



NEW ENGLAND NORTH WEST LANDCARE

REGIONAL UPDATE

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WEATHER, IT MATTERS

Climate change is a hot topic. Are you concerned about how climate change will affect your farm, business and lifestyle?

The Border Rivers-Gwydir CMA would like to know your opinion on how climate change will affect the New England and North West region of the catchment and how people are adapting and planning for the future.

The CMA is holding six consultation workshops across the New England and North West region. In these workshops, we would like your feedback on your priorities for agriculture and the environment in your local area. Your feedback will help us upgrade our Catchment Action Plan (CAP).

Workshops will be held 6.00—8.30pm

Glen Innes - Railway Hotel
12th November

Armidale - Bowling Club
13th November

Walcha - Commercial Hotel
14th November

Tenterfield - Bowling Club
19th November

Ashford - Commercial Hotel
20th November

Inverell—Royal Hotel
21st November

RSVP to Border Rivers-Gwydir CMA on 02 67288039 or email wendy.miller@cma.nsw.gov.au

DIRT TO DOLLARS WORKSHOP

GLENRAC are holding a Dirt to Dollars workshop focussed on the importance of soil health in any farm business and demonstrating practical ways to implement sustainable farming principles.

Wednesday 6th November 2013 at Winters Road Glen Innes. Contact the GLENRAC Office for more information and to RSVP on 02 67323443 or email office@glenrac.org.au

AUSTRALIAN FARMER SUPPORT

The OECD recently released its updated figures for Producer Support Estimates (i.e. government support to farmers). At 0.2 percent of national GDP, Australian agriculture has the lowest level of support in the world. However, when viewed as a percentage of farm receipts, New Zealand (0.79 percent) is still slightly lower than Australia (2.72 percent).

The latest OECD report can be found here <http://www.oecd.org/tad/agricultural-policies/monitoring-and-evaluation.htm>

COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT

Ben Lomond Landcare invite you to join them for a weekend to gain confidence and achieve more on 9th & 10th November 2013.

The workshop will be held at Ben Lomond Hall from 8.15am to 5.00pm with morning tea and lunch provided.

This workshop is limited to 20 people, so to book your place contact GLENRAC on 02 67323443 or email office@glenrac.org.au

3RD EDITION OF IN SAFE HANDS TOOLKIT

The revised and update In Safe Hands Toolkit (3rd Edition) is now available. Go to www.insafehands.org.au where you can download the In Safe Hands Toolkit - FREE.

If you have previously downloaded In Safe Hands Toolkit then you are recommended to download the 3rd Edition with NEW inclusions.

If you have not got the 3rd Edition of In Safe Hands Toolkit then you will be missing out on all of the safety advice and systems now available.

AG-N-CHAT WOMEN'S WEEKEND

Book now to secure your place at this "not to be missed" event in Warialda on Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd November 2013. Starts 11.30am Saturday and concludes 2.30pm Sunday.

An interesting array of workshops, activities and guest speakers including Carolyn Ditchfield (From the Soil Up), Meg Perceval (Mental Health & Wellbeing), Rebel Black (Top 10 Young & Influential People), yoga, bushwalk & breakfast, cooking demonstration and more.

Tickets are \$70 per person (\$60 for GWYMAC members) includes 6 sumptuous meals and refreshments plus extra goodies.

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



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



NEED FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO RUN AN EVENT WITH AN ENVIRONMENTAL FOCUS?

Sustainable Namoi Living is driven by a collaboration of community groups including Tamworth Regional Landcare Association and Namoi CMA.

The vision of SNL is for the Namoi Catchment Community to be supported in making changes in behaviour to live more sustainably.

We invite your non-profit community group or organisation based in the Namoi Catchment to help, by presenting an innovative activity focused on educating and informing your community about living more sustainably. Your event may take place anytime from 1 November 2013 up until 8 May 2014, in the Namoi Catchment.

Initial expressions of interest must be submitted by 1 November 2013. Please contact the project management team at Forget Me Not Marketing on info@forgetmenot.net.au

COMMUNICATION & NEGOTIATION

These keys to farming success will be the focus of a one day workshop with international guru Allan Parker in Armidale 12th November 2013.

This 1 day workshop is an introduction to the art of communication and negotiation.

For more information contact Principle Focus on 02 66580775 or visit www.principlefocus.com.au

WORKCOVER NSW SHEEP AND BEEF CATTLE FARMING REBATE

Special promotion – for limited time only Get up to \$2000 to help your business be smarter and safer

Who can claim?

Sheep and beef cattle farmers in NSW – you can claim up to \$2000 if you are a sole trader or employ 50 or fewer employees, and sheep or beef cattle farming is your main business.

How do I claim?

Need more information?

Call 13 10 50, visit http://www.nswfarmers.org.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0005/33836/SBCF-Rebate-Brochure-171013.pdf or email safetyrebate@workcover.nsw.gov.au

GWYDIR RIVER KAYAK TOURS

31 October & 1 November 2013

10am - 2pm (one group each day)

Kayaking down the Gwydir River - sounds like a super way to spend the day doesn't it?

Join the Border Rivers-Gwydir CMA & Upper Gwydir Landcare Assoc on a kayaking trip to understand the health of the Gwydir River, what makes it tick and how we can help you look after it.

Please RSVP to Brooke Kelly phone 02 67 242052 or email ugla@gwydir.nsw.gov.au by 28th October 2013.

Places are limited. Riverside lunch provided Wear sun protection & appropriate foot-wear.

BETTER PASTURES FOR A VARIABLE CLIMATE

Friday 8th November 2013 at Bingara RSL Club, the Grassland Society of NSW, UGLA and Meat Livestock Australia present an interesting line-up of speakers to update on the latest in pasture research. Presentations include "Maximising red meat production on tropical pastures", "Managing legume nutrition with phosphorous and sulphur" and "Improving nodulation—have we got the rhizobia right?"

For more information or to RSVP contact Lester McCormick on 0427 401542 or Brooke Kelly on 0427 291 073 or visit www.grasslandnsw.com.au

MOREE REGIONAL BOTANIC GARDENS

Friends of the Moree Regional Botanic Gardens are pleased to announce that planting of the semi-evergreen vine thicket garden along the Mehi River is underway. This project was made possible with funding from the Australian Government's Caring for our Country initiative.

The semi-evergreen vine thicket is planted in the gravel pit site at the eastern end of Heber St and is part of the Moree Regional Botanic Gardens master plan.

For more information contact Moree Regional Landcare Facilitator Lou Gall on 0427 521 498 or email lou.gall@gvia.org.au