



NEW ENGLAND NORTH WEST LANDCARE

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CARING FOR THE ENVIRONMENT? YOU DESERVE AN AWARD! Prime Minister's Environment Awards now open.

Every day, thousands of people across Australia are doing incredible things to protect our environment and create a truly sustainable future for our country. To recognise those unsung heroes in our community, nominations are now open for the Prime Minister's Environmentalist of the Year and Young Environmentalist of the Year.

The Prime Minister's Environmentalist of the Year Award is open to individuals, groups or organisations which have made an outstanding contribution to the environment or have worked towards achieving a more sustainable Australia.

For more information go to - www.unaavictoria.org.au/awards-programs/world-environment-day-awards/
Nominations close 22 April 2013.

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 2012 Farming Woman of the Year Anne Williams, 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.

For further information call UGLA (Bingara) on 02 6724 2052.

Hope to see you there!

FNPW PRIVALE LAND CONSERVATION GRANTS

The Foundation for National Parks and Wildlife (FNPW) is accepting applications for Private Land Conservation Grants for 2013.

Applications Open: 05/02/13

Applications Close: 05/04/13

Grants Announced: 14/06/13

Before submitting your application, please read the 2013 guidelines carefully. Go to fnpw.org.au website to access a copy of the guidelines and to apply online on the FPWS website.

TREES FOR MUM

Trees for Mum is a series of Mother's Day memorial tree-planting events, originally created for members of the community whose mothers had passed away. The events have since evolved into celebratory tree planting events for all mothers and take place annually on the second Sunday in May – Mother's Day in Australia.

If you are planning on hosting a *Trees for Mum* event, please be sure to email your event details to admin@treesformum.com and

events@landcareaustralia.com.au to ensure that your event is added to the national *Trees for Mum* events calendar.

More information on *Trees for Mum* is available from www.treesformum.com or through its Facebook page.

9TH BIENNIAL BUSHFIRE CONFERENCE 4-5 JUNE 2013

This conference will explore the role holistic fire management can play in sustaining healthier landscapes and investigate ways to build cohesive communities which are more connected to their local environment in a changing climate.

For further details visit nccnsw.org.au/programs/2013-bushfire-conference or email Michelle Rose/Anne Miehs at: BushfireConf2013@nccnsw.org.au

BEE FRIENDLY: A PLANTING GUIDE FOR EUROPEAN HONEYBEES AND AUSTRALIAN NATIVE POLLINATORS

The Australian honeybee industry provides essential benefits to agricultural, horticultural and urban environments through managed and incidental pollination services.

Planting herbs, shrubs and trees for honeybee nutrition offers major benefits to the industry and society. This guide



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describes planting choices from the backyard to the bush, right across the nation, and will assist with increasing available bee food. Individuals, gardeners, municipalities, government land management authorities and farmers can make a difference.

This guide gives ideas and choices of species to bring about improved outcomes for honeybees and the Australian pollen- and nectar- using fauna, including mammals, insects and birds.

To download the guide go to – rirdc.infoservices.com.au

LOCAL LAND SERVICES - HAVE YOUR SAY!

CMAs are changing to become **Local Land Services**. This is a great opportunity to cement the good work that CMAs have achieved for sustainable landscapes in NSW and people are encouraged to participate fully in helping create the best Local Land Service for our region. Take this opportunity to Have Your Say by visiting <http://haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/localandservices>

2 DAY YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING COURSE – GLEN INNES

The NSW Health Rural Adversity Mental Health Program (RAMHP), in collaboration with HNE Local Health District, are delighted to offer this training to

community members who work with rural youth from Glenn Innes and surrounding areas.

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.

FREE OF CHARGE 9am to 5pm both days

Course Applications: Complete the registration form on the [Glenrac website \(www.glenrac.org.au\)](http://www.glenrac.org.au) and return either electronically, by fax, post or over the phone to the details below.

RAMHP Administration Team
Centre for Rural & Remote Mental Health

Locked Bag 6005
Orange, NSW 2800
Fax: 02 6361 2457

ramhp@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au
For venue details or any last minute issues call Sarah Green on 0428 109 990

WIN AN IPAD MINI

Take part in Landcare Australia's social media survey and go into a draw to win an iPad mini.

Did you know that 75% of Australians now use some form of social media, and over 50% of the population is signed up to Facebook?

Social media is all about communities – online communities. Just as Landcare is one large community of grass-roots volunteer groups and individuals made up of thousands of smaller

communities, social media is about hundreds, thousands and millions of online communities with shared interests who interact with each other on a daily basis.

Landcare Australia actively uses social media to engage with and raise awareness of the Landcare community, and want to find out how to help Landcare groups and networks further engage with social media and use it to share stories with the wider community.

Visit the Landcare Australia website for more information – www.landcareonline.com.au

2013 COMMUNITY LITTER GRANTS

The Community Litter Grants are being managed by KABNSW in partnership with the NSW Environmental Protection Authority, and will enable community groups to tackle litter in local neighbourhoods.

The grants process has 2 stages. Stage 1 – Local Litter Check

The collection of data using the Local Litter Check will help community groups identify the best actions to tackle litter in a chosen litter hot spot. Please note, only groups that complete Stage 1 and return their data will be eligible to apply for a grant. Groups who send KABNSW completed data will be reimbursed \$300. Stage 1 Applications close Tuesday 2nd April 2013

To download the entry kit and for further information go to – www.kabnsw.org.au