



AUGUST 2013



It's not too late to register for the NSW 2013 Landcare and Catchment Management Forum. The forum will be held at Newcastle with a number of inspirational speakers and terrific field trips being conducted around the region to showcase the environmental values and the amazing work being done by community groups, individuals and agencies to protect and enhance it.

For more information go to

<http://www.landcarecmaforum.com.au/program.php>

NRCMA Call For NRM Partners and Projects closes 16th September

The Call for NRM Partners and Projects is now open and invites Expressions of Interest from the community to partner with the Northern Rivers CMA to deliver a suite of targeted NRM projects and activities in the 2013-14 financial year. Proposals are being sought for a variety of on-ground and in-water NRM works, targeted Aboriginal and Community capacity building activities and the development of multiple property NRM Plans, Industry BMP Guides or Codes

Expressions of Interest requesting funds *solely* for the development of multiple property NRM Plans can request less than \$50,000 however all other EOIs can seek between \$50,000 and \$150,000.

Proposals are sought from individual landholders, volunteer community groups, industry groups and operators, Landcare Networks, Local and State Government agencies and NRM organisations and service providers.

Full details about the Call for NRM Partners and Projects can be found in the 2013-14 Guidelines for Applicants and EOI Form available on NRCMA website, www.northern.cma.nsw.gov.au



Connect on facebook

Not yet on Twitter

Making Commercial Farming Systems Sustainable - Bob Shaffer Workshops

Bob is broadly experienced in development and management of cover crop systems for farms, orchards and vineyards. He looks at cover crops from a whole-farm perspective including soil biology, soil physics and how the cover crop interrelates with food production and quality. Bob also specializes in compost development and use. He understands soil, plants, their health and their diseases and works with farmers to develop management practices that fit each farm's environmental, social and personal needs.

Bob Shaffer workshops are being run on the North Coast at Wollongbar on 7th Sept, Tyalgum on the 12th Sept, Nambucca on the 10th Sept. and Wauchope on the 9th September

For more information go to www.soilcare.org.au

"...the foundation of sustainability begins with respect for nature and feeding the soil." Bob Shaffer.



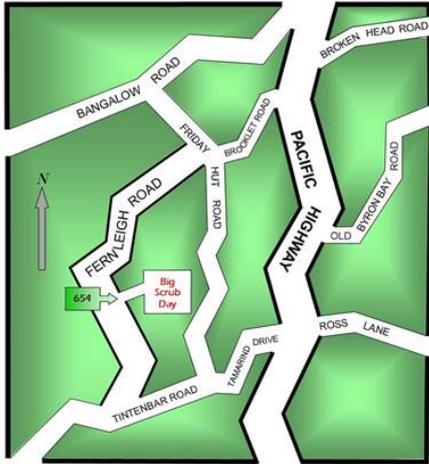
NRCMA Small Grants coming soon

The NRCMA small grants program for on ground NRM and sustainable agriculture works is going to be administered by 3 landcare organisations, one in each SEL. The details and guidelines are still unknown but we are anticipating that they will be similar to last years. So now is the time to start planning and costing your small NRM projects. Don't wait for them to be announced. If you need any assistance feel free to call us on 66323722.

Big Scrub Rainforest Day 2013 - 'On the Farm'

On Sunday September 15th, Big Scrub Landcare and EnviTE Environment will host a mini Big Scrub Day at the Jephcott property, 654 Fernleigh Road, Brooklet.

See how restoring rainforest on a 100-acre former dairy farm at Brooklet has increased farm productivity and enhanced the environment!



The tour of the Jephcott property will begin at 10.00am.

It is essential you **REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE**. You can register by:

Phone: 6627 2800

E-mail: peterb@envite.org.au

Visit: <http://www.envite.org.au/Big-Scrub-Day.html>

Remember, BYO Picnic and Drinks!

