



NEW ENGLAND NORTH WEST LANDCARE

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HURRY! ENTRIES CLOSING SOON FOR 2013 STATE & TERRITORY LANDCARE AWARDS

Landcarers across the country are being urged to get their entries in soon for the 2013 State & Territory Landcare Awards, with nominations closing on 30 June.

The renowned Awards, now in their 23rd year, honour the invaluable work that is being undertaken by the Landcare community, with the winners from the State & Territory Awards going forward as finalists to the prestigious National Landcare Awards in 2014.

With nine categories, there is one to suit everyone, covering a range of environmental projects and themes, including sustainable agriculture, coastal rehabilitation and Indigenous land management. Individuals, schools, community groups and networks working to protect or restore local environments can be nominated or nominate themselves.

To submit a nomination, or to read about the categories, criteria and closing dates, go to www.landcareonline.com.au

HALF DAY '1080' SAFE HANDLING COURSE

You are required to have a chemical users certificate or to have completed a '1080' safe handling course to receive '1080' baits.

A half day training course on the safe use of '1080' poisoned

baits will be run at the NE LHPA and NW LHPA subject to registration numbers.

To register your interest for this course contact the NE LHPA on 026732 1200 or NW LHPA on 026722 3091

DUNG DOWN UNDER: DUNG BEETLES FOR AUSTRALIA

International dung beetle scientist Dr Bernard Doube and organic agriculture expert Tim Marshall have teamed up to produce a new publication on dung beetles and soil health. There is an opportunity to pre-order this publication for a reduced price. For information contact Bernard on Bernardo@dungbeetlesolutions.com.au or go to www.dungbeetlesolutions.com.au

LANDCARE WEEK 2013

With Landcare Week 2013 fast approaching, this year Landcare Australia are taking the opportunity to spread the message that **Landcare is for Everyone**.

Landcare Australia have developed a kit of promotional resources for all groups and networks to use which will allow promotions of Landcare Week events and activities within local communities using the branding from the popular **LIFE - Landcare is for Everyone** campaign.

Branded artwork for flyers and posters is available for download and can be edited

to include groups and networks own event and contact details. Landcare Australia is also providing web tiles, an email signature and a template media release. Landcare Ambassador, Jack Thompson, has very kindly recorded a 30 second radio ad which can be distributed to local radio stations to help promote the week.

This year Landcare Week will take place from September 2nd to 8th and Landcare Australia would encourage anyone who is planning an activity or event to add it to our Landcare events calendar. Simply fill in the online form and your event will be approved and online within a few days.

Landcarers everywhere are working together to maintain the health of their local environments, but the time has come for everyone to help maintain the balance of **LIFE** by becoming involved and thinking about their actions every day and the impact they have. Encourage people in your local community to get involved with Landcare and get involved with LIFE during Landcare Week 2013!

For more information go to www.landcareonline.com.au

16TH INTERNATIONAL RIVER SYMPOSIUM - BRISBANE

RIVERS: LINKING WATER - ENERGY - FOOD

23-26 September 2013

Rivers and other freshwater systems are central in the production of food and many



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forms of energy. As a result of population growth and climate change, the finite freshwater supplies become scarcer; hence the holistic and sustainable management of water resources is essential.

The **16th International River Symposium** provides an opportunity to look at the linkages that rivers provide to water-energy-food. It will also allow dialogue to continue and build the knowledge base and capacity to inform policy decisions that must include trade-offs between river basin protection and sustainable water, energy and food security.

For more information go to – riversymposium.com

JOIN A PEST ANIMAL COORDINATED CONTROL GROUP

A number of coordinated pest animal control groups occur throughout the New England and North West regions. If you would like to join a coordinated pest animal control group or are interested in forming a group in your area contact the North West LHPA or UGLA on 67 242 052

URALLA SHIRE COUNCIL BUSH REGENERATOR - 12MTH TERM POSITION

A position is open at Uralla Shire Council for someone who is passionate about the value and importance of the native flora and fauna of the Northern Tablelands, and is committed

to contributing to Local Government efforts to improving its condition. Working with staff, volunteers and contract personnel, USCs Bush Regenerator will undertake a variety of rehabilitation work including bush regeneration, soil erosion and revegetation at a number of project sites across the Shire. Contact with various groups from the community will form a key element to the job. Information about this position can be found at www.uralla.nsw.gov.au or 6778 6300.

DROUGHT PROGRAMS AND RURAL ASSISTANCE

In the 2013 - 2014 Budget the Australian Government announced its contribution to National Drought Program Reform: \$99.4 million to be invested in a new Farm Household Allowance to support farmers and their partners when they are in hardship.

The new allowance will be available from 1 July 2014 and provide farm families experiencing financial hardship with assistance, without the need for a drought or exceptional circumstances declaration. The allowance will provide eligible farmers and their partners with up to three years of fortnightly income support paid at a rate equivalent to Newstart Allowance (or Youth Allowance for those under 22).

Further information about the new Farm Household

Allowance can be found at www.daff.gov.au/agriculture-food/drought

2013 E-LEADERS PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

We are pleased to announce the launch of the **2013 E-Leaders Program**. Following on from the successful online leadership program that was run in 2011/2012, the National Rural Women's Coalition (NRWC) will run a second program that will enable 20 women from rural and regional areas, the opportunity to take part in professional development. With no down time, babysitting fees or travel costs, women can participate from the convenience of their own homes.

The program will connect women with other rural women around Australia to network and share ideas. Women who are involved in primary and associated industries (agriculture, fisheries or forestry industries) and want to make a difference to the sustainability of their community are also encouraged to apply. Applications are open to all ages. You don't need to be directly involved in primary production to apply. This is a free program. Applications open on 24 June 2013 and close on 12 July 2013. Complete the online application form by going to www.nrwc.com.au. **The application form will be online on 24 June so watch this space!** Places are limited.