

GLENRAC

Newsletter

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Glen Innes Natural Resources Advisory Committee

Our vision is to create solutions for a sustainable and productive landscape.

Where to find us
NPWS Building
68 Church Street
Glen Innes

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Many Hands, One Voice



WHITE ROCK
Wind Farm

GLENRAC INVITES THE COMMUNITY TO CELEBRATE WITH THEM FOR THEIR 30TH ANNIVERSARY 100-MILE COMMUNITY DINNER



Above: GLENRAC 30th Anniversary dinner event organisers, Eliza James, Julie Firth, Kylie Falconer, Sam Baker and Sandy Fitzgerald.

On the 22nd of June 1989, the first official meeting of the Glen Innes Natural Resources Advisory Committee took place at the Glen Innes Town Hall. Formed with an 11-person board, the group had come together to investigate a total catchment management plan for the Macintyre Valley, and to take action against the crippling effects of eucalypt dieback gripping the region at the time.

30 years on, GLENRAC continues to be a champion for the ecological health of the district, uniting farmers, small businesses, conservationists and local government members with the goal of improving and maintaining the richly diverse landscape of the Glen Innes region. Over the years, they have facilitated countless workshops, field days and information events to build community skills and knowledge across areas of land and natural resources management, biodiversity, sustainability and drought support, and their member base has grown to over 800 people.

To celebrate everything GLENRAC has achieved over the past 30 years, (and in anticipation of what the next 30 years will bring!), the team are planning a huge community bash at the Glen Innes Services Club next month. Featuring a themed 100-mile dinner, the evening will be a celebration of some of the best local produce the area has to offer, with all food sourced from growers and farmers within a 160km radius.

"Despite the terrible drought conditions, our region is made up of farmers and providores who continue trucking along, direct marketing their produce to the New England region and further afar too," says GLENRAC Project Manager and event organiser, Eliza James.

"We want this night to focus on the positives of our community, and being able to feature local food is a great way of doing this. The produce we are showcasing is truly fantastic, in season and seriously local." (STORY CONTINUED ON PAGE 3)

GLENRAC MATTERS

Dear readers,

Although parts of the region have seen some rain from spring storms over the last few weeks, the conditions still remain overwhelmingly challenging for the Glen Innes and wider community. Our thoughts go out to all affected by the weather, especially to anyone who is battling against bushfires. The team at GLENRAC are committed to providing support and assistance to our drought-affected community through tailored events, field days and workshops; connecting people with other avenues of help and support; and assisting landholders with submitting rebate and drought assistance forms.

We have facilitated a number of great events over the last few months, with highlights including the Rural Women's Day at Waterloo Station, a Bird Morning with Ross Crates at Wattlebend, Fit Farmers in Emmaville, our Drought Roadshow, and a number of Smoko events aimed at feral pest management in Glencoe, Dundee and Wellingrove. We will continue to provide an array of events that will benefit our region over the rest of 2019 and into the New Year. Hope to see you all at one of them soon!

We also welcome new GLENRAC Committee Chairman, Ian Lockwood, and Vice Chair, Julie Firth, and wish them both luck in their new roles.

Regards, the GLENRAC Staff: Kylie, Lucy, Jennie, Mahri, Eliza and Lucy

BRIGHT IDEAS

MyDungBeetle Reporter App

Now available on Google Play and from the App store,

MyDungBeetle Reporter is an Australian first. The app is part of the country's largest beetle survey – allowing users to report their beetle findings and sightings simultaneously, regardless of geography. The findings will help to draw regional maps of which species are where – and what gaps exist.



#buyfromthebush

An initiative to encourage people to shop from small rural businesses this event season.

Get Trapped

Pest control products, including:
- animal deterrents, wildlife rescue equipment, humane animal traps, imported cage and foot traps, as well as a selection of locally made cage traps in larger standard sizes. Custom orders available.



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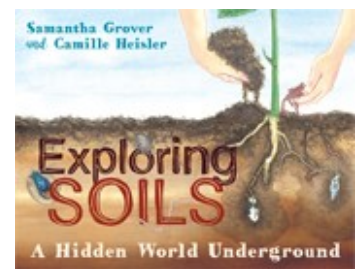
NEW BOOK RELEASES

Exploring Soils: A Hidden World Underground

By Samantha Grover and Camille Heisler

Take a journey with aspiring soil scientist

James and discover the importance of soils in our world. \$24.95.

