

# GLENRAC NEWSletter

## WINTER GARDEN WALK

We were blessed with a beautiful late Winter day for the GLENRAC Winter Garden event hosted by Kay and Phil Correy in their impressive garden at 'Kent Farm' on the Red Range Road. The garden has a wonderful background of established trees that have been used as the backbone of the garden Kay has created over the last 30 odd years. A formal rose garden at the front of their architect designed home is also a major feature.

'Kent Farm' was last opened to the public as part of the Australian Open Garden Scheme in 2003. This was the first time the garden had been open since then, GLENRAC were very proud to hold this event.

Over 70 people attended the very successful day and were educated in the morning by Amber Hall, Horticulturalist and Photographer, on the principles of mindful gardening and working with nature including encouraging some of the insects that are often regarded as pests in the garden.

Our afternoon presenter was Nicki Walker who gave a very informative talk on composting and worm farming. Nicki took a hands-on approach and her demonstration included the use of a worm farm and useful pieces of equipment. She spoke about all the elements of good composting and showed us various ways of composting from the very basic through to more complex methods.

Images of the day were captured by Jim Barker with some great photos and drone videos.

Attendees left the day busting to get their hands in the dirt and get gardening ready for Spring.

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*Nicki Walker demonstrating composting and worm farming.*



Glen Innes Natural Resources Advisory Committee

**Our vision is to create solutions for a sustainable and productive landscape.**

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# GLENRAC MATTERS

Welcome to the final GLENRAC newsletter for 2022!

Spring has sprung and the daffodils and blossom trees are bursting into life. The paddocks are greening up after the wet winter. Our committee and staff are continuing to work hard to attract funding and bring new projects and opportunities to our community.

Check out the images from the very successful Winter Garden Walk, rural womens' activities and funding, upcoming events and much more. Stay tuned!

**The GLENRAC team**

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*Amber Hall speaking about the principles of mindful gardening and working with nature*



# LISTEN, READ!

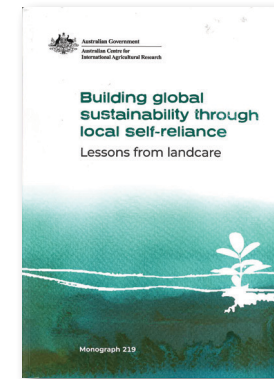
## BOOKS DONATED TO THE LIBRARY BY GLENRAC

**READ**

### Building global sustainability through local self-reliance

This book seeks to recognise and celebrate the potential application of the subsidiarity concept to deal with many complex contemporary challenges. It uses landcare to explore how this principle can be usefully applied to tackle multiple global problem.

*By: Allan Dale, Jayne Curnow, Andrew Campbell and Michael Seigel (Eds)*  
August 2022



### Ten ways to build soil carbon

This booklet is designed as an introduction to 10 strategies farmers can use to build soil organic carbon within their farming systems. The information in this booklet is just a start and strategies will need to be assessed against economic, environmental and personal goals and then tailored for each property.

June 2021 Publisher: Greater Sydney Local Land Services



**LISTEN**

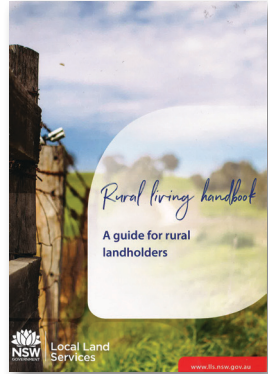
### #15: Carbon Credits: The Results are in with Dr Terry McCosker - The Financial Bloke

Terry and I are discussing what a Carbon Credit actually is and how they have the potential to substantially improve the overall profitability and sustainability of some farming operations, resulting in a magnification of a family's wealth both now and intergenerationally. The most exciting part is we are discussing the initial findings of one of the world's largest Carbon Credit trials which Terry has been integrally involved in.

### Rural living handbook

The Rural Living Handbook is a guide to help rural landholders experience the wonderful aspects of rural life as well as to raise awareness of the risks and responsibilities that come with that lifestyle.

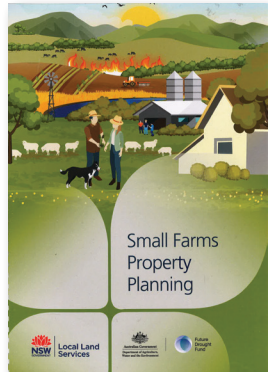
Publisher: Greater Sydney Local Land Services  
March 2022



### Small Farms Property Planning

Property plans can help you achieve your rural living goals by setting up the basis for efficient and sustainable property management.

Publisher: State of New South Wales through Local Land Services  
May 2020



### Small Farms self-assessment tool

This is a tool for managers of small land holdings who want to know more about best management practices and natural resource management.

