



## NEW ENGLAND NORTH WEST LANDCARE

# REGIONAL UPDATE

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### FARMERS NEEDED FOR RESEARCH PROJECT

*We want to know your thoughts about climate change and climate variability*

This research project will examine older male farmers' perceptions of climate change and climate variation.

The researcher is keen to get the experiences of individuals who are most affected in their day-to-day lives by climate change and/or climate variation.

It is expected that this research will be published in academic journals upon completion so it is really important to get a real sense of what being a farmer is like in the Central West and Central Tablelands areas. Farmers willing to be interviewed do not have to be currently farming but can be retired given restrictions in age requirements.

If you are a farmer that fits the criteria and are happy to speak with the researcher for about an hour, please contact Natalie on 0422 586 393 or at: [natalie.single@gmail.com](mailto:natalie.single@gmail.com).

**All interviews and information will remain private and confidential.**

**This study is a part of a student research project.**

### THE 2013 SUSTAINING RURAL COMMUNITIES CONFERENCE

**"Cultivating Your Resilient  
Community"**

5th and 6th June 2013 Venue:  
Narrabri, Crossing Theatre

The event will focus on people and enable delegates to build new networks, develop new personal and professional skills + learn more about the findings from recent regional research.

Building the skills and capacity of people in Australia's regions is vital if we are to collectively manage and take advantage of the opportunities these new challenges offer.

For more information and registration go to [www.sustainingruralcommunities.org.au/2013\\_conference](http://www.sustainingruralcommunities.org.au/2013_conference)

### WOOLWORTHS AGRICULTURAL BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIP

Each year Woolworths offers 24 young Australians the opportunity to participate in our Agricultural Business Scholarship program.

During the fully-funded 12-day course, participants gain a broad academic perspective on the business of agriculture from key academics, Woolworths business leaders and other industry experts.

Program applications open Monday 15th April and close Friday 31st May 2013. Apply at [woolworths.com.au/scholarship](http://woolworths.com.au/scholarship)

### ACTION ON THE GROUND FUNDING

Action on the Ground is a component of the Carbon Farming Futures Program and will invest up to \$99 million of grant funding over six years to June 2017.

Action on the Ground assists farmers and land managers to undertake on-farm trials of abatement technologies, practices and management strategies to measure and demonstrate how these can reduce agricultural greenhouse gas emissions of methane and nitrous oxide or increase the sequestration of carbon in soil while maintaining farm productivity.

Under round two, individual grants up to \$775 000 (GST Exclusive) are available for farmers, land managers, farming groups, researchers, industry sectors and non-government organisations to undertake projects that address at least one of the program's three key priorities:

- 1/ Reduced methane emissions from livestock production systems
- 2/ Reduced nitrous oxide emissions
- 3/ Increased carbon sequestration in soils

For further details please go to the Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry website.

Applications close at 5.00pm (AEST) 23 May 2013.

### 2013 NSW LANDCARE & CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT FORUM - NEWCASTLE

Registrations are open for the 2013 Landcare and Catchment Management Forum to be held 3-5 September 2013 in Newcastle. The 2013 Forum will bring together Landcare and community groups, farmers,



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Indigenous groups, volunteers, regional catchment bodies and industry and government representatives from across NSW, Australia and overseas. A range of social functions and activities will be held over the three days, such as a muster of Landcare groups, a series of field trips, the main Forum conference and a Landcare awards dinner.

For more information go to [www.landcarecmaforum.com.au](http://www.landcarecmaforum.com.au)

## BOOK TO HELP BOOST ON-FARM BIODIVERSITY

Conserving and enhancing native biodiversity on farms brings many benefits as well as providing many challenges. *Nature and Farming*, co-written by University of New England professor Nick Reid, explains why it is important to sustain native plants and animals in agricultural landscapes, and outlines the key issues in developing and implementing practical approaches to safeguarding native biodiversity in rural areas.

The book considers the range of ecological and agricultural issues that determine what native biodiversity occurs in farmland and how it can be secured.

For more information visit [www.publish.csiro.au](http://www.publish.csiro.au)

## NATIONAL TREE DAY

National Tree Day and Schools Tree Day provide all Australians with an opportunity to do

something positive for the environment and reconnect with nature, thanks to support from our longstanding major sponsor Toyota Australia. Hundreds of thousands of Australians planted over 1 million native trees, shrubs and grasses at more than 3300 Tree Day events in 2012.

We work with councils, schools and community groups to make it all happen.

In 2013, National Tree Day will be on Sunday 28th July and Schools Tree Day will be on Friday 26th July, although events can be held on any date during the year.

For more information visit – [treeday.planetark.com](http://treeday.planetark.com)

## L.I.F.E (LANDCARE IS FOR EVERYONE) WEBSITE NEEDS YOU!

The LIFE website is all about showcasing different ways people can get involved with Landcare.

You can submit your own events, share your success stories, promote volunteering opportunities, and much more! Visit [www.landcarelife.com.au](http://www.landcarelife.com.au) to see how you can get involved.

## 'IN SAFE HANDS' TOOLKIT NSW WORKSHOP 2013

"In Safe Hands" delivers a safety Management System designed for community groups in practical conservation.

The content and processes have been adapted from Conservation Volunteers

Australia's own system which is based on their 30 years of knowledge and experience in managing volunteers in practical conservation.

The toolkit includes reference to recent changes in legislation.

Conservation Volunteers will conduct training in the practical use of the 'In Safe Hands' Toolkit.

There is no cost to workshop participants.

**Inverell "In Safe Hands" Workshop will be held on Tues 4th June (9am to 1pm) at Inverell Public Library, 55-59 Campbell Street.**

Morning tea will be provided

Please register to attend by emailing Jai Cooper [jai.cooper@conservationvolunteers.com.au](mailto:jai.cooper@conservationvolunteers.com.au)

## REGIONAL ACHIEVEMENT & COMMUNITY AWARDS NSW/ACT

are about recognising rural and regional achievers in your community.

There can never be enough encouragement and support for those working in rural and regional areas. Awards such as these create an opportunity to say thank you to businesses, community groups and individuals who work tirelessly in developing their chosen fields of endeavour.

Nominations close Friday 2 August 2013 Find out more at:

<http://www.awardsaustralia.com/regional-achievement-community-awards/nsw>