



NEW ENGLAND NORTH WEST LANDCARE

REGIONAL UPDATE

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COMMUNICATION & NEGOTIATION

KEYS TO FARMING SUCCESS

Tuesday 12th November 2013 at Armidale Bowling Club 9.00am to 3.30pm. One day workshop with international guru Allan Parker.

Negotiating is the single most frequently used skill in the business world at every level and is probably business success factor No. 1. This is an introduction to the art of communication and negotiation, an opportunity to learn an approach that focuses on four core negotiation principals.

For more information contact Principle Focus on 02 6658 0775 or visit www.principlefocus.com.au

DUMARESQ CATCHMENT INVASIVE SPECIES FIELD DAY

You are invited to come along to Glenlyon Dam for a great day of presentations on weeds and pest animals in the Dumaresq River catchment. Thursday 14th November 2013 11am NSW time / 10am QLD time at Glenlyon Dam Tourist Park. Please RSVP to Tom McIndoe on 0427 241806 or John Conroy on 0429 475385.

WETLAND CARE AUSTRALIA PHOTOGRAPHY PRIZE 2014

WetlandCare Australia invites photographers of all ages to enter our Photography Prize. Exhibit your work in Townsville, QLD, and celebrate World Wetlands Day on Sunday 2 February 2014. To enter visit www.wetlandcare.com.au or call 1800 816 147, closes 7th December 2013.

NULLAMANNA'S NOCTURNAL CREATURES IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Night Watching at Nullamanna – as part of a collaborative project between Gwymac Inc and the Border Rivers-Gwydir Catchment Management Authority, Gwymac is hosting a night watching evening at Shirley Handy's '5 Corners' nature reserve on Halls Lane, Nullamanna on Saturday 23rd November. There are a number of options available namely 1) join the evening walk only from 5pm – 11pm; 2) join the evening walk + camp overnight and walk to Gagin Mountain the following morning or 3) join the morning walk only to Gagin Mt on Sunday 24th November. All meals are catered and this event is free. As numbers are limited due to the nature of the evening it is essential to register with the Gwymac office in Inverell. There are only a few places left. Please call Anya on (02) 6721 1241.

GWYMAC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

It is coming up to that time of the year again when Gwymac will be hosting it's Annual General Meeting in order to celebrate the year that was 2013 as well as conduct elections for the 2014 Gwymac Committee. This year we will be hosting our AGM on Thursday 14th November at the Inverell Town and Country Club at 174 Otho Street, Inverell starting at 5pm. Light refreshments will be provided. A reminder to everyone that if you are not a financial member of Gwymac Inc, it's not too late to join but you do need to be a financial member in order to vote.

WEED MANAGEMENT REVIEW

The Minister for Primary Industries has requested the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) to undertake an independent evaluation of the effectiveness and efficiency of weed management in NSW. The review will focus on existing good practice, opportunities and barriers that exist within current arrangements and ways to overcome barriers to inform the recommendations.

As an initial step in the review the NRC has prepared an issues paper now available for public comment based on initial consultation and research. The purpose of this paper is to:

- clarify priority issues
- get stakeholder and community views about barriers and opportunities for more effective weed management
- seek to identify any additional issues
- identify relevant evidence to inform the review.

The NRC is currently accepting online submissions. Alternatively, you can post a submission or fax it to 02 8227 4399. For more information and the issues paper visit

[http://
engage.haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/
weed-management-review](http://engage.haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/weed-management-review)

Submissions are due by 6 December 2013.





BUSHFIRE SURVIVAL PLAN APP

As part of the ongoing Prepare Act Survive public awareness campaign, a new online version of the Bush Fire Survival Plan has been released.

The MyFirePlan app provides general advice on understanding your risk, steps to prepare your property, and the decision on what to do during a fire.

Users can complete their Plan including key contacts, email and print it, and share it with family and friends.

You can download the MyFirePlan app on iOS and Android at the following links.

<https://itunes.apple.com/au/app/myfireplan/id726634175?mt=8>

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=au.gov.nsw.rfs.myfireplan&hl=e>

[id=au.gov.nsw.rfs.myfireplan&hl=e](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=au.gov.nsw.rfs.myfireplan&hl=e)

NATIVE VEGETATION UPDATES

NSW Farmers are hosting General Manager of Border Rivers-Gwydir CMA, Paul Hutchings, to speak about changes to the NSW Native Vegetation Regulations. The first meeting will be held at Legume Hall on 20th November 2013 from 12.30pm and the second at Ashford Showground from 6pm on 21st November 2013. For more information contact Stuart Murdoch on 0427 437103 or email murdochs@nswfarmers.org.au

WEATHER, IT MATTERS

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

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 - 12th November

Armidale - 13th November

Walcha - 14th November

Tenterfield - 19th November

Ashford - 20th November

Inverell - 21st November

RSVP to Border Rivers-Gwydir CMA on 02 67288039 or email

wendy.miller@cma.nsw.gov.au

GRANITE BORDERS LANDCARE MEETING

GBLC General Committee Meeting with Guest Presentation from Ray & Samantha Palmer (Symara Organic Farm).

The final general committee meeting for 2013 will be held on Thursday 21st November, at the Applethorpe DPI Conference Room. This will be a chance to hear all about Symara Organic Farm, catch up with friends, hear the latest Landcare news and plan for the year ahead. Please be there for a 2pm (QLD time) start.

Please RSVP to GBLC on 02 67363500.

IMPROVING FEEDBASE QUALITY

Friday 15th November 2013 at Tamworth Agricultural Institute, Calala Lane, starting 9.00am and concludes for BBQ lunch.

Featuring a quality list of presenters and highly interesting topics—this is a day not to miss!

Please RSVP for catering purposes to (02) 6763 1100 or tamworth.office@industry.nsw.gov.au

WILD DOG CONTROL WEBINAR

The next topic in the popular series of BeefConnect webinars hosted jointly by Beef Central and FutureBeef this year will focus on Improving the Effectiveness of Wild Dog Control.

The one-hour webinar will be held at 1.30pm (NSW time) on Friday, November 15 2013.

Guest presenter will be Brett Carlsson, Queensland Wild Dog Coordinator with AgForce Qld, joined by hosts Jon Condon (Beef Central) and John James (FutureBeef).

For more information and to register for this webinar visit <http://www.beefcentral.com/production>

TRLA AGM

Tamworth Regional Landcare Association AGM is on Tuesday 19th November, 6.30 pm at the UNE Centre in Tamworth. Sara Schmude will be the guest speaker, giving a presentation on the NSW Junior Landcare Award Winning Frog Dreaming project.