



NEW ENGLAND NORTH WEST LANDCARE

REGIONAL UPDATE

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BUILDING LOCAL LAND SERVICES

One team

Local Land Services will bring together LHPA, CMA and DPI advisory services. Being a part of the one organisation will make it easier for these teams to work together to achieve even better outcomes for farmers, landowners, key partners, community and industry groups.

Draft regional boundaries

The Local Land Services Stakeholder Reference Panel has proposed a set of regional boundaries for the new organisation. A draft map and some information on the rationale for the proposed boundaries has been placed on the NSW Government Have Your Say website at haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/locallandservices and is now open for public comment.

Regional boundaries are an important building block for the establishment of the Local Land Services model and it is important that farmers, landowners, our key partners and the community have the opportunity to contribute ideas and feedback before any final decisions are made.

As the boundaries are a critical initial building block for Local Land Services, decisions will need to be made quickly to ensure we can continue to build the new organisation in a timely manner. The Reference Panel has therefore set a short time for comment on the boundaries. Other critical decisions on Local

Land Services will have more time for comment and consideration.

Closing date: Consultation on draft regional boundaries closes **Friday 7 December 2012**.

When forming your opinion on the proposed boundaries, please keep the following principles in mind.

Local Land Services boundaries should:

Contain similar landforms and land-use where possible:

Current landscapes are the expression of biophysical form, land use and management and their interactions with land capability. For example, dryland cropping and irrigation occurs predominantly in the cleared landscapes of the NSW central slopes and plains. Efficiency gains can be realised if planning and implementation occurs in areas that contain similar landforms and land-uses.

Recognise community engagement and interaction at a local government scale:

People have a clear idea of their local community area, sometimes referred to as 'community of interest'. Many communities readily identify with their local government area. Local Land Services will rely on effective engagement with local governments to help deliver efficient services and better outcomes for their communities.

Support effective service delivery and local decision making:

Local Land Services have been created to better connect with customers and

engage communities in decision making at the local level. The boundaries should ensure Local Land Services can be client focused and agile to respond to biosecurity emergencies, while also promoting improved productivity and environmental stewardship of private land. Boundaries should be an appropriate size to deliver effective services.

COLES JUNIOR LANDCARE GRANTS

Closes 15 Feb. \$1000 for schools, kindergartens, day care centres and youth groups looking to get their hands dirty through Junior Landcare and school gardening projects can access funds through these Coles grants. For more info: www.juniorlandcare.com.au.

TALKING TURKEY:

HAVE YOU SEEN AN AUSTRALIAN BRUSH-TURKEY IN YOUR AREA?

The Border Rivers - Gwydir Catchment Management Authority is supporting a preliminary study of Brush-turkeys in the area surrounding Warialda and Bingara.

If you have seen a Brush-turkey, or have mounds on your property, it would be great to hear from you. If you would like to know more wildlife cameras could be set up on or nearby mounds to determine how many birds could be in the area and how many feral animals are visiting mounds.

The information collected will be used to determine the actual size and distribution of



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the Brush-turkey population in the area and what feral animal control could assist their survival.

If you are interested please call Brooke on P: 0267242052, E: u gla@gwydir.nsw.gov.au

ENERGY EFFICIENCY MASTER CLASS

Alertforce are running a 2 day Government-funded Energy Efficiency Master Class in Tamworth on the 10th and 11th of December. The enrolment fee is \$231 and it is a two day course focusing on Energy efficiency.

Why you should undertake this course? Energy costs are on the rise with projected forecasts in the order of 30%-50% over the next 2 years. Identifying energy efficiency opportunities in the workplace and home are critical in avoiding the mounting cost pressures that rising energy prices will bring.

Energy efficiency offers businesses numerous opportunities to improve operational and financial performance by mitigating against energy risks including price increases and exposure to a carbon price. Energy efficiency expertise is a part of the new generation of green skills that form part of the new mix of green-collar jobs transforming the Australian labour market on which new job opportunities and careers will be built.

Course Program:

Day 1 -

Demand Efficiencies and Barriers - Global and Australian energy consumption in context

- Policy and Regulatory Response - Energy Efficiency and Carbon Reduction Link - Demand Efficiency - Behavioural Changes - Behavioural Change Case Studies - Barriers to Energy Efficiency - Demand Efficiency - Infrastructure Changes - Infrastructure Change Case Studies - Power Factor Correction - Lighting - demonstration - Green Procurement

Day 2 -

Supply Efficiencies and Business Case - What is Supply Efficiency - Forms of Renewable Energy - Solar PV Installation Case Study - Co-Generation - including case study - Financial Evaluation and Performance Measures - Performance Management - Targets and Continuous Improvement - Prioritising Projects - Developing an Energy Efficiency Roadmap - Co-Benefits of Energy Efficiency Initiatives

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TRY TREES FOR MUM IN 2013!

If you're busy planning your group activities for next year and have a planting project that needs more hands than you can get access to, why not think about getting involved in Trees for Mum?

Trees for Mum began in Sydney in 2002, and has since grown into a series of planting events held on Mother's Day each year to celebrate Mums who have passed away as well as those who are still with us.

Landcare Australia teamed up with Trees for Mum in 2012 to develop a project kit and free promotional resources for any group or organisation that would like to get involved.

The Trees for Mum project kit gives a detailed outline of what's involved. So if May 12th works for you, why not plant some Trees for Mum next year?

To download the Trees for Mum project kit and promotional templates, go to www.landcareaustralia.com.au