

GLENRAC

Newsletter

APR/MAY 2019



Glen Innes Natural Resources Advisory Committee

**Our vision
solutions for a
sustainable and
productive
landscape.**

Where to find us -
NPWS Building, 68
Church St, Glen Innes

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Many Hands, One Voice



WHITE ROCK
Wind Farm

GLENRAC receives \$100,000 funding for drought support

The Glen Innes Natural Resources Advisory Committee are pleased to announce they have received \$100,000 of drought support funding through the Australian Government Drought Communities Programme (DCP). The funding, which will be distributed to GLENRAC via the Glen Innes Severn Council, will be extremely beneficial in increasing the output and resources available at GLENRAC during this period of significant drought, and will allow for the employment of a full time Drought Support Officer to be based at the Glen Innes office.

"Council is pleased to be able to support GLENRAC through the Federal Government's Drought Communities Programme," says Graham Price, the Director of Development, Regulatory and Sustainability Resources at GISC. "GLENRAC is a highly regarded organisation within the local community, particularly the farming community, with over 700 members. A Drought Support Officer will provide support for landholders in accessing funding and understanding the sometimes complex grant application process. The funding will also allow GLENRAC to facilitate additional high quality events that provide landholders with relevant information to assist in the decision making process during this difficult time."

The role of Drought Support Officer will be shared between existing GLENRAC Landcare Coordinators, Kylie Falconer and Lucy Faithfull, and will provide on the ground drought-support to farmers and families in the local community. One of their primary aims will be to raise awareness of the number of avenues of support available to families, including financial assistance through Drought Aid, the CWA of NSW, St Vincent's de Paul and the Salvation Army, and drought subsidies and loans available to farmers, including the freight and water infrastructure rebates obtainable through the NSW Rural Assistance Authority. The Drought Support Officer will assist community members with lodging these applications, a process that can be timely, requires access to council notices and tax invoices, and the scanning and uploading of documents online. A number of regular weekly drop-in days at villages around the area, including Deepwater, Emmaville, Glencoe and Torrington, will ensure those in more remote areas are receiving an equal measure of support in obtaining access to drought funding.

Chairperson of GLENRAC, John Bavea, says the critical funding obtained from the DCP will be used by GLENRAC to ensure that drought support and help is getting into the hands of those that need it, regardless of whether they live in the townships or in the countryside. "With this funding, GLENRAC is particularly charged with concentrating on the social and community impacts outside the Glen Innes town area in a manner that's going to provide economic stimulus to those within the town," says John.

With the assistance of the Drought Support Officer, GLENRAC will organise a number of events across the community in 2019 that address areas of concern during times of drought, while also generating income for small businesses and community groups through catering, venue hire and the purchasing of materials. Some of these events will include a Farmer Update on the 17th of April and a Men's Night Out on the 17th of May.

To find out more information about the DCP or to make an appointment with a Drought Support Officer contact the GLENRAC office on 02 6732 3442 or , drop in to 68 Church St, Glen Innes

GLENRAC Matters

Hi GLENRAC members,

Recent funding announcements will mean that the GLENRAC team will be busy running out new project activities, including events in the coming months. A key new project is the Drought Support Officer. We will have a strong focus on supporting our community through increases services and relevant events over April to June. Keep an eye out for our green event flyers in your mail box!

GLENRAC continues to deliver services for land managers of all categories, connecting you with information, services and resources to assist with your land management goals, whether they be farming, environmental or town/village based.

Regards, GLENRAC Staff—Kylie, Lucy, Jennie, Kelly, Mahri & Julie

Income Support for Farmers



CWA NSW Drought Aid Fund:

Assistance to meet household expenses for drought affected families, up to a **maximum of \$3,000 per family/household**.

Expenses can include grocery bills, vehicle maintenance, school, electricity, rates,

telephone, medical treatments etc. **HOW? Ph: 02 8337 0200**

Farmer Support : The Salvation Army is on the ground supporting families and communities affected by the droughts.

If you are currently living in a drought-affected area and would like to find out what support is available, we encourage you to reach out.