Publisher: State of New South Wales through Local Land Services  
March 2022



### The Financial Bloke PODCAST



# PROJECT NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

## GLEN INNES FARMERS LEADING NATURAL CAPITAL BENCHMARKING PROJECT

Natural capital for farmers was the topic of discussion at GLENRAC's recent Focus event at the Glen Innes Services Club.

40 people attended the evening to learn about natural capital – what natural capital is, the existing legislation around natural assets in Australia and the challenges and opportunities for farmers in this space.

The evening included talks from key figures across the agriculture, government and finance sector regarding existing, or lack thereof, natural capital policies in Australia and possible avenues for natural assets in the future.

The evening also provided an overview of GLENRAC's recent farm pilot project *Benchmarking Natural Capital*, a twelve month project aimed at building capacity for farmers to measure and monitor the condition of their farm's natural capital and public good natural resource management outcomes.

Funded by the Australian Government Future Drought Fund and led by Dr Williams and GLENRAC,



Dr Jacky Williams and our pilot farmers in GLENRAC's Benchmarking Natural Capital project.

the *Benchmarking Natural Capital* project engaged 6 pilot farms in the Glen Innes region in a scientific study to measure and monitor natural capital over the 2021-2022 financial year. The study participants utilised GIS mapping data and other online systems to collect data that informed a natural capital baseline of the property.

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## SHOT IN THE DARK – NIGHT VISION & THERMAL IMAGING

As part of an integrated pest animal management program shooting is important, and the technology to help make shooting more efficient and effective is rapidly evolving. GLENRAC held two *Shot in the Dark* events in late August highlighting night vision and thermal imaging technology.

Rob Hunt, NSW National Parks & Wildlife, joined the event via Zoom and gave a comprehensive presentation on the application and suitability of night vision and thermal imaging scopes, monoculars and binoculars for a range of different pest animals and situations. He talked about what technology would be most effective for different situations and what

to consider when looking at purchasing this kind of equipment.

Tim Luetjens and Joe Lien from ExtraVision in Brisbane travelled down for the events at Stonehenge and Deepwater and brought along a wide range of both night vision and thermal imaging gear. Tim talked about the use and suitability of the various equipment, how to achieve the best value solutions for a variety of situations and then everyone had the opportunity to have a look at and through the gear, spotting rabbits and a fox slinking through the next paddock.

A video compilation of the events will soon be available on the GLENRAC website.



**FREE First Aid Training**

8.30am-4pm  
Thursday 20th October  
(RSVP 14 October 2022)  
Or  
8.30am-4pm  
Thursday 10th November 2022  
(RSVP 4 November)

**At Uniting Church Hall**  
Free event to attend

Morning tea & lunch provided

Register by email: [karen.bavea@glenrac.org.au](mailto:karen.bavea@glenrac.org.au) or phone 02 6732 3443

**Pastures – The Engine of Farm Performance**

Tuesday 25th October 2022  
9:30am - 3:00pm  
UNE SMART Farm Innovation Centre – Weirs Road

**Join us for a day on pastures & their value to the business**

- Benefits of pasture improvement
- Protecting pastures from weeds
- Inspect DLF pastures on UNE SMART Farm
- Drones for weed control
- Upgrading farm water infrastructure

Morning tea & lunch provided

RSVP by Wednesday 19th October 2022 to [emma.tilley@glenrac.org.au](mailto:emma.tilley@glenrac.org.au)

Glen Innes Agricultural Research and Advisory Station  
PROFITABILITY, SUSTAINABILITY AND PRODUCTIVITY

**Open Day**

SATURDAY 15 OCTOBER 2022  
9am – 3:30pm  
444 Strathbogie Road

Celebrating **120** YEARS OF RESEARCH

- Local Markets • Food vans • Site tours
- Guess the Steer Weight • Pet a Lamb
- Time capsule • Trade Displays • Technical talks
- Colour-in & Photography competitions

For biosecurity reasons, you will be required to wear clean, closed toe shoes. Footbaths will be required upon entry.

[www.dpi.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au)

**Dundee Pasture Walk**

Morning tea provided

**Join us for a pasture walk:**  
Wednesday 12th October 2022  
Dundee Hall Severn River Road  
9:30am for morning tea  
10:00am - 12:30pm

**Key Topics**

- Returns from corn silage
- Drones for weed control
- Upgrading farm water supplies
- African Lovegrass management
- Weed control for spring & summer

RSVP 11th October 2022 to [emma.tilley@glenrac.org.au](mailto:emma.tilley@glenrac.org.au) or (02) 6732 3443



# PROJECT NEWS AND ACTIVITIES COMMUNITY GROUP COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITIES

*Are you on a community group committee?  
We can help you!*



Ensure your committee is fit for the future. Know your legal requirements so your group is:

Effective ✓  
Successful ✓  
Great to be involved with ✓

For more information or to register your interest  
P: 02 6732 3443 or  
E: karen.bavea@glenrac.org.au



We can help community groups with free one-on-one support in reviewing your governance needs with an easy checklist. The purpose is to minimise your legal risk and maximise the opportunities for your group. It can also help you become more attractive to funders - they ask about governance in grant applications!

