



FLOOD RECOVERY PROJECT SET TO LAUNCH

Granite Borders Landcare Association will shortly launch its project for farmers affected by January 2011 floods. The Caring for our Country project will see \$596,000 injected into flood affected farms throughout areas of Tenterfield, Glen Severn and Inverell Shires. Up to \$15,000 will be available per farm. Application forms will be available in the New Year. In the meantime, details are available through your Landcare network: Granite Borders 67363500 Glenrac 67323443 Gwymac 67211241

BUSH REGENERATION GRANTS

NSW Environmental Trust is offering a new Bush Regeneration Grant. This grant will be funded over 6 years and between \$200,000 and \$250,000 is available per project. Projects should be staged over 6 years and focus on the likes of restoration of threatened ecological communities, environmental education, minimizing future environmental damage and be innovative in nature. Closes 31.1.2012. More at www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/BushRegeneration.htm

ONLINE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE INPUT TO CAP REVIEW

The Border Rivers-Gwydir CMA + the Northern Rivers CMA now have a section of their website dedicated to the review of their Catchment Action Plan (CAP).

Here you will be able to identify areas of the catchment you believe are significant + also have your say on NRM issues in the region. Maps, background to the plan + straight forward forms to provide your input are available at either brg.cma.nsw.gov.au (Border Rivers-Gwydir CMA) OR yoursay.northern.cma.nsw.gov.au (Northern Rivers CMA).

COOLATAI GRASS FIELD DAY

Glenrac will host a field day 8th December near Strathbogie. This will focus on management of Coolatai Grass, with a number of guest speakers. Property owner Jim Benton will discuss his experience + favourable results with Coolatai Grass management; Lester McCormick + Bob McGufficke (NSW DPI) will be on hand to discuss management of the species + tips for tropical grass establishment. Bruce Gardiner (BRG CMA) will also attend + discuss positive results of Coolatai Grass management. Free. Morning tea + lunch included. RSVP to Glenrac 67323443.

CARBON FARMING GRANTS

Filling the Research Gap is a component of the Australian Government's Carbon Farming Futures program. The program will see \$201 million invested in research to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the land and agriculture sector. This can include projects to focus on research

into cattle genetics + feed alternatives to reduce methane emissions from livestock, new fertiliser technologies; new crop species to build soil carbon and more. Applications close 3.2.2012.

<http://www.daff.gov.au/climatechange/carbonfarmingfutures/ftfg>

BORDER RIVERS-GWYDIR CMA SEEKS FARM PARTNERS

Border Rivers Gwydir CMA will target 7 priority subcatchments in 2011-2012. This includes priority areas in the following districts:

- Boggabilla + Toomelah
 - Gurley + Tycannah
 - Mungindi (particularly Boomi River + Whallan Creek)
 - Terry Hie Hie
 - Collarenebri (particularly Barwon River + Thalaba Creek)
 - Thalaba Creek (nr Bunna Bunna + Bulyeroi)
 - Garah
- Eligible projects include revegetation, improving soil health, managing vertebrate pests + weeds, maintaining riverine condition, reducing salinity + more. Farmer workshops will also be available in these areas. Find out more by visiting brg.cma.nsw.gov.au Applications close 23.12.2011.

NATIVE VEG SURVEY

As part of the NSW review of the regulations for the Native Vegetation Act 2003, a series of community workshops have been held across the state. Land managers also have an opportunity to tell the NSW





government about their experiences with the way government regulates native vegetation by completing the Native Vegetation Survey. The survey will be open until 30 March 2012 + is available online at www.engage.environment.nsw.gov.au/portal/natureconservation/nvreg/native_veg_survey

STOCK ROUTES HOME TO DIVERSE FAUNA

Border Rivers-Gwydir CMA has funded a 14 day fauna study of Travelling Stock Routes in the Gurley-Bellata area. The study was conducted by Phil Spark, and revealed 145 native animals on TSRs in the area. This also included vulnerable + threatened species, such as Earless Dragons, the Grey Crowned Babbler, Spotted Harrier + Bush Stone Curlew. Stock Routes remain key conservation areas for threatened species, meaning threats such as vertebrate pests + weed species need to be carefully managed.

FARM COUNSELLING SERVICE EXPANDS

Anglicare Northern Inland has secured funding from the Australian Government to expand its counselling services for landholders in the Bundarra region. The service is predominantly for landholders who continue to experience the impact of drought in their lives. Services will be available in Bundarra once per fortnight

from 23rd November, or can be otherwise accessed in Inverell. To arrange an appointment, call 67222766 or email acsinverell@bigpond.com. The service is offered at no cost.

ROADSIDE VEG FUNDING

The NSW Government has allocated \$1.3 million in funding for council roadside vegetation conservation projects. Councils are able to apply for up to \$50,000 to help conserve and protect roadside vegetation through revegetating and regeneration of ecological communities. Applications close 2.12.2011. www.lgsa.org.au/roadgrants

NORTHERN RIVERS NAMES SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

Northern Rivers CMA has named the successful applicants under their 2011-2012 small and major projects. In our region, successful applicants include: Regenerative Farming at 'Kenilworth', Guyra; Lovegrass control through rotational grazing at Tenterfield; Revegetation + Lantana control near Tenterfield; and River Planning in the Upper Clarence catchment. A complete list is available at www.northern.cma.nsw.gov.au

NEW NRM SITE LAUNCHES

A new Australian Government NRM website has been launched at www.nrm.gov.au. The website provides easier access to information on

funding opportunities and program outcomes relating to Caring for our Country. The site also includes a dedicated projects area + substantial archive of reference material from Australian Government funded NRM projects. More material will be added over time. Add the site to your Favourites. Feedback on the site is welcome + can be sent to communications@nrm.gov.au

DUNG BEETLE ROADSHOW IN FULL SWING

The Landcare Networks of the New England North West are hosting the Dung Beetle Roadshow this week, thanks to funding from Caring for our Country. This includes a total of 11 events, with key note speaker Dr Bernard Doube from South Australia. Already, workshops have been well attended, with glowing feedback from landholders. The event also includes LHPA Vets from New England + North West areas, discussing the issue of buffalo fly + pestivirus management.

WEED REFERENCE ON OFFER

The latest edition of the Noxious and Environmental Weed Control Handbook is now available online. The book lists 150 species + control methods. Download your free copy at www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/agriculture/pests-weeds/weeds/publications/noxious-enviro-weed-control