HOW? Phone 1300 551 030

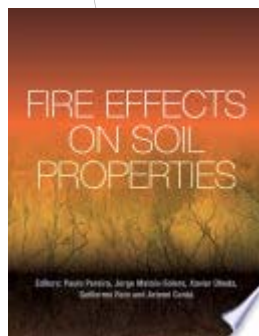
Smoko with Friends

Take a quick break from the farm and spend time with mates at a village near you on a Wednesday till end of June 2019. Smoko will run from 10am until 11am and it's FREE.



A guest speaker will be available to chat and answer your questions on interesting topics each week. The GLENRAC team will be on hand to answer your questions about the available drought assistance. Events will be advertised in our e/flash, Facebook and the Glen Innes Examiner.

New Book Releases



Fire Effects on Soil Properties

Wildland fires are occurring more frequently and affecting more of Earth's surface than ever before. These fires affect the properties of soils and the processes by which they form, but the nature of these impacts has not been well understood. Hardback | Feb 2019 | CSIRO Publishing | 400pp | \$195.00

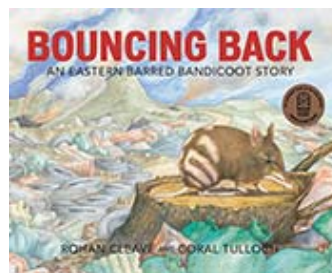
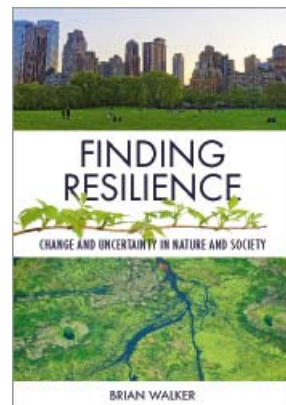
FINDING RESILIENCE

Change and Uncertainty in Nature and Society

Brian Walker

An analysis of how ecosystems, societies and people cope with disturbance and adversity.

Paperback - March 2019 - AU \$59.99



BOUNCING BACK An Eastern Barred Bandicoot

Story. Rohan Cleave, Coral Tulloch Hardback - April 2018 - AU \$24.95 A

beautifully illustrated story of this marsupial's plight and how it was saved from extinction.

The Eastern Barred Bandicoot is one of Australia's most threatened species. When their existence came under extreme threat from habitat loss, predators and human development, Eastern Barred Bandicoots found refuge in the most unlikely of places – a rubbish tip. This captivating true story details the plight these small, nocturnal marsupials faced, and the outstanding efforts that ensured their protection.

Mental Health Line
1800 011 511



The NSW Mental Health Line
Connecting you with the right care

24 hour service across NSW

Calls from landlines are free but charges may apply from mobiles.



GLENRAC Projects Update

Land for Wildlife - Mahri Koch

Land for Wildlife is a voluntary program that encourages and assists landholders to manage wildlife habitat on their properties. Through Land for Wildlife you can learn about native plants, animals and ecosystems on your property, and have the chance to meet other Land for Wildlife members at regular field days on members' properties. The program recognises that the benefits of conservation on private land extend well beyond the property gate. Call the GLENRAC office if you would like information about a Land For Wildlife assessment of your property.



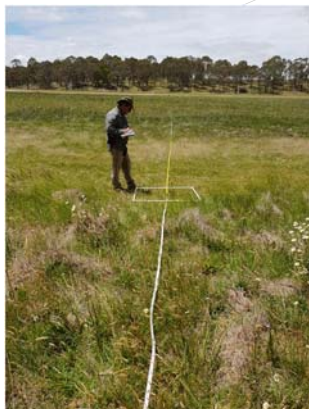
Trees on Small Farms wrap up - Kelly Walsh

Trees on Small Farms Partnership Project is now nearly complete with 11,000 Seedlings being planted on small farms in the Glen Innes area. With the continued drought this project has had its fair share of ups and downs including a number of landholders pulling out at the last minute. This meaning these seedlings needed to find homes fast and due to our tough summer this was found to be a very difficult task. Thankfully Rangers Valley have agreed to take these excess seedlings and give them the best care. All final site inspections will take place over the coming weeks with this project ending 1st May 2019.

