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YATES JUNIOR LANDCARE BACKYARD CHALLENGE

Gardening is great fun, and there are so many exciting things to discover in your backyard.

It doesn't matter if your backyard is an outback farm, a suburban veggie patch or an apartment balcony. We want to know – how does your backyard grow?!

If you are between 8 and 16 years old, get your cameras out and start looking around your backyard. You can enter a photo or a short video (<2 mins) and show everyone what is unique about your backyard and local environment.

Need some ideas? Have a look at the suggestions on Junior Landcare website and get your thinking cap on!

For information visit www.juniorlandcarechallenge.com.au

16 November 2012 closing date

SUSTAINABLE FARMING PRACTICES FUNDING ROUND NOW OPEN

Do you and your neighbours want to be more sustainable? The BRG CMA can help groups implement on-ground change with their sustainable Farming Practices project. The second round of this highly successful project is now open. It will support neighbouring landholders (2 or more) to improve landscape resilience. Funding is limited. Submissions close 26th October. Contact the BRG CMA on 67288 020 to register an expression of interest.

FARMERS, FOOD PRODUCERS, RURAL LAND OWNERS

Join us at an Agritourism Field Day and learn about agritourism, naturetourism and food and wine tourism: what they're all about, where the opportunities are and how you can make them work for you!

Agritourism is...any activity that invites visitors into a rural community to experience the agricultural landscape, culture, food, wine, fibre and/or the natural environment in which it exists.

Tues 16 Oct (9am – 3.30pm)

INVERELL REGION

"Mimosa" (Opera in the Paddock) 273 Blyth's Lane, Delungra

Cost \$25 pp | Morning tea and lunch will be provided

Registrations essential | RSVP by Thursday 11 October

Contact Helen Grippo on

0412 780 117 or email rsvp@knowledgetransfer.net.au

GWYMAC CELEBRATES

Gwymac Landcare will celebrate its past 12 months of activities in the community on Thursday 15th November from 5pm at the Inverell Club, Evans Street, Inverell. Refreshments + finger food will be provided with the AGM following. The evening will include Gwymac inaugural presentation of RJ (Dick) Walker Memorial Landcare Award.

Please RSVP to the Gwymac office on 67211241 or email admin@gwymaclandcare.net.au

ALL WELCOME

PRIMARY INDUSTRIES SET TO GRASP OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN A CHANGING CLIMATE

Farmers, researchers and key stakeholders will come together to discuss climate change and agriculture at the 2012 Climate Change Research Strategy for Primary Industries (CCRSP) Conference. The Melbourne-based conference is Australia's only dedicated primary industries and climate change forum.

Emissions in agriculture features heavily in the program and Dr Jude Capper, sustainability consultant and Adjunct Professor of Animal Sciences at Washington State University, will discuss sustainability in the livestock industry. Additionally, Ben Keogh from Australian Carbon Traders and Fiona Robertson from Department of Primary Industries Victoria will be discussing soil carbon.

Delegates will also hear from social commentator and demographer, Bernard Salt; University of Melbourne's Professor Ross Garnaut and Professor Richard Eckard; CSIRO's Sustainable Agriculture Flagship's Brian Keating; and producers and sustainable farming advocates Lucinda Corrigan and Sam Archer.

Early bird registrations are open until 28 September. In partnership with the conference platinum sponsor, the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, CCRSP is pleased to offer travel bursaries and conference fee subsidies for a limited number of farmers and farm consultants/advisors.



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Please view the conference website's registration page for more information.

The conference will be held at the Melbourne Cricket Ground from 27 – 29 November and includes a vibrant social program, including the opportunity to catch a one-day cricket match between Victoria and South Australia.

For information, registrations and to view the conference program please visit www.theccrspiconference.com.au

PASTURE SPECIES & MANAGEMENT FOR THE FUTURE FIELD DAY

The DPI and the Grassland Society of NSW Inc. bring you a field day on pasture species and management for the future.

Topics include role of hard seeded legumes and their importance; fescue research update; animal health and production issues with pastures; lucerne varieties - the latest results.

Morning tea and lunch provided.

When: Saturday 13 October

Where: GLEN INNES, Agricultural Research & Advisory Station

Time: 9:30am - 12:30pm

Registration: by 11 October to Jeff Lowien, 0427 102 680

RAMSELECT WORKSHOP

Rams are purchased on one day of the year but their effect on your flock lasts for many years. Make sure you buy the right genes for production, quality and disease resistance. MERINOSELECT and LAMBPLAN

breeding values help select rams that will breed the best progeny.

RamSelect is a practical one day workshop building confidence to select rams for all breeds, define your breeding objective, assess rams using figures and visual assessment, prepare for the auction or selection day and invest in rams for production and profit.

Hosted by: Yasloc Poll Dorset Stud Wed 7 Nov 9.00am to 3.30pm

RSVP is essential by Fri 2 Nov

Registration: Jim Meckiff jim.meckiff@dpi.nsw.gov.au or phone 0428 968 159

This is a FREE event and includes lunch and morning tea

Location: NSW DPI Glen Innes Agricultural Research and Advisory Station, 444 Strathbogie Road, Glen Innes NSW 2370

NEW CUSTOMER-FOCUSED LOCAL LAND SERVICES

Local Land Services will be regionally-based, semi-autonomous, statutory organisations, which are governed by locally elected and skills-based Board members, delivering services for farmers and landowners.

From January 2014, *Local Land Services* will deliver functions currently provided by 13 Catchment Management Authorities (CMAs) and 14 Livestock Health & Pest Authorities (LHPAs) and agriculture advisory services of Agriculture NSW (part of the Department of Primary Industries).

The new *Local Land Services* will deliver agricultural advice, plant and animal pest control and biosecurity, natural resource management and emergency + disaster assessment and response.

One central *Local Land Services* Board of Chairs will be made up of representatives from each regional organisation and will be accountable to the Minister for Primary Industries.

Each *Local Land Service* will develop operational management plans that will prioritise service delivery on a regional basis, reflecting regional priorities.

Individual *Local Land Services* will be independently audited to ensure accountability and delivery against priorities.

Local Land Services will be funded via direct budget contributions from the NSW Government, ratepayer funds and a continuation of natural resource grant funding via the State Government and Australian Government.

Local Land Services will integrate advisory services, enable strong representation by local service users, reduce administrative costs, improve management of region-specific issues, enhance transparency and accountability + deliver better outcomes for State and regional priorities.

The new *Local Land Services* will be operational in January 2014. Landowners will still be able to access existing services from DPI, LHPAs and CMAs in the interim.