



NEW INNOVATION GRANTS LOOK TO THE FUTURE

Grants of up to \$1.5 million are now available to help farmers prepare for the future by developing and adopting innovative practices and technologies.

The *Innovation Grants* under the *Caring for our Country Sustainable Agriculture* stream are available for agriculture, fishing, aquaculture and farm forestry industries.

Farming system groups, industry, agribusinesses, companies in the food supply chain, research bodies, community groups, universities and individuals are encouraged to apply. Partnerships or consortiums are also eligible.

Innovation Grant applications close 2pm (AEDT) on **4 July 2013**.

For more information on *Innovation Grants*, including downloading application forms, visit the *Caring for our Country* website at www.nrm.gov.au or call 1800 552 008.

MAN THERAPY WEBSITE

Beyond Blue have launched a new website. They say, men have a greater tendency not to recognise or respond to their own negative emotions or distress, partly due to stigma associated with 'mental health'. They encourage all men to take action against depression and anxiety through: Learning and understanding signs and symptoms, recognising them as

serious health problems that impact on physical health, learning from experiences of others, challenging perceptions, and making lifestyle changes.

To find out more about this latest project, visit the 'man therapy' website at www.mantherapy.org.au This is a website especially for men, or women who are concerned about a man they know.

LOCAL LAND SERVICES PACKAGE ANNOUNCED

The full Local Land Services package has been announced by Minister Katrina Hodgkinson.

Details here: <http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/locallandservices>

The key points are that:

Boards will consist of 7 members of which a majority will be skills-based appointments, the remainder will be elected.

There will be 11 Local Land Services regions (with the insertion of a Central Tablelands region)

Forecast savings from the amalgamation will be directed to Agricultural Extension service.

All assets from the existing bodies will be pooled to create a LLS Future Fund.

In terms of the boards, Landcare NSW preferred a majority skilled/appointed board to ensure that a diverse mix of skills and experience will govern these organisations.

The Legislation will still be required to pass the NSW Parliament and there may yet be some changes to the current proposal.

IPART REVIEW OF LLS

IPART has been tasked with reviewing the rating system applied to the Local Land Services bodies.

The starting point for the rating system is the current approach applied by the Livestock Health and Pest Authority.

The outcomes of this review will be provided to the Minister for Primary Industries, The Hon Katrina Hodgkinson.

The IPART review process will involve submissions and three public workshops, followed by the release of a further discussion paper and draft recommendations.

Landcare NSW will be developing a position paper for submission this month and will be attending the Sydney-based workshop.

The dates for the workshops are:

- 14 June 2013 - Wagga Wagga
- 18 June 2013 - Tamworth
- 8 July 2013 - Penrith

Submissions are due on the 2nd of July.

Further information, including the full IPART discussion paper can be found on the IPART website.

http://www.ipart.nsw.gov.au/Home/Industries/Other/Reviews/Land_Services/Review_of_a_rating_framework_for_Local_Land_Services_NSW/





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Public hearing registrations now open for Local Land Services NSW funding](#)

EAT CAKE WORKSHOPS FOR WOMEN

Eat Cake – An inspiring Workshop for women has been developed to help women explore the questions they need to take their lives to the next level and make decisions to enable them to transition from where they are to where they might like to be.

Create balance and flow in all areas of your life including: work, career, health, relationships, home and finances. Stretch beyond your comfort zone. Wake each day looking forward to new possibilities. Discover what would make your life full, fun and fulfilling. Design your 'best fit' career and life. Plus: Challenge the 'what if's' that may be holding you back.

This workshop will be coming to Tamworth on the 3rd of August, and Armidale on the 17th of August. To find out more, go to: <http://www.eatcakeandhaveitto.com.au>

JOIN THE SEARCH FOR FERAL PHOTOS

The Invasive Animals CRC (IA CRC) are once again searching for your photographs of pest or 'feral' animals. They are looking for photos showing pest animals living in the wild, the damage caused

by pest animals, and also photos that demonstrate the various methods that are available for pest monitoring and humane control.

Entries into this year's competition can be submitted online via the Invasive Animals CRC website. There is a limit of five (5) photo entries per person and a range of great prizes will be on offer.

Visit the website for more information:

www.invasiveanimals.com/feral-photos

The competition closes on 30 September 2013.

For more details, contact Jessica at

jessica.marsh@dpi.nsw.gov.au.

REMINDER—NSW STATE LANDCARE CONFERENCE

The NSW Landcare & Catchment Management Forum will be held in Newcastle 3rd - 5th September 2013 and will feature the NSW State Landcare Awards.

The closing date for early bird registrations is 5th July 2013.

Visit the forum website for more information <http://landcarecmaforum.com.au/index.php>

2 DAY MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING NARRABRI

Thursday 20 and Friday 21 June, 2013 at Narrabri Community College.

Who Should Attend?

The NSW Health funded Rural

Adversity Mental Health Program (RAMHP), in collaboration with HNE Local Health District, are delighted to offer this training to rural community members from Narrabri and surrounding areas, and people who provide services to them.

Course Outline:

The course covers helping people in mental health crisis situations and/or in the early stages of mental health problems.

Participants will learn the signs and symptoms of common mental health problems, where and how to get help and what sort of help has been shown by research to be effective.

To register or find out more please call Sarah Green on 0428 109 990.

GVESHO GRANTS NOW OPEN

Applications for 2013-14 grants under the Grants to Voluntary Environment, Sustainability and Heritage Organisations (GVESHO) program are now open.

Guidelines and Application Form are available on the website:

www.environment.gov.au/about/programs/gvesho.

Online applications close at **5pm AEST Thursday 20 June 2013**.

For further information you can contact the GVESHO Program Team by calling 1800 003 562 or emailing

gvesho@environment.gov.au