Ramsar - Mahri Koch



The Project will, over the five years of its life, provide a clear understanding of the ecological condition and function of the Little Llangothlin Nature Reserve to inform future management. GLENRAC is working with NPWS staff, LLS staff, and UNE scientists to deliver this project which is highlighting threatened species and communities, and protection and enhancement of the Reserve for future generations. Monitoring surveys of flora, fauna, water quality and wetland health are also be used to engage surrounding landholders in



supporting actions to further restore the Ramsar site. Year 1 revegetation of the lagoon's woodland community is almost done! "

Regent Honeyeater - Lucy Faithfull



The first group Action Plan for the Regent Honeyeater at the Rummerys Hill Landcare Group Action plan review on the 9th March 2019. Groups are interested to forming a special interest group who will do bird counts on each others properties as well as finding out more about what habitat benefits these birds and how to encourage them back to the area. This group is open to all interested people There has also been a "Woodland Bird" Facebook page for photo's and other contributions from anyone interested.

Next event: Regent Honeyeater Field Day 3rd April Nullamanna

Birds in Backyards Bird Count - March, April. Most people do their Birds in Backyards surveys in their own garden - but did you know you can complete a survey anywhere you find birds and people? Just download the Birddata app—go to this website for more info. Contact GLENRAC if you are interested in being part of a group <http://www.birdsinbackyards.net/content/article/Birds-Backyards-Autumn-Survey-2019>

Regent Honeyeater and Swift Parrot survey weekends – 18 19 May. Twice yearly survey of Regent Honeyeaters in your area. Contact GLENRAC if you are interested in being part of a group survey. <http://www.birdlife.org.au/projects/woodland-birds-for-biodiversity/latest-news-wl>



NEW! Take Time Out From The Dry Dinners

Like a night out with your mates to get away from the everyday grind of the dry weather? Get a group of 10 people together and apply for a \$300 'dinner voucher'. Check out our new Time Out From The Dry dinners for Glen Innes Severn. Find it on our website <http://www.glenrac.org.au> or hard copies available at the office.

SPRAY DRIFT AND WEED MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

You are invited to attend a workshop with demonstrations and presentations from Mary O'Brien (Consultant Agronomist) James Browning (Senior Biosecurity Officer)

10th April 2019 - 12:30pm to 4:00pm
GLEN INNES SALEYARDS CANTEEN, 36 LANG STREET

Take the opportunity to understand how correct chemical application reduces potential negative impacts to you, your business and the environment.
Discuss weed management strategies with Industry professionals.



TOPICS TO BE COVERED

- New changes to 2,4-D
- Labels & record keeping
- Weather Conditions - Inversions
- Nozzles - how they work & spray quality
- Coverage & efficacy
- Travel speeds & deposition
- Water Quality & Adjuvants
- Weed Wise App
- Your weed responsibilities under the Biosecurity Act
- Feed and Fodder - Managing Biosecurity risks during dry times
- Top Tips on Identifying Fireweed

RSVP: 8th APRIL 2019 5:00PM

Phone: 02 6732 3443,
Text: 0427 325901
Email: kylie@glenrac.org.au

*Each participant will receive a pack containing a nozzle chart, fact sheets and other information.
Lunch will be provided*



Department of
Primary Industries

This project is supported by the NSW Department of Primary Industries and Landcare NSW through funding received from the Established Tree, Animal and Wood Initiative, part of the Australian Government's Agriculture of Change program. We're growing a fair, prosperous future and ensuring security.



Landcare
New South Wales

INVITE

MEET MARY THE IDEAS WOMAN



In 2018, Mary wrote an article titled 'Are You Bogged Mate?' which spread far and wide gaining international attention. This topic struck a chord gaining huge traction on social media, especially to the farming community.

Mary is a passionate advocate for agriculture and was raised on the land. She understands the diverse challenges faced by the rural sector. After spending her whole life working in rural and remote Australia, Mary knows country blokes. She's worked with them, for them, and beside them and mostly importantly she knows how to talk to them.

FARMER BREAKFAST

FREE EVENT

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR A FARMER BREAKFAST AT THE GLEN INNES SALEYARDS CANTEEN, 36 LANG STREET THURSDAY 11TH APRIL 2019. COMMENCING AT 7:00AM

A HOT BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED AND WE WILL HEAR FROM OUR KEYNOTE GUEST SPEAKER - MARY O'BRIEN. ARE YOU BOGGED MATE?

RSVP: 8TH APRIL 2019 5:00PM



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Weed risks during drought

WHAT IS A WEED?

