Rural.

Cost \$25 for 2 course lunch. RSVP to President Michelle Smith 0418 606837 or email msmith@laboursolutions.com.au



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Send your news for the Landcare Update to Jennie Coldham at jennie@gbic.org.au



2014 SCIENCE AWARDS

Grants to realise big ideas from young rural innovators. Grant applications are now open for the 2014 Science & Innovation Awards for Young People in Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry. If you're 18-35, this is your chance to apply for up to \$22,000 (inc GST) to fund your innovative research project that will benefit Australia's primary industries.

More information and application forms at www.daff.gov.au/scienceawards. Application close 5pm Friday 8th November 2013.

LIVESTOCK BIOSECURITY NETWORK

A new Livestock Biosecurity Network (LBN) is being rolled out in all states and territories to encourage farmers and farming organisations to be prepared for possible exotic disease incursions and the risks to Australia's multi-billion dollar livestock industry.

The new network is the brainchild of Australia's three peak farming industry organisations: Cattle Council of Australia, Sheepmeat Council of Australia and WoolProducers Australia, which have pooled \$5 million to fund the LBN after three years of intensive planning.

Regional Biosecurity Officers have been appointed in Tasmania, Queensland, Western Australia and NSW. NSW Officer is Alice Mabin 0488 400 207 email amabin@lbn.org.au

VOTE ONLINE TO HELP FUND CONSERVATION KIDS!

Landcare Australia has partnered with the Foundation for National Parks and Wildlife to develop Conservation Kids.

Together, they have applied to the eftpos giveback campaign for funding. To secure this funding, they need our help. You can tell eftpos that you support the funding going to an environmental cause, and that you want it to go to Landcare Australia.

1. Visit: <http://eftposgiveback.com.au/vote>
2. Click the cause 'Environment, native flora and fauna'
3. Click 'Like' to vote through Facebook or complete your details in the form
4. Add 'Landcare Australia' as the charity
5. Click 'Vote for your cause now'

USE GENETICS TO MANAGE FLYSTRIKE WEBINAR

Online Seminar 31 October 2013, 12:30pm Eastern Standard Time.

Would you like to know more about Bestprac's latest innovation Case Study, 'Ewe Turn- Using genetics to manage flystrike'?

Join Geoff Lindon, Australian Wool Innovation's Program Manager, to talk about this topic in depth.

Read more about this seminar at <http://www.bestprac.info/pages/posts/find-out-how-to-use-genetics-to-manage-fly-strike-with-geoff-lindon-from-australian-wool-innovation.-538.php>

GROW IT LOCAL

Australia's most celebrated Indigenous chef, Mark Olive, better known as the 'Black Olive' is coming to North Western NSW to present Grow It Local native cuisine cooking workshops at Boggabilla, Moree and Mungindi.

The Black Olive will use native Australian ingredients to highlight the amazing array of native species that are found in this country, and why we need to manage the vegetation that supports this biodiversity.

Moree Town Hall
Tuesday 15 October (12:00 pm)

Boggabilla Central School
Wednesday 16 October (11:00 am)

Mungindi Central School
Thursday 17 October (11:00 am NSW time)

For more information contact Toni Anderson at the Border Rivers-Gwydir CMA on 07 4671 0518.

ACTION ON WILD DOGS

The National Wild Dog Action Plan Exposure Draft for public consultation has been released and is available for viewing and feedback. The purpose of the consultation process is to build on the recent drive to manage wild dogs around the country, including the formation of the Northern Inland Pest Animal Control group. Public feedback regarding the suitability of the Plan Exposure Draft is being sought, with access to further information available at the website

www.woolproducers.com.au