Contact:  
karen.bavea@glenrac.org.au  
or 6732 3443

This project is supported by



# INFORMATION, OPPORTUNITIES AND FUNDING THANKS TO WHITE ROCK WIND FARM



With Spring in the air our tree planting projects are starting up for another season. Thanks to the support of White Rock Wind Farm Community Fund GLENRAC was able to purchase equipment to assist with its revegetation activities. These potti putki planters, planting belts, and kidney trays all help to get native tree and shrub seedlings in the ground while reducing risk of injury and fatigue on the job.



GLENRAC staff Dr Mahri Koch, Karen Bavea and Emma Tilley with the new equipment

## Rural Women's Events

### STOCK WATER PROJECT APPLICATIONS OPEN

GLENRAC are seeking one local farm to showcase a best practice stock water system.

The host farm will receive support in the form of farm planning and potentially investment in best practice infrastructure and monitoring tools.

#### Criteria

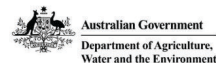
- Have an effective stock water system (or are establishing one)
- Can host field days
- Consent to the development of project case studies
- Have a water budget or will work with GLENRAC to develop one
- Willing to monitor farm water levels
- Interested in effective stock water management

Applications Close 11th October

APPLY NOW

at:  
bit.ly/glenrac

For further information, contact Emma: 026732 3443 emma.tilley@glenrac.org.au  
Or visit <https://www.glenrac.org.au/other-opportunities>



This project received funding from the Australian Government's Future Drought Fund.

### RESILIENT PASTURE LANDSCAPES

Do you want to expand your ability to manage pasture systems for increased climate resilience?

FREE  
Valued at  
\$8,419  
per property

If you are a farm business owner, farm employee or next generation farmer, this is your chance to be part of UNE's new Resilient Pasture Landscapes coaching program.

Increase your ability to manage drought resilient pastures.

#### Program Features:

- ✓ Tailored face to face coaching in small groups of local farmers
- ✓ 6 on-farm meetings per year over 2 years
- ✓ Mentoring and support for the online tool Ag360
- ✓ How management affects freshwater quality, baseflows and aquatic ecosystems
- ✓ Measuring indicators for success - improved farm productivity, ground cover, soil organic matter, reduced weeds, less erosion and overland runoff
- ✓ Develop, manage and monitor feed budgets
- ✓ Learn pasture assessment methods
- ✓ Use and evaluate climate forecasts for managing pastures and livestock
- ✓ Simplify decision making about feed budgets and livestock numbers

Contact your closest Coordinator:

Aggie at Southern New England Landcare  
02 67729123 aggie.seiler@snelandcare.org.au  
[www.snelandcare.org.au](http://www.snelandcare.org.au)

Emma at GLENRAC  
02 6732 3443 emma.tilley@glenrac.org.au  
[www.glenrac.org.au/other-opportunities](http://www.glenrac.org.au/other-opportunities)

Apply at:  
or scan the QR Code

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LHHQZWC>



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### Rural Women's Evening

THURSDAY 13 OCTOBER 2022

6:00PM TO 8:30PM  
GLEN INNES CHAPEL THEATRE

BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW

Scan the QR code to register



"Restoring your colourful self"

### Rural Women's Day

FRIDAY 14 OCTOBER 2022

9:00AM FOR 10:00AM START  
BEN LOMOND HALL

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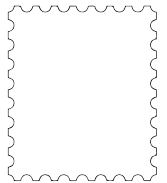
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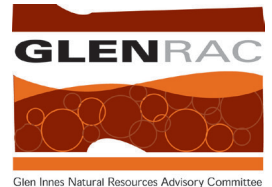
## To The Land Manager

This activity is part of the Local Landcare Coordinators initiative



**Local Land  
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### UPCOMING EVENTS

10 October	Drones for Weed Control	14 October	Rural Women's Day
10 October	Girls with Guns	15 October	Ag Station Open Day
11 October	Fellas and Firearms	25 October	SMART Farm Field Day
12 October	Dundee Pasture Walk	16 November	GLENRAC AGM
13 October	Walcha Pasture Walk		

To register or see our full range of events visit [www.glenrac.org.au/events](http://www.glenrac.org.au/events)