Bottom line summary: Annual Costs of Weeds in Australia

Weeds are estimated to impose an overall average cost of nearly \$5 billion across Australia. Chemical control across broad acre cropping enterprises and production loss costs among grain, beef and wool industries make up most of these impacts. Overall costs have increased by more than 20% over the 14 years since the Sinden et al (2004) study.

The prevalence of weeds in the livestock industry was assumed to be the same, largely because no evidence has been accumulated in the last 14 years to gauge the degree of impacts weed cause of livestock carrying capacity and production losses. This information gap is important as weed competition in these animal industries contributes a quarter to overall national weed costs.

Weed control and production losses due to residual weeds in Australia are included in Table 1 for low, average and high weed impact scenarios. An average production loss cost of \$4,823 million is estimated for winter and summer broad acre cropping, rice, cotton, horticulture and livestock industries, using the 'economic surplus' approach. As in previous studies, the difference between the loss-expenditure and economic surplus approaches to costing is small. Costs to agricultural industries comprise the majority of total costs, as public expenditures are less than \$200m of the overall mean cost of \$4,989 million in 2018. Table 1 includes details for low, average and high cost scenarios.

Table 1: Estimated annual costs of weeds in Australia, 2018 (\$'million)

	Low	Average	High
Agriculture Loss-expenditure estimate	3,733.2	4,813.7	5,780.6
Economic surplus estimate	4,335.6	4,823.3	5,844.7
Expenditure/other non-agricultural Public	29.1	29.1	29.1
Private	132.3	132.3	132.3
Indigenous	4.5	4.5	4.5
Total*	4,501.5	4,989.2	6,010.6

nq: not quantified. * uses surplus estimate

Drought and Weeds

When feed and fodder are brought onto your property from outside NSW, you risk introducing new weeds. During these dry times there has been a lot of movement of feed from interstate. From a weed perspective, this means you may be importing weeds from anywhere on the Australian mainland. Although feed movement is a necessary activity, there are a number of strategies we can put in place to help ensure this difficult period is not compounded by years of costly and labour intensive weed control into the future.

Sacrifice Paddocks. Where possible feed out imported stock feeds in the same location. If we are introducing weeds in stock feed, particularly hay, it is best we limit the area over which these weeds are spread. If there are few feeding locations it is easier to be on the lookout for the growth of unfamiliar species when conditions improve.

Vehicle Hygiene. The trucks that are transporting this stock feed have also been on properties in the source location. Vehicles and agricultural equipment have always been a major vector for transporting weeds. Be mindful of how clean these vehicles are when they enter your property and again be observant for new species in places these vehicles have been.

Bare Soils. The reduction in vegetative cover during prolonged dry spells provides great opportunity for new species to become established. As we often discuss the best way to control the introduction of weeds to a property is by having a healthy pasture with good ground coverage. Unfortunately that is not always possible.

Weeds are a costly Biosecurity threat, so keep an eye out for any plants you don't recognize and act quickly. You can call us if you spot an unknown plant on your property and we will assist in identification and control methods.

You can also download the NSW WeedWise app from the app store or online at weeds.nsw.dpi.gov.au



New England Weeds Authority Weed Officers are on hand to assist with your noxious weed identification, management and control. Visit www.newa.com.au or Phone 6770 3602



Funding & Training Opportunities

MLA Invites Applicants For Sponsorship of Producer Events

Meat & Livestock Australia (MLA) is inviting applications for sponsorship for events to be held between 1 July 2019 – 31 December 2019. Applications for event sponsorship up to \$10,000 must be received by Friday, 19 April 2019 5:00pm. Visit www.mla.com.au

Farm Business Skills Professional Development Program

The Farm Business Skills Professional Development Program provides subsidies to farmers to help them access vocational skills and training.

The funding may be used for:

- professional development, vocational training and farm business planning
- travel costs (fuel, accommodation, meals)
- child / respite care costs (from a registered provider)
- software that is specifically related to the professional development activity

Approved participants can claim a 50 percent subsidy of up to \$5,000 for the first individual. There is an additional \$1,000 available per person for a maximum of four people for a total maximum of \$9,000 per farm business.