Time	Activity
7.30am - 9.00am	Booyong Bird Walk
10.00am - 10.50am	Welcome, History, Overview
10.00am - 4.00pm	Children's Activities - Barb Jensen, Rous Water - Giant healthy catchment board game, flag making
11.00am - 11.45am	Tree planting workshop
11.00am - 12.30pm	Walk Group 1
12.00pm - 3.00pm	Tree planting
12.00pm - 1.45pm	Walk Group 2
12.00pm - 12.45pm	Benefits of Voluntary Conservation Agreements for landholders
1.00pm - 2.45pm	Walk Group 3
1.00pm - 2.45pm	Weed ID workshop
2.00pm - 2.45pm	Controlling weeds in lowland rainforest plantings
3.00pm - 4.00pm	Benefits of rainforest plantings on macadamia production and cattle grazing
4.00pm - 4.10pm	Closing

EnviTE ChemCert Accreditation course which will be conducted on the 6th and 13th of September in Lismore still has places available. Call EnviTE on 6627 2800 to book in or for more information.

biophilia

an exploration of our connection with nature and all living things

Whian Whian Landcare invites you to submit art works for its inaugural

'Biophilia' exhibition

to be held at Goanna Bakery for Biodiversity month, September 2013

Opening event Saturday 7th September - presentation and prizes

Art works to be submitted by 5pm 6th September

Enquiries -

Emma Stone 6689 5472 or Valerie Thompson 0413 944 745



Seminar and Trade Show Lismore Workers Club 4:30pm Friday Sept 6

A free event to promote sustainable housing in Lismore. Come and view the trade displays and hear from experts on how to reduce your energy and water bills or retrofit your home. Warm supper included. Call 1300 878 387 to register.





TOPICS:

- Long service leave – IRE members only
- Employees or contractors? It's important to get it right – All NSWFA members
- Leave entitlements – All NSWFA members

For more info: <http://www.nswfarmers.org.au/industrial/events>

Casino Community Gardens

Methane power, composting and Biochar and using unusual vegetables are some of the topics that will be covered by the speakers at the Casino Community Garden's 'Welcome to Spring' Garden Clinic to be held on Saturday the 31st of August.



Locals are invited to attend the clinic to hear the speakers, try some pizza made on-site in the cob pizza oven and also bring along any excess produce, plants and seedlings to swap. There will also be a performance by the Filipino Dance and Singing Group to open the event. The event will run from 1 pm till 5pm.

The Casino Community Garden is now on Facebook. Events will be posted there along with all other garden-related happenings.



Invasive Animals CRC Photography Competition 2013 **closes 30 September 2013** so get your cameras out and start snapping. More info at <http://www.invasiveanimals.com/feral-photos/>

If you would like to receive this newsletter, email us at info@nlss.com.au. Feel free to pass a copy onto anyone you know that may be interested and encourage them to subscribe. If you would like to contribute to future newsletters feel free to contact us on 66323722.

Plant Identification Workshop

Friday September 13th 2013 9.30am - 12.30pm.



The Nature Conservation Trust of NSW and EnviTE Environment invite you to join us for a workshop to learn about native plant identification.

- Learn plant and leaf features and techniques to identify native plants.
- If you have a copy, bring "Rainforest Trees and Shrubs". Also bring a ruler and hand lens if you have them.
- Please wear closed footwear.
- The workshop will be held undercover at EnviTE's native plant nursery at Goonellabah, near Lismore.
- Light morning tea will be provided, please bring water and extra food if required.

For further details, directions and to register for the workshop contact:
Georgia Beyer - georgiab@nct.org.au.

Bookings essential.

The project has been assisted by the New South Wales Government through the NSW Environmental Trust.



Dirawong Reserve Bitou Bush Bash

The Dirawong Reserve Trust welcomes the community to join them and Earthcare Services bush regeneration team in a Bitou Bush Bash from the 16th September to the 20th September. The aim of the week is to remove regrowth Bitou Bush in the Dirawong Reserve, North of Chinamans Beach parking area and encourage the wider community to pull on their boots, long sleeves and hats and help out. This is a great opportunity to learn new skills, meet new people and contribute to your local environment. If you have any time free the week of the 16th and are keen to join in for whatever time you can spare please contact Bob Jarman on 0429320012.

The Dirawong is not only culturally significant it is also home to an Ecologically Endangered Community, Themeda Grasslands as well as 27 species of plants occurring that have special ecological significance by being endangered or vulnerable through to uncommon in the area. The place is also a haven for wildlife with 61 species of birds, 15 species of mammals and 13 species of reptiles known to inhabit the Dirawong.



Catchment Management
Authority
Northern Rivers

A project of the