



NEW ENGLAND NORTH WEST LANDCARE

REGIONAL UPDATE

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GWYMAC CELEBRATES

Gwymac Landcare will celebrate its past 12 months of activities in the community on Thursday 15th November from 5pm at the Inverell Club, Evans Street, Inverell. Refreshments + finger food will be provided with the AGM following. The evening will include Gwymac's annual presentation of RJ (Dick) Walker Memorial Landcare Award. Please RSVP to the Gwymac office on 67211241 or email admin@gwymaclandcare.net.au ALL WELCOME

RAMSELECT WORKSHOP

Rams are purchased on one day of the year but their effect on your flock lasts for many years. Make sure you buy the right genes for production, quality and disease resistance. MERINOSELECT and LAMBPLAN breeding values help select rams that will breed the best progeny. *RamSelect is a practical one day workshop building confidence to select rams for all breeds, define your breeding objective, assess rams using figures and visual assessment, prepare for the auction or selection day and invest in rams for production and profit.* Hosted by: Yasloc Poll Dorset Stud Wed 7 Nov 9.00am to 3.30pm
RSVP is essential by Fri 2 Nov
Registration: Jim Meckiff jim.meckiff@dpi.nsw.gov.au or phone 0428 968 159
This is a FREE event and includes lunch and morning tea
Location: NSW DPI Glen Innes Agricultural Research and

Advisory Station, 444 Strathbogie Road, Glen Innes NSW 2370

COMMUNITY BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS 2012

The community Building Partnerships Program provides funds for the building and improvement of vital social, recreational and environmental infrastructure that will enhance the well being of the local communities throughout the state. Incorporated not-for-profit organisations and Local Councils can apply. Applications should demonstrate how they will deliver positive results for communities especially social, recreational, environmental or employment outcomes. \$200,000 is available to every NSW electoral district and \$300,000 for those with higher levels of social dis-advantage.

Applications Close 30 October 2012

For more info: 1300 707 155, cbp@communities.nsw.gov.au

LANDCARE ADVENTURE 19TH & 20TH MARCH 2013

2013 is the 15th annual Landcare Adventure to be hosted by Upper Gwydir Landcare Association. It will be a highlight event for the Regional Landcare organisations. It will show case Natural Resource Management in the local area, through field visits of local landholders projects, workshops and a presentation dinner. We expect up to 100

visitors over the two days. Further details are being worked out as we speak. Mark the date in your diary and we would love to see you there.

THE GOOD, THE BAD & THE UGLY

Livestock producers come and learn about how these three things can impact on your enterprise - THE GOOD, THE BAD & THE UGLY!

THE GOOD - Dr Bernard Doube, Dung Beetle Solutions and former CSIRO Principal Research Scientist, will highlight the benefits of dung beetles to livestock producers through improvements in soil health, nutrient cycling and reduced parasite breeding.

THE BAD - Livestock Health & Pest Authority Rangers, will talk about foxes, the impact they have on your livestock enterprises and the environment, control and management.

THE UGLY - Livestock Health & Pest Authority District Veterinarians will highlight Neospora and Leptospirosis which are both causing serious issues in cattle herds cross the region and is the question on everyone's lips, LHPA District Vets will present the facts about these diseases.

ALL FREE EVENTS

Monday 29th October 2012

'Nooroo' Nooroo Rd, Bingara 8:30am - 12noon

'Mindora' 3018 Gwydir Highway, Swan Vale 1:30- 5pm

Tuesday 30th October 2012

NSW DPI Research Station, 444 Strathbogie Rd 8:30am - noon



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FOR
OUR
COUNTRY

Send your news for the Landcare Update to Sarah Legge at sarah@gwymaclandcare.net.au



'Kenilworth' Falconers Road,
Guyra 1:30pm – 5pm

For more information or to RSVP
contact your local Landcare
office:

Upper Gwydir, Bingara 02 6724
2052

Gwymac Inverell 02 6721 1241
GLENRAC, Glenn Innes 02 6732
3443

JAMES N KIRBY FOUNDATION ANNUAL GRANTS

The Foundation's overall goal is to distribute grants to charitable, educational and technical bodies throughout Australia in the areas of health, education, technology and science, art and literature. In addition we are seeking to aid the conservation, maintenance and development of Australia's natural resources. Particular attention is given to technical education projects to assist young Australians achieve their highest standards. Grants of \$3000 to \$100,000 are available. Grant applications to be submitted between 1 November and 28 Feb.

For more info: <http://www.kirbyfoundation.com.au>

CMAS WILL MOVE INTO LOCAL LAND SERVICES

As you may have heard on the radio, the NSW Government has announced a restructure of the current Catchment Management Authorities, Department of Agriculture Extension Staff and LHPAs. These three organisations will be rolled into a new department called Local Land Services in early 2014. Details of just how the new structures will

look and implications on staff, services and stakeholders will become more clear in the next couple of months. For more info <http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/localandservices>

YUM YUM, WHERE DOES YOUR FOOD COME FROM?

Three lovely ladies from Come-By-Chance and Walgett have written and illustrated a new children's book *Yum Yum - Where Does it Come From?* The book highlights where food and fibre comes from and the importance of farmers. 'It was important to look at not only where food and fibre comes from but also the significance of farmers,' Emily said. 'We were able to reflect on what good custodians of the land farmers are and that they are really great environmentalists, probably the best about.' Cathie said they wanted people to see farmers really did care about their land. For more information or to order a copy please call 02 6828 5287.

IRRIGATION AUST LTD \$10,000 TRAVEL FELLOWSHIP AWARD

Applications are open for the Irrigation Aust Ltd Travel Fellowship Award, which encourages and promotes the development of young professionals in the irrigation industry.

The award is made possible through the generous sponsorship by the former National Program for Sustainable Irrigation.

It offers \$10,000 for a young achiever working on an irrigation research or

development related topic relevant to agriculture or horticulture from either the private or public sector.

Applications close Friday 30 November 2012.

For more information contact Trevor Le Breton on 02 8335 4000.

A WIN FOR LANDCARE

Landcare's new TV ad has won September's Ad of the Month competition on media and marketing website, [Mumbrella](http://Mumbrella.com.au). LIFE, produced by animation agency, Mighty Nice, took out the gong, beating entries from AAMI Insurance, The Daily Telegraph, Christchurch & Canterbury Tourism, Hyundai A League and NRMA. The monthly competition is voted on by Mumbrella readers.

The new campaign – LIFE: Landcare is for Everyone – champions the inclusiveness and breadth of the Landcare movement through 3D animation, and demonstrates the different ways that people can get involved.

For more information or to view the two minute film, visit www.landcarelife.com.au

UGLA AGM

It's that time of year again!!!

The date of the meeting is set Wednesday 12th December 2012 starting at 4pm @ the Imperial Hotel.

Everyone is welcome and following the meeting there be a light supper and Christmas refreshments. Please RSVP on 6724 2052 or email cso@gwydir.nsw.gov.au