For more information visit www.raa.nsw.gov.au or Phone 1800 678 593

CALL FOR INTEREST - FIRST AID TRAINING

GLENRAC is calling for Expressions of Interest for members to complete free first aid training, Senior First Aid Training (full-day) or CPR only training (2-3 hours). If you complete the training you will receive a nationally recognised qualification. Training will be run in Glen Innes or if we have strong interest from a locality we will come to you.

We'd like to know if you are interested!

Email kylie@glenrac.org.au to let us know what course you are interested in by 12th April 2019.



FREE & TAILORED TRAINING - Get Connected!

GLENRAC is looking to run short training events (2-hours) on basic computer skills during April to June. Bring your own laptop or phone to participate. The range of topics can include: Using social media; Using your tablet or smart phone; How to use a spreadsheet; How to set up to write letters or reports; Using emails.

These courses are designed to boost users confidence in using their devices. Courses will be in run in Glen Innes but we will come to your local hall or sports ground if you have a group of 4 people.

Know someone who might be interested? Let them know what's on offer and ask them to contact GLENRAC to put their name down, 02 6732 3443 or email kylie@glenrac.org.au by Friday 12th April 2019.

Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme

This rebate is 25 % of the cost of purchase, delivery and installation of water infrastructure for animal welfare needs. The maximum that can be claimed is \$25,000. Allocated funding of \$12 million. Back dated to 1 July 2018. Applications close 30 June 2021.

GLENRAC can help you complete the paperwork required to apply for this rebate. Including your property map. For more information visit www.raa.nsw.gov.au or Phone 1800 678 593

APPLICATIONS FOR WHITE ROCK WIND FARM COMMUNITY FUNDS GRANTS NOW OPEN

Applications are now open for the year 2019/20 Community Fund Grants. Interested local community groups and organisations within 50km of the wind farm seeking project funding are welcome to apply.

There are two (2) grant categories being: Minor grants UNDER \$5,000 and Major grants OVER \$5,000. Please ensure you read the Application Guidelines before submitting the written application. Applications close 4:30pm **on Friday 26 April 2019**. Late applications will not be accepted. Note: the successful applicants will be notified in writing after 14 June 2019.

GLENRAC OPERATING COMMITTEE 2017/18

CHAIRMAN - John Bavea

VICE CHAIR - Ian Lockwood **TREASURER** - Sam Baker **SECRETARY** - Tony Corcoran

LANDHOLDER & DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES:

Andrew Campbell, Chris Leahy, Jane Munro, Jim Benton, Mark Donovan, Mike Norton, Sandy Fitzgerald, Julie Firth.

Glen Innes Severn Council : TBA

Department of Primary Industries : Carol Harris ,

National Parks & Wildlife Office: Dr. Peter Croft

Glen Innes Local Aboriginal Lands Council: Jayden Potter

Public Officer: Mark Donovan

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To The Land Manager

This activity is part of the Local Landcare Coordinators Initiative



**Local Land
Services**

The Local Landcare Coordinators Initiative is funded by the NSW Government, and is supported through the partnership of Local Land Services and Landcare NSW.



Glen Innes Natural Resources Advisory Committee

Coming Events:

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| April | Free grain for Pigs— Feral Fighters, NT Local Land Services— 02 6732 8800 |
| 3 Apr | Turning the Tide on Regent Honeyeaters—Nullamanna RSVP Anya 0455 481 170 |
| 3 Apr | Smoko at Emmaville, 10-11am The Club Hotel |
| 10 Apr | Spray Drift & Weed Management Workshop - GLENRAC 02 6732 3443 |
| 11 Apr | Farmer Breakfast - GLENRAC 02 6732 3443 |
| 17 Apr | GLENRAC Focus—"Farmer Update" - GLENRAC 02 6732 3443 |
| 26 Apr | Smoko at Wellingrove, 10-11am, Wellingrove Hall |
| May | Free meat baits for Wild Dogs — Feral Fighters, NT Local Land Services— 02 6732 8800 |
| 11 May | Ferals in Focus Forum, Dundee — GLENRAC 02 6732 3443 |
| 17 May | Men's Night Out - GLENRAC 02 6732 3443 |
| 23 May | NLIS Workshop— GLENRAC 02 6732 3443 |
| June | Free meat baits for foxes — Feral Fighters, NT Local Land Services— 02 6732 8800 |
| 11-12 Jun | New England North West Landcare Adventure—Narrabri |