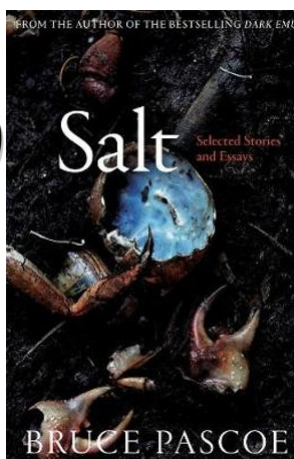
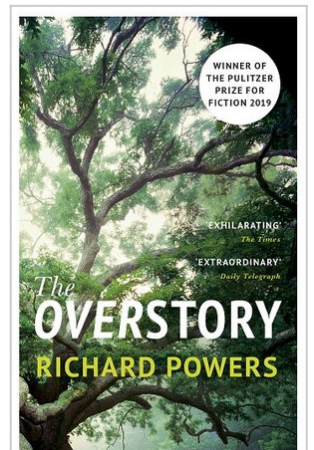


The Overstory

By Richard Powers

A wondrous, exhilarating novel about nine strangers brought together by an unfolding natural catastrophe.

Winner of the 2019 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction. \$19.95



Salt

By Bruce Pascoe

A collection of stories and essays by the award-winning author of Dark Emu, showcasing his shimmering genius across a lifetime of work. \$27.95

You are cordially invited to



100 Mile Table Dinner Showcasing Local Provenance

FRIDAY 22nd NOVEMBER 2019 6:30PM
Glen Innes & District Services Club, Auditorium

Meet local producers and hear their paddock to plate story.
Savour the flavours and celebrate 30 years of Landcare in the Glen Innes Region with
a dinner featuring local produce, sourced from within 100 miles of Glen Innes.

Local beverage on arrival

Tickets: \$45

Tickets can be purchased from the Glen Innes & District Services Club
Tables of 8 or book individually - Limited tickets available

Dress code: Semi-Formal

RSVP: 5th November 2019

For more information contact GLENRAC on 02 6732 3443 or 0427 325 901

CHARITY AUCTION WITH ALL PROCEEDS TO RED CROSS BRANCHES

**GLENRAC 30th Anniversary Dinner – Friday 22nd Nov
2019, from 6:30pm, Glen Innes District & Services
Club. \$45 with a complimentary local beverage on
arrival. Tickets can be purchased from the Glen Innes
District & Services Club.**

GLENRAC INVITES THE COMMUNITY TO CELEBRATE WITH THEM AT THEIR 30TH ANNIVERSARY 100-MILE COMMUNITY DINNER

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Event organiser and GLENRAC Committee member, Sandy Fitzgerald, who with her husband, Desmond, were part of the first official GLENRAC meeting, said the dinner is an opportunity for the community to learn about the history behind Landcare, and the pioneering origins of GLENRAC.

“The creation of the Landcare movement was triggered by the events of Black Friday in Melbourne during the 1980s – the city was almost shut down by thousands of tons of soil that had blown in from the Western districts of Victoria, and serious questions were asked about how such an ecological event could have happened.

A visionary proposal between the Australian Conservation Foundation and the National Farmers Federation, with their leaders Philip Toyne and Rick Farley, provided the Federal Government at the time with ideas to tackle land degradation by bringing together conservation and land management, volunteers and farmers. In 1989, Landcare was formed, with Hawke announcing that 1990 would be the Year of Landcare, and the 1990s the Decade of Landcare.

Glen Innes Landcare and GLENRAC have been there since the very beginning – and here we are, still going strong 30 years later, our focus still fundamentally on maintaining an overarching ecological sensibility through the management of land, soils and resources in our natural environment.”

The evening will also feature charity auctions, with all proceeds going to local Red Cross branches. Limited tickets available.

