



DROUGHT MANAGEMENT WORKSHOPS

With the continued dry, New England North West Landcare Network will be running a series of Drought Management Seminars to provide information on management options and assistance available.

Tamworth - Services Club
Wednesday 19th February
9am-12:30pm

Gunnedah - Civic Theatre
Thursday 20th February
9am-12:30pm

Wee Waa - Bowling Club
Thursday 20th February
4:30pm-7:30pm

These events will feature:

Alastair Rayner- Principle RaynerAg
Feeding options when it gets dry, when to feed, how much to feed, what's available, planning for drought

Judy Ellem/Bob McKinnon- Local Land Services District Vets
Animal Health problems to look out for

Julie Roy- Rural Financial Counsellor
Financial Assistance, what's available?

These are free workshops and all are welcome. Please RSVP for catering purposes to Tanya Slack-Smith on 0419215998 or Mark Kesby on 0428429244

FEEDING, PASTURE AND MARKET OPTIONS IN THE CURRENT SEASONAL CONDITIONS.

Local livestock agents, NSW Farmers representatives and the Northern Tablelands LLS District Vet, Livestock Officer and Pasture Agronomist will be presenting an update on cost estimates of feeding versus destocking, seasonal conditions, nutritional requirements and more.

Friday 28th February 2014 from 6pm at Landmark, Boorolong Street, Guyra.

RSVP to Jason Siddell 0459 162 295 or Josh Lawlor 02 6779 1025 for catering purposes as complimentary refreshments will be provided.

SHEEP & BEEF CATTLE REBATE

Get up to \$2000 to help your business be smarter and safer.

Who can claim? Sheep and beef cattle farmers in NSW – you can claim up to \$2000 if you are a sole trader or employ 50 or fewer employees, and sheep or beef cattle farming is your main business.

How do I claim?

Step 1 – Select and implement an eligible safety solution.

Step 2 – Complete and sign the application form.

Step 3 – Send your application form, with a paid tax invoice or receipt, to WorkCover NSW.

Need more information?
Call 13 10 50 or email:
safetyrebate@workcover.nsw.gov.au
or visit [http://](http://www.workcover.nsw.gov.au/formspublications/publications/Documents/sheep-beef-farming-rebate-form-1148.pdf)

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COMMENTS SOUGHT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW

The region's MPs have encouraged community members and stakeholder bodies to provide feedback to the NSW Government, following the release of the final two reports from the latest local government review.

Local Government Minister Don Page released the final reports from the Independent Local Government Review Panel and the Local Government Acts Taskforce on Wednesday, 8 January, 2014.

Councils and the community now were given until 7 March, 2014 to make comments on both reports.

Both reports and online feedback options are available on the NSW Division of Local Government's website www.dlg.nsw.gov.au

LANDCARE ESSENTIALS COURSE

The NSW Landcare Support program in conjunction with Tocal College will run the Landcare Essentials accredited training in Tamworth starting with a 2 day workshop on the 26th & 27th February 2014. The training program has been developed to encourage Landcare groups, employees and committee members to develop their skills in governance, budgeting and financial reporting along with strategic planning. More information and to book a place can be found [Limited places still available.](#)



WARATAH FENCING DEMONSTRATION

Waratah Fencing and GrazAg Armidale would like to extend this invitation to you to attend a Waratah fencing demonstration with Neville Prince.

Where: "Greenway", Long Swamp Road Armidale NSW

When: Wednesday, 26th February 2014, 9.00am start.

Practical demonstrations will include:

Tips and tricks for straining and tying off wire Strainer assemblies and stays Features and benefits of the new JIO® posts and clips

Light refreshments will be provided.

Please RSVP by Friday, 21st February to:

Andy Divall on 0408 659 083 or divalla@waratahfencing.com.au

2014 LANDCARE ADVENTURE SHAPING UP

The program for the 16th New England North West Landcare Adventure is taking shape for a fantastic 2 days around Glen Innes on 19th & 20th March 2014.

Unbeatable value for money at \$100 per person including all meals for the 2 days, overnight accommodation (twin share) and bus transport for site visits.

Registration brochures will be available through your local Landcare Office this week or by emailing glenrac@glenrac.org.au

GWYDIR VALLEY IRRIGATORS FIELD DAY

Practical Experience of Irrigation Technologies including presentations on GVIA & Valley Update, Dynamic Deficits and BIOTIC, Implications of Irrigation Systems for Whole Farm Management, Energy Use on Farm, and Measuring Water in Irrigation Systems. The afternoon will also include inspection of the irrigation system comparison trial site.

Wednesday 26th February 2014 at Keytah Bull Ring from 2pm to 6pm

RSVP: Monday 24th February 2014 to 02 6752 1399 lou.gall@gvia.org.au

TROPICAL GRASSES WORKSHOP

Bubbogullion 100 Landcare Group presents a tropical grasses workshop on Friday 28th February 2014.

Speakers and topics include:

- Lester McCormick- NSW DPI, Tamworth. Management considerations for tropical grasses.
- Suzanne Boschma – Senior Research Scientist, NSW DPI Tamworth, Advances in compatible legumes for tropical grass pastures
- Sean Murphy - Research Scientist, NSW DPI Tamworth, More feed from every drop, do legume grass mixtures sum up?

RSVP is essential for the workshop. Phone Wayne Chaffey on 0400 358 217 or Mark Kesby 0428429244.

DROUGHT ANNOUNCEMENTS

A number of local government areas across the New England North West are now eligible for drought assistance. This assistance includes:

Up to \$20,000 for transport subsidy for the transport of stock, fodder for stock, drinking water for stock and domestic water.

Up to \$30,000 for the installation of water infrastructure for livestock.

For more information visit the Rural Assistance Authority website at www.raa.nsw.gov.au or contact your Rural Financial Counsellor.

HOTHOUSE WORKSHOP - BINGARA

Community groups and Landcare groups are invited to attend a half-day free workshop in Bingara all about increasing skills in corporate governance.

The Bingara workshop on Wednesday 26th February from 10am will provide 4 sessions focused on:

- Corporate Governance and Reporting Obligations
- Work Health and Safety
- Communications
- Roles and responsibilities of the Committee

The workshop will also provide resources such as template-policies, checklists for good governance and tips on keeping internal systems ship-shape.

Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Upper Gwydir Landcare on 02 67242052 or email cso@gwydir.nsw.gov.au