



DECEMBER 2012

Regional Water Quality Baseline Study Discussion

The Northern Rivers region is blessed with clean water and fresh air. This meeting will discuss a project which seeks to establish a program of coordinated water sampling across the region.

Read More at <http://www.nlss.com.au/index.php/upcoming-events/details/34-regional-water-quality-baseline-study-discussion?xref=50>

SURVEY: NRCMA Incentive Program Feedback

The survey is open to all past and recent Incentive Program applicants.

The survey can be found at <http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/1085395/Northern-Rivers-CMA-Incentive-Program-Participant-Survey>

The survey closes **5.00 pm Friday 14th December 2012**

Dharmananda Restoration Field Day

Come and see how this protected forest is regenerating after control of lantana and camphor laurel. **Wednesday December 19, 2012 - 9.00am - 12.00pm - No cost**

To find out more

<http://www.nlss.com.au/index.php/component/redevent/details/33-dharmananda-restoration-field-day?xref=49>

Corridor Connectivity Projects - Expressions of Interest Wanted

If you are interested in being part of a corridor connectivity project please fill in an Expression of Interest form and return to us ASAP or give us a call on 66323722.


<http://www.nlss.com.au/index.php/funding>


Environment funding - Prospectus

Environment Minister Tony Bourke today released the Australian Governments first national biodiversity investment prospectus: *One Land Many stories: Prospectus of Investment 2013-14*.

www.environment.gov.au/prospectus

This has info about Clean Energy Future programs and Caring for our Country two specific streams – one dedicated to sustainable environment and the other to sustainable agriculture

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Changes at NLSS

If you are having trouble locating Northern Landcare Support Services office it is because we are moving to 40 Summerland Way this week. This is on the opposite side of the road to where we currently are and is in between the pet shop and Greenmountain meats. We will have a lot more room and even a garden which we are in the process of converting it from a mixture of garden escapees and noxious weeds to a lush native oasis.

All our other contact details will remain the same. Feel free to drop in and check out all our NRM resources (books on weeds, native plants, sustainable farming, nest boxes etc.), weed fact sheets, make use of the internet, have a cuppa, borrow books from our library, borrow a splatter gun, borrow an Indian Myna trap, access our community support officers, access local landcare information, funding opportunities, just to name a few.

We would also like to wish Amanda Pollard-Harris all the best as she has left the NLSS team and is continuing her work with Landcare NSW.

Kyogle Council Funding Open Now

Kyogle Council is calling for applications under the Futures Funding Program up until 31 January 2013.

For more information go to:

www.kyogle.nsw.gov.au

Northern Rivers Landcare Awards/Forum

Nominations are now open and winners will be announced at a Gala Dinner on Thursday, March 7, 2013, during the North Coast Landcare Forum. The Forum will offer a great opportunity to learn more about some great Landcare successes in our region, catch up with other Landcarers and discuss opportunities.

The forum will be held at the Angourie Resort at Yamba with full details to be announced soon. Put your thinking caps on to decide if an individual or a special project in your community might fit one of the 10 categories.

For more info go to

<http://www.nlss.com.au/index.php/community/regional-landcare/36-regional-landcare>

Weed alert: Senegal tea plant ...have you seen this plant?

Senegal tea plant (*Gymnocoronis spilanthoides*) is an aggressive, highly invasive and destructive aquatic weed occurring in scattered infestations in NSW. It is one of 28 weeds on the Australian Government's National Environmental Alert List. Senegal tea plant is in the early stages of establishment in Australia and could seriously threaten biodiversity if not contained.

Senegal tea plant prefers tropical, subtropical and warm temperate conditions and is a hardy plant with a rapid growth rate in these areas. It will grow in shallow water, damp floodplain conditions, on the margins of creeks and dams (it has been found growing up to 150 m from a water body), in wetlands, or in still or slow-flowing fresh water. In these situations, Senegal tea plant can form dense erect stands, or mats of stems extending from the banks out across the water surface. This impedes flow, ecosystem function, navigational and recreational activities.

To view Fact Sheet

http://www.nlss.com.au/files/Senegal_tea_Weed_Alert_FINAL.pdf



Photos: Kim Hignall



Wild dogs in Kyogle and Richmond Valley

Increasing numbers of wild dogs and roaming domestic dogs are causing problems across the northern rivers region. To combat the problem seven northern river councils (NOROC) have partnered with National Parks and Wildlife, the Livestock Health and Pest Authority and the Invasive Animals Cooperative Research Centre to implement a dog education campaign.

The main aims of the project are to improve the level of responsible pet ownership and to increase the active wild dog management. A recent survey showed that up to 70% of wild dog sightings are not reported. To ensure adequate resources are available to manage the wild dog problem all sightings need to be reported.



Photo by Jim Rogers

Read More at:

<http://www.nlss.com.au/index.php/26-all/112-wild-dogs-in-kyogle-and-richmond-valley>

Bob and Tara and the NLSS team wish you all a Merry Christmas and hope that you enjoy the festive season. If you would like to receive this electronically please let us know. Please pass a copy onto anyone you know that may be interested and encourage them to subscribe on line. If you would like to contribute to future articles feel free to contact us on 66323722.

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