ROBERT DULHUNTY ANNOUNCED AS RECIPIENT OF 2019 GERALD CARNEY AWARD AT THE BIANNUAL LANDCARE NSW AWARDS IN BROKEN HILL



COMMUNITY DROUGHT SUPPORT



Prue, Maureen, Betty and Gail from the CWA Day Branch in the GLENRAC office packing donated items to give to farmers in need.



Food, bathroom and laundry items donated by numerous outlets, travellers and community members, all packed up and ready to be distributed to farmers in need.



Coles GI Assist. Manager Chris Marshall, GLENRAC Landcare Coordinator Kylie Falconer, RSPCA President Glen Sternberg, RSPCA volunteer Brigitte Burrigide with donated bags of damaged Coles dog food.



The Strawberry Patch display is aimed at raising traveller awareness of the cost of drought to communities and raising money to purchase animal feed for farmers with Glen Innes Rotary.

We would like to say a huge **THANK YOU** for the outpouring of community support for our drought and fire affected town. We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of people in our region—whether they've offered free laundry access, showers, cups of coffee, animal products, food or hygiene items, every little bit has counted in making a huge difference in the lives of people who are really doing it tough. A special mention goes out to Brigitte Burrigide and the Glen Innes RSPCA Branch, the Glen Innes CWA Day Branch, the Super Strawberry, Rotary Glen Innes, the Glen Innes Lionesses and the numerous private donations that we have received at GLENRAC to distribute to the community.

SERRATED TUSSOCK CONTROL DURING DRY TIMES



Above Image: Serrated tussock

During these hard times of drought, the best control option for Serrated Tussock is to chip out individual plants or small infestations and for larger infestations wait until it rains to use herbicides. When it does rain, spot spray using Glyphosate and/or Flupropanate based herbicides as per the label recommendations. Control scattered infestations first and work back to denser infestations. Always follow up treatments with further spot spraying or chipping, as some plants may be missed and new seedlings will always emerge. Regularly monitor treated areas for the emergence of seedlings.

New England Weeds Authority (NEWA) has been chipping roadside Serrated Tussock out during these dry times as herbicides will not work.

Serrated Tussock is a South American perennial tussock grass that grows up to 45cm tall. It is a highly invasive weed and can produce more than 140,000 seeds in a good year. During winter the leaves of Serrated Tussock stay lime green in colour while other grasses brown off, leaf tips turn a bleached golden yellow colour after frost, are very fine and also feel rough when you run your fingers downwards due to fine serrations. They are tightly rolled, narrow, stiff and upright, and will roll smoothly between the index finger and thumb whilst native tussocks feel as though they have flat edges. In November Serrated Tussock has weeping purple flower heads and seeds are windblown which can travel over 50km in the wind. Seeds also spread with feed, animals and machinery. Animals can pick up seeds in hooves, fleeces or coats and Serrated Tussock seeds remain viable passing through an animal's gut.

Seeds can remain viable in the soil for 3 years so treating Serrated Tussock is a continuous weed control program for all landholders who have serrated tussock or are located near properties with serrated tussock. Serrated Tussock colonises bare areas. Drought causing bare ground favours Serrated Tussock. Sandy, nutrient poor soils are at most risk.

New England Weeds Authority Biosecurity Officers (Weeds) from left to right:

Josh Robb Matt Benham Rachel Betts Josh Biddle Trent McIntyre James Browning (Senior Biosecurity Officer)



New England Weeds Authority Weed Officers are on hand to assist with your noxious weed identification, management and control. Visit www.newa.com.au or Phone 6770 3602



GLENRAC ACTIVITY SNAPSHOTS



Rural Women's Day at Waterloo Station



Drone Training at Dundee



Deer Information Evening at Glen Innes RSL



Smoko with Friends, Wellingrove



Smoko with Friends, Dundee



Forklift Training in Glen Innes



Morning Bird Walk with Ross Crates at Wattlebend, Emmaville



Smoko with Friends, Bald Nob

OPPORTUNITIES AND FUNDING

EMPOWERING OUR COMMUNITIES GRANT

FUNDING NOW OPEN! Attention local community groups in and around Glen Innes. Could these grants be an opportunity for you to contribute positively to our community?! Hunter New England and Central Coast Primary Health Network (HNECC PHN) is offering grants of up to \$50,000 for community-led activities that build resilience during the big dry. Visit: <https://www.hnecphn.com.au/> for more info.

