



NEW ENGLAND NORTH WEST LANDCARE

REGIONAL UPDATE

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FARM 300 AND PROJECT 2020 ADVISOR WORKSHOP

Do you work in the livestock sector and want to increase your knowledge of climate variability, greenhouse gas emissions, business profitability and sustainability? Then this workshop is for you.

Tamworth - 3rd June 2014

For bookings and more information www.mla.com.au/farm300
Priscilla Cumming, Rural Industries Skill Training pcumming@rist.com.au or phone 03 5573 0956

CALL FOR HIDDEN TREASURES

The NSW Government is calling for rural communities to nominate women volunteers for the 2014 Hidden Treasures Honour Roll. Hidden Treasures is a joint project of the Rural Women's Network (Department of Primary Industries) and The Centre for Volunteering, NSW.

All women nominated will be included in the 2014 Roll which will be launched at the annual NSW Rural Women's Gathering in Coolamon on 12-14 September 2014.

To see who was on last year's roll visit: www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/rwn/activities/hidden-treasures.

For more information, contact the Rural Women's Network on 02 6391 3433 or email rural.women@dpi.nsw.gov.au.

Nominations close Wednesday 16 July 2014.

UAV & WEED DETECTION DAY

The Northern Inland Weeds Advisory Committee (NIWAC) in association with the NSW Department of Primary Industries invites you to a field day and information session on our project Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Technology & Weed Detection at Moore Park Inn, 63 Moore Park Lane, Uralla Road, Armidale.

Tuesday 10th June 2014 from 9.00 am to 2.00pm. Lunch provided.

The workshop will update delegates on the work conducted by The University of Sydney using UAVs to collect data and calculate classification algorithms for Tropical Soda Apple, Alligator Weed, Serrated Tussock and Water Hyacinth throughout the region.

Please RSVP for catering purposes to Heather Apps by 4th June to happs@nwa.nsw.gov.au.

MARCUS OLDHAM DROUGHT RELIEF SCHOLARSHIPS

Marcus Oldham College will launch a new Drought Relief Scholarship program in Longreach tomorrow, in which it is offering five study awards worth \$10,000 each to students in drought affected regions of Queensland and New South Wales who are eligible to commence studies in the Marcus Oldham Farm Business Management Program in 2015. The program produces graduates who will be professionally prepared for the workforce and can operate a full range of agricultural systems. For more information email courses@marcusoldham.vic.edu.au or freecall 1800 623 500.

FOXES HOST SHEEP MEASLES

There are calls for the commercial release of a vaccine to prevent sheep measles.

Downgraded sheepmeat caused by the infection is costing the industry millions of dollars annually.

Charles Sturt University parasitologist Dr David Jenkins says research has found that foxes are spreading the measles parasite.

Funded by Meat and Livestock Australia, the two-year study at the Graham Centre for Agricultural Innovation in Wagga Wagga examined almost 500 foxes from NSW and WA.

For more information visit <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2014-04-11/sheep-measles-study-1104/5383394#.U0uKsHALv7M.e mail>

TECHNOLOGY, TABLETS & TIPS MANAGING YOUR BUSINESS ON THE GO

This is a one day interactive, hands on workshop for farmers who currently use iPad, Android or other tablet device.

Narrabri Crossing Theatre:
Monday 23 June 2014

8.30am – 3.15pm and includes refreshments, course materials and lunch.

For more information go to www.partnersingrain.org.au or contact PinG NSW on 0408 366202. Please email registration details through to nsw@partnersingrain.org.au



GARDENING FOR NUTRITION

Inverell Community Garden is excited to announce that Graeme Sait, NutriTech Solutions is coming to the Garden over the long weekend in June to deliver a 2 day workshop titled 'Gardening for Nutrition' – Reclaiming wellness – improving the health of your garden, your planet and yourself.

Cost for this workshop is highly subsidised at \$200pp or \$170 for members of Gwymac Inc.

The weekend includes all meals, plus dinner on Saturday night, workshop notes and the tools to change your life!

Contact Gwymac to find out more on 02 67211241.

NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY WITH STEVE PARISH

A 2 day workshop with Steve Parish on 28th & 29th June 2014. The workshop's objective is to broaden and enhance 'capture' skills as they apply to landscape, plant and animal photography.

The content will challenge both "imaginative" and "traditional" photographers to consider using an alternative style or combination of styles.

Whether your skills are basic or advanced you will come away excited by the mind-boggling opportunities for self expression within nature photography thereby finding the 'creative you'.

For more information visit <http://www.frostoverbarraba.org.au/workshops1.html>

REGENERATIVE LAND PLANNING

30th May to 1st June - Cunningham Hall, Warwick, QLD with Darren Doherty

Attend this course and you will gain experiential understanding of land planning and property development allowing you to apply these methods to your own properties/ farms- large or small, new or old.

This course is intended for anybody who works in rural land management and who wants an introduction of the 10 key elements of good land planning and property improvement.

PRICE: 1st person in the business: \$495 (inc GST)
2nd Person \$370 (inc GST)
3rd Person \$247.50 (inc GST)

Includes: 3 days Training, Materials and Catering (morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea)

Contact: Helen Lewis 07 4667 4946 or email helen@insideoutsidemgt.com.au

Registration forms: www.insideoutsidemgt.com.au

EMISSIONS REDUCTION FUND WHITE PAPER

The Emissions Reduction Fund White Paper, was announced on 24th April 2014.

The White Paper outlines the detailed design of the Emissions Reductions Fund, which has been developed following in-depth consultation with business and the community.

The design of the Emissions

Reduction has been guided by three key design principles:

Lowest-cost emissions reductions: the Emissions Reduction Fund will identify and purchase emissions reductions at the lowest cost.

Genuine emissions reductions: the Emissions Reduction Fund will purchase emissions reductions that make a real and additional contribution to reducing Australia's greenhouse gas emissions.

Streamlined administration: the Emissions Reduction Fund will make it easy for businesses to participate.

For more information and links to the White Paper, please use weblink below:

<http://www.environment.gov.au/minister/hunt/2014/mr20140424.html>

WORKCOVER FREE ADVISORY SERVICES FOR SMALL BUSINESS:

Small business can receive up to \$500 to help their small business be smarter and safer through the Small business rebate program. It is open to small businesses or sole traders with up to 50 full time employees or equivalent.

Attend any eligible WorkCover safety event, live webinar, workshop, program, or have a free assistance visit. Read more at:

<http://www.workcover.nsw.gov.au/newlegislation2012/assistance-and-support/small-business-rebate/Pages/default.aspx>

Or contact Workcover on 13 10 50