



## NEW ENGLAND NORTH WEST LANDCARE

# REGIONAL UPDATE

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### **BUSINESS WOMEN'S AWARDS**

Amazing business women are all around us, leading, innovating and mentoring the next generation. The 2012 Telstra Business Women's Awards celebrates 18 years of rewarding the incredible achievements of business women across the country.

The Alumni is full of truly remarkable women who continue to inspire people through their leadership, innovation and courage.

More than just recognition and rewards, the Awards provide an opportunity for career analysis and self-development, new business opportunities and network expansion.

Previous years show, incredible can come from anywhere. Please consider telling your story or that of a friend, community or family member.

Nominations are open all year round. Please go to the website [www.telstrabusinesswomensawards.com](http://www.telstrabusinesswomensawards.com) for more information.

### **WIN A KITCHEN FOR YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY**

**RAS Foundation 2013**

**Community Kitchen Program**

**Now Open**

The Royal Agricultural Society of NSW (RAS) Foundation is giving rural and regional NSW community organisations the chance to win a kitchen worth \$25,000 courtesy of Bunnings Warehouse. A new program for 2013, applications are open for the 2013 RAS Foundation Community Kitchen. RAS Foundation Executive

Officer, Jocellin Jansson said that the kitchen would be a wonderful boost for a rural community. "Each year at the Sydney Royal Easter Show, Bunnings Warehouse constructs a large working kitchen that is used for cooking demonstrations in the Woolworths Fresh Food Dome. Now, thanks to the support of Bunnings Warehouse, this same kitchen will provide a much needed boost to a deserving rural NSW community once the Show finishes," said Ms Jansson.

"There are many community buildings or community facilities in rural and regional towns that could be transformed with a new kitchen, turning them into a more useable and functional facility for the whole community to use for a range of events and activities. It's important to both Bunnings Warehouse and the RAS Foundation that the kitchen can be used by many in the community." The donated kitchen includes all of the cabinetry, cook tops, sink and oven, as well as a smaller kitchen, suitable for use indoors or outside undercover. Applicants are asked to answer a series of questions explaining why their community needs a new kitchen, who would utilise the kitchen and how it would enhance their community. Those eligible to apply include community centres, welfare organisations, churches, men's sheds, service clubs, sporting clubs, CWA branches and show societies.

The inaugural winner of the RAS Foundation Community Kitchen Award will be announced in early March, with the presentation to take place during the Sydney Royal Easter Show, 21 March – 3 April. "The kitchen is the heart of the family home and now, the RAS Foundation Community Kitchen program is enabling this great looking modern Bunnings kitchen to become the heart of a local rural NSW community," said Ms Jansson. The successful organisation will be responsible for freighting the kitchen from Sydney and associated installation costs.

**Applications close 10 February, 2013.** Applications are now open; forms and further information can be found online at: <http://www.rasnw.com.au/1878.htm> or [foundation@rasf.org.au](mailto:foundation@rasf.org.au) or 02 9704 1232.

### **AUSTRALIA'S NATURAL RESOURCES ARE 'IN SAFE HANDS'**

Landcare volunteers will be the beneficiaries of a \$302,500 grant to ensure they remain "in safe hands". Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Senator Joe Ludwig, said the grant would be used to fund the delivery of a Landcare work health and safety package, "In Safe Hands".

"In Safe Hands will help ensure the safety of the most valuable asset the Landcare movement has – our volunteers," Minister Ludwig said.

"There are more than 100,000 Landcare volunteers across



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Australia playing an important role in our natural resource management.

"The In Safe Hands training package is about supporting those groups and volunteers to improve their health and safety practices on the ground."

Minister Ludwig said the management system and training package was developed by, and would be delivered by, Conservation Volunteers Australia.

"The training will be delivered to more than 500 Landcare and community groups across Australia through a series of training workshops in 2013," he said.

"It will help develop practical skills and ensure people understand their legal obligations. "We encourage people to play a role in natural resource management and this grant is about providing people with the work health and safety skills they need to do this."

Conservation Volunteers Australia has partnered with individuals, businesses and governments in the conservation of Australia's environment for more than 30 years.

Landcare is a community-based movement that has played a major role in raising awareness, influencing farming and land management practices and delivering environmental outcomes across Australian landscapes.

The Gillard Government has dedicated more than \$200 million to Landcare activities over the next five years through its Caring for our Country

initiative.

This builds on the Government's \$178 million commitment for Landcare activities over the five years until June 2013.

## COLES LAUNCHES PLASTIC RECYCLING FOR SCHOOLS INITIATIVE

Recyclable plastic tables and chairs will be making their way into Australian schools through an Australian-first recycling initiative run by Coles and Australian recycling company RED group.

Over the next few weeks the REDcycle program will be rolled out so that Coles' shoppers can hand plastic bags and soft plastic packaging back in to dedicated in-store bins instead of going into landfill. RED Group then collects and processes the plastic before sending it to Replas to melt the plastic down, pour it into moulds and make the furniture to be distributed to Australian schools.

After a successful trial in Victoria in late 2011 and 2012, the program will be rolled out in 370 Coles' city stores across Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane and Adelaide.

Coles Store Development and Operations Director Stuart Machin said "In little over 12 months in Melbourne alone, Coles' customers have ensured 9 million plastic packaging items has been diverted from landfill as part of our trial. So by rolling this program out locally and across the nation, the potential benefits are enormous," he said. RED Group Director of Development Elizabeth Kasell said the

initiative was particularly exciting because it involved consumers, retailers, distributors and manufacturers "all working together for a better end of life outcome for materials that were previously going to landfill."

## FERAL ANIMAL CONTROL FIELD DAY



GLENRAC invites you to a Feral Animal Control Field Day.

Pest animal impacts on biodiversity and industry as well as the effective control of pest animals will be the topic of the field day. Studies have shown that the most effective way of controlling pest animals is through using a range of control techniques and taking part in a coordinated program. Co-operative community control efforts reduce the rate of pest animal reinvasion and landholders save time and money by planning coordinated action.

When – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 2013  
9.30am – 3.30pm

Where – Glen Innes Show Grounds, Glen Innes  
MORNING TEA & LUNCH PROVIDED

RSVP by 1<sup>st</sup> Feb to GLENRAC on 6732 3443