GRANTS UP TO \$50,000



COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE CALL OUT

ARE YOU PART OF A GROUP ORGANISING A COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE? Let GLENRAC help put you in touch with funding to make your event bigger, bolder and brighter this festive season. Call our office on 02 6732 3443 to find out more.



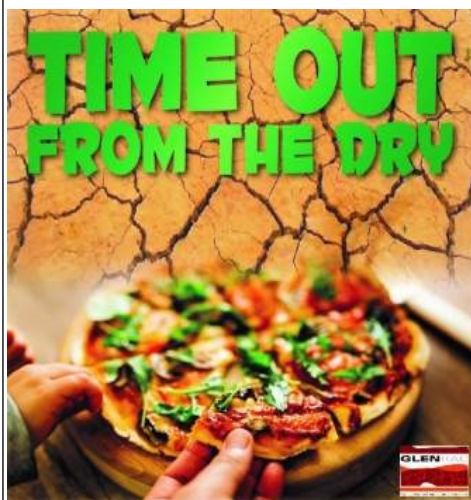
2020 NSW WOMEN'S WEEK GRANTS

The NSW Government is encouraging charities, not-for-profits, companies limited by guarantee and local government organisations within NSW to apply for grant funding to hold events and activities that celebrate women during the 2020 NSW Women's Week. The NSW Women's Week grants provide local organisations with an opportunity to deliver a range of education, mentoring and participatory activities that will provide direct benefit local to women and girls. Grant funding will comprise of grants of up to \$5,000 each. Visit the website to find out more: <https://www.women.nsw.gov.au/news-and-events/nsw->



TIME OUT FOR THE DRY DINNERS

GLENRAC's "Time Out From The Dry" Dinners aim to support small groups of landholders experiencing 'intense drought' by helping them have a night out with their neighbours, helping themselves and supporting a local venue too! We have Dinner vouchers available to the value of \$300 each.



Applications close on the last business day 5:00pm of the month for dinners to be hosted the following month. Call us on 026732 3443.

AgriFutures™ Horizon Scholarship

Applications for the AgriFutures™ Horizon Scholarship are now open. Students studying an agriculture-related degree or STEM degree, in their last two years of study, are eligible to apply. The scholarship provides an annual \$10,000 bursary over two years and professional development opportunities for eligible university students. Visit the website to find out more: www.agrifutures.com.au/horizon



GLENRAC OPERATING COMMITTEE 2018/19

CHAIRMAN - Ian Lockwood

VICE CHAIR - Julie Firth

TREASURER - Sam Baker

SECRETARY - Tony Corcoran

LANDHOLDER & DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES:

Andrew Campbell, Chris Leahy, Jane Munro, John Bavea, Mark Donovan, Mike Norton, Sandy Fitzgerald, Julie Firth.

Glen Innes Severn Council : Graham Price, Col Price

Department of Primary Industries : Carol Harris

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Glen Innes Local Aboriginal Lands Council: Jaydun Potter

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To The Land Manager

This activity is part of the Local Landcare Coordinators Initiative



**Local Land
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The Local Landcare Coordinators Initiative is funded by the NSW Government, and is supported through the partnership of Local Land Services and Landcare NSW.



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Coming Events:

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| 1-3 November | NSW Rural Women's Gathering, Walcha |
| 5 November | Smoko with Friends at Glen Elgin Sports Ground, 1:00pm-3:30pm |
| 7 November | Maximise Your Time Management & Productivity at Inverell, 9:00am-3:00pm |
| 8 November | Maximise Your Time Management & Productivity at Glen Innes Showgrounds 9:00am-3:00pm |
| 15 November | Smoko with Friends at Pinkett Hall |
| 22 November | GLENRAC 30th Anniversary 100-Mile Community Dinner at Glen Innes RSL from 6:30pm |
| 26 November | Smoko with Friends Torrington Hall |
| 27 November | NLIS Workshop, NPWS Building, |
| 12 December | Smoko with Friends at Glencoe |
| 20 February 2020 | Young Farmer Business Conference, Dubbo |