



## NEW ENGLAND NORTH WEST LANDCARE

# REGIONAL UPDATE

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### 2013 LANDCARE ADVENTURE

Upper Gwydir Landcare Association will host the 15th annual Landcare Adventure on the 19th & 20th March 2013.

This year's program includes National Farmers Federation President Jock Laurie, Graeme Sait from Nutritech Solutions, Dr Carole Hungerford, Ben Keogh of Australian Carbon Traders and Bart Davidson.

The Adventure includes the presentation of the Border Rivers -Gwydir Regional Landcare & Catchment Management Awards at the dinner on Tuesday 19th (don't forget nominations close this Friday 15th February).

For further information call UGLA (Bingara) on 02 6724 2052. Hope to see you there!

### THE ARTS & ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY CONFERENCE

12-13 May 2013 at The University of Wollongong NSW + Armidale, NSW.

The EcoArts Australis annual conference is an opportunity for you to network and communicate with others who are using the arts in creative ways to foster environmental sustainability.

Key speakers, performances & visual arts will be embedded throughout the conference.

For more information go to [www.ecoartsaustralis.org.au](http://www.ecoartsaustralis.org.au)

### RUMINANT NUTRITION WORKSHOP

Feeding for Profit is a comprehensive workshop delivered exclusively by RCS.

The one day workshop will guide you through fundamental nutrition knowledge at a pace and learning style that suits you.

Date: Thursday 21st Feb 2013

Venue: The Barwon Inn (7km west of Walgett on the Brewarrina Road)

Time: 8am to 5pm

Cost: \$80 NWPSG Members  
\$150 per family or business  
\$100pp Non NWPSG Members  
(Lunch & smokos provided)

Please contact Robyn Walters on 02 6828 4243 / 0458 284 243 for further information.

### GET GREEN IN 2013 WITH A \$1,000 BOOST

Applications are now open for the Coles Junior Landcare Garden Grants program, and all schools, preschools, kindergartens and community groups involving young people are encouraged to apply.

The program offers grants of up to \$1,000 to help set up gardens in communities and school grounds, giving kids a fun and interactive opportunity to learn about nature, growing their own food, and environmental sustainability. Previous grant recipients have used the funding for a variety of garden projects including veggie and herb, bush tucker, water wise and multicultural gardens, along with worm farm, composting and recycling projects.

Application for each round are listed below -

**Round 1:** Friday 15th Feb 5pm

**Round 2:** Friday 10th May, 5pm

**Round 3:** Friday 2nd August, 5pm  
For application forms, guidelines, criteria and more details go to - [www.juniorlandcare.com.au](http://www.juniorlandcare.com.au)

### SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT FUNDING

Caring for our Country Target Area Grants are the open call funding component of the Sustainable Environment stream of the new Caring for our Country program.

Target Area Grants will provide funding of between \$50 000 and \$2 million for projects to maintain ecosystem services, protect our conservation estate, and enhance the capacity of Indigenous communities to conserve and protect natural resources across six target areas.

Go to [www.nrm.gov.au](http://www.nrm.gov.au) for more information on the target areas and funding guidelines.

### POSITION VACANT - REGIONAL LANDCARE FACILITATOR AND PROJECT OFFICER, MOREE

The Gwydir Valley Irrigators Association Inc and the New England North West Landcare Network Chairs Inc is seeking a highly motivated, suitable applicant to fulfil the role of a Regional Landcare Facilitator and Project Officer.

The position is based in Moree with the Gwydir Valley Irrigators Association Inc and encompasses responsibilities for both the Regional Landcare Facilitator and management of projects, such as the grower-led



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irrigation efficiency project.

The Position Description and Application Instructions can be accessed via the Association's website ([www.gvia.org.au](http://www.gvia.org.au)) or by contacting Zara Lowien, Executive Officer of the Gwydir Valley Irrigators Association on 02 6752 1399 or via email [gvia@gvia.org.au](mailto:gvia@gvia.org.au). Applicants must follow the application instructions and refer to the selection criteria to be eligible for consideration.

Applications close at 5pm, Friday 22 February 2013.

## IN SAFE HANDS

The "In Safe Hands" tool kit is an Occupational Health and Safety tool kit for conservation volunteers. It is now available on line at the Conservation Volunteers Australia Website.

In Safe Hands is a Safety Management System designed for community groups in practical conservation. The content and processes have been adapted from Conservation Volunteers Australia's own system and is based on our 30 years of knowledge and experience in managing volunteers in practical conservation. Recent enhancements and access to this toolkit and workshop opportunities for Landcare and other community Groups has been made possible through funding from the Australian Government's Caring for our Country initiative.

Go to <http://www.conservationvolunteers.com.au/get-involved/community-training/in-safe-hands>

## FERAL ANIMAL CONTROL AND LANDHOLDER TRAINING DAY

Landcare will be hosting a number of Feral Animal and Landholder training days aimed at Identifying pest animal signs and implementing control. The days will concentrate on maximising your pest animal control efforts by identify signs of pest animals, use of different bait preparation and placement techniques, sensor trail cameras: what's available and what benefit are they + how to undertake effective monitoring and record keeping.

**Bingarra** -Thursday 28th Feb  
Montana, Upper Whitlow Road  
RSVP 22nd Feb, to the UGLA on 02 6724 2052

**Glen Innes** - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March  
9am – 3.30pm Wellingrove Hall,  
Strathbogie Road, Wellingrove.  
RSVP: 1st March 2013, to the  
GLENRAC on 02 6732 3443

## BIODIVERSITY FUND ROUND TWO - 2013-14

The Australian Government is accepting applications for Round Two of the Biodiversity Fund.

The Biodiversity Fund is an ongoing program under the Australian Government's Land Sector Package of the Clean Energy Future plan. The overall objectives of the Biodiversity Fund are to help land managers establish, manage and enhance native vegetation on their land, increase our stores of carbon in the landscape and, in so doing, maintain ecosystem function and improve the resilience of

our ecosystems to the impacts of climate change.

The first investment round of the Biodiversity Fund was deliberately broad in its reach. A targeted investment approach has been announced in Northern Australia and Round Two will extend this targeted approach to a number of priority areas across the country.

For further details on the program, including details on how to apply, go to the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities website – [www.environment.gov.au](http://www.environment.gov.au)

## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN COMPLETING A DIPLOMA OR ADVANCED DIPLOMA OF AGRICULTURE OR AGRIBUSINESS MANAGEMENT?

RuralBiz Training has been advised that we are able to apply for government funding for training in these qualifications in 2013.

If you are actively engaged in farming, or have readily access to, and knowledge of, a farm business for completion of assessment exercises + have access to a computer + have basic computer skills .....you meet the course entry requirements.

The funding availability in 2013 is very limited so if you are interested you will need to act quickly. Please go to [ruralbizonline.com.au](http://ruralbizonline.com.au) to complete an expression of interest and email to [admin@ruralbiztraining.com.au](mailto:admin@ruralbiztraining.com.au)