



NEW ENGLAND NORTH WEST LANDCARE

REGIONAL UPDATE

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DROUGHT WORKSHOPS

The Northern Tablelands Local Land Services (LLS) has joined forces with Landcare, Farm-Link and the Rural Financial Counselling Service to host a series of practical drought management workshops.

LLS District Vets, Livestock Officers and Pasture Agronomists, Rural Financial Counsellors and other experts will present advice on feeding strategies, marketing options, livestock and pasture management, health and support services, and how to access government assistance.

Tuesday 4th March 2014

7.30-10.00am (QLD time) Yetman Caravan Park

4.00-7.00pm Ashford Showground

Wednesday 5th March

7.30-10.00am Delungra Hall

4.00-7.00pm The Living Classroom, Bingara

Thursday 6th March

7.30-10.00am Europambela, Walcha

4.00-7.00pm Why Worry Wines, Uralla

Tuesday 11th March

7.30-10.00am Ben Lomond Hall

4.00-7.00pm Commercial Hotel Deepwater

Wednesday 12th March

7.30-10.00am Bundarra Hall

4.00-7.00pm Warrane Woolshed, Boorolong

Thursday 13th March

7.30-10.00am Glencoe Hall

4.00-7.00pm Wongwibinda Hall

Tuesday 25th March

7.30-10.00am (QLD time) Legume Hall

4.00-7.00pm Mingoola Hall

Thursday 27th March

7.30-10.00am Nullamanna Hall

4.00-7.00pm Tenterfield Bowling Club

For more information and to RSVP please contact your local Landcare Office or phone 0427 260258.

BEEKEEPER FIELD DAY

The Northern Tablelands Branch of the NSW Apiarists Association Inc are holding a field day on Saturday 8th March 2014 at 18 Dumaresq Street, Glen Innes starting at 9am. The field day is being run in collaboration with NSW Department of Primary Industry Advisory & Compliance Officers.

Anyone with an interest in bee keeping is welcome to attend—no matter how many hives you have. For more information contact branch President Brian Woolfe 0429 032019 or Secretary Allyssa Staggs 0427 599740.

BRED WELL FED WELL WORKSHOP

Meat & Livestock Australia are holding a hands-on workshop focussed on breeding and feeding sheep to make more money. Topics include :

- Improving ewe nutrition
- Developing a breeding goal
- Developing a feed budget
- Breeding better ewes

This workshop will be held on Tuesday 11th March 2014 9am to 3.30pm at Yarraford, 911 New England Highway, Glen Innes. Cost \$50 per participant. RSVP to Mark Pietsch on 02 67321844 or 0417 616823.

NEW RURAL SUPPORT WORKER IN THE REGION

Sue Freebairn is the newly appointed rural support worker employed by DPI.

The Rural Support Program collaborates with existing Department of Primary Industries (DPI) programs, community and service providers to help build the capacity and resilience of people in rural NSW so that they are better equipped to meet the ranges of challenges they face.

The program can assist in a diverse range of ways that are developed with communities to meet the needs of that community. Activities include such things as improving capacity to better prepare for and respond to adverse/emergency events and improving mental health and wellbeing of farmers and farming communities.

Sue is based at Coonabarabran she is also a registered nurse with many years' experience in the area of aged care. The position is part time however it is flexible.

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INDIAN MYNA CONTROL PROGRAM READY TO KICK OFF

SNELCC have taken delivery of 9 Indian Myna Traps in late January. this will enable our control program to commence for 2014.

We have received interest from the community on the control program with expressions of interest (see SNELCC webpage) still open. We strongly encourage people to assist with this program as these birds are a genuine threat to native fauna including birds and small mammals. The trapping program will allow people to become involved with 9 available traps to be placed on properties through the district.

Anyone who would like to assist is welcome with all efforts greatly appreciated. For more information please call SNELCC on 6772 9123.

CEF UNIVERSITY SURVIVAL GUIDE

The Country Education Foundation has just released a Survival Guide for country kids heading off to the city for uni (where many of them come to grief due to homesickness, culture shock and the financial pressures of city life).

According to the experts (students!) surviving uni can be as simple as learning how to stay calm, use a washing machine and track down the hundreds of student discounts on offer.

The CEF University Survival Guide is on our website at: <https://cef.org.au/survival-tips-rural-students>

SMALL GRANTS FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES

ROUND 25, 2014 (opens 3 February 2014 – closes 5pm, 28 March 2014)

The program offers at least \$400,000 per round in grants up to \$5,000 for projects and activities that offer clear public benefit for communities, with populations of 10,000 or less, living in small rural and remote locations in Australia, contributing to their development in social and community welfare, economic, environmental, health, education or cultural areas. http://www.frrr.org.au/cb_pages/small_grants_for_small_communities.php

AGRICULTURAL COMPETITIVENESS ISSUES PAPER

The Government is developing a White Paper on the Competitiveness of the Agriculture Sector that will provide policy directions for enhancing the profitability of the sector and boosting agriculture's contribution to economic growth, trade, innovation, productivity and regional communities.

This issues paper encourages individuals and organisations to contribute to this process by making submissions, which are due before 5pm on 17 April 2014.

http://agriculturalcompetitiveness.dpmc.gov.au/sites/default/files/issues_paper.pdf

2014 WOMEN TOWARDS SUSTAINABILITY E-LEADERS PROGRAM

This is the third e-leaders program that the National Rural Women's Coalition has delivered to women living in rural, remote and regional Australia. This year's program has an environmental sustainability and natural resource management focus.

Twenty-five women from all over Australia will be selected and given the opportunity to learn from the industry's best via a series of give webinars. The software also allows for open collaboration and has proven to be effective for networking. The participants will elect an on-ground project to work on throughout the program. Discussion and debate will take place during a live e-forum.

To find out more, including information on the topics and presenters, please visit <http://www.nrwc.com.au/>

1080 & PINDONE TRAINING

Northern Tablelands Local Land Services are continuing to offer the 1/2 day workshops for landholders to become accredited to collect and lay 1080 and Pindone baits.

11th March—Tenterfield
12th March—Inverell
18th March—Glen Innes
19th March—Armidale

Cost is approx. \$44. Contact your local LLS Office to register to attend—Glen Innes 67321200, Tenterfield 67361355, Inverell 67223091 or Armidale 67722366.