



FEBRUARY 2013

North Coast Regional Landcare Forum & Awards

You're invited to our 2013 Landcare Forum and Awards the first big event for Landcarers in 2013.

The Forum is being organised by Landcare networks on the North Coast and will be a two-day event on **Thursday, March 7 and Friday, March 8.** (Landcare Awards will be presented at a special dinner on the night of the 7th).

For more information:

<http://www.nlss.com.au/index.php/community/regional-landcare/36-regional-landcare/120-landcare-forum-awards-2013>

[Program now available](#)

Community consultation workshops on the new Local Land Services

The Local Land Services Stakeholder Reference Panel will be holding community and stakeholder engagement in the development of the new Local Land Services, with public consultation workshops across the State with one in Lismore, Invercauld House, 161 Invercauld Road, Goonellabah, **March 18**, 1-4 pm.

The purpose of these workshops is to allow community and stakeholders to have their say on the four main pillars of Local Land Services, being: boundaries, governance, services and the rating framework.

The background papers on each of these pillars will be placed on the Have Your Say website (<http://www.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay>) during January 2013 for participants to read prior to attending the workshops.

This is an important opportunity for community to have input and a chance for Landcarers to make their voices heard. We strongly encourage you to attend.

For more information and to register go to <http://www.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay>



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Sustainable Management for Horse Properties Workshop

Stuart Meyers, from Equiculture, will deliver a seminar to educate horse property owners (small or large) about how to develop and manage pasture for horses, encourage biodiversity, manage manure, water and vegetation.

Date: Monday 25th February

Place: Casino Community & Cultural Centre

Bookings essential on 66323722 or email info@nlss.com.au, **Cost \$10 per person**, morning tea and lunch supplied

Free Horse Properties Management Guide Booklet Valued at \$15 for the first 40 bookings in each workshop. -Pick up on the day of the workshop

[For more Information](#)

Wild Dog and Fox Workshop

The Livestock Health and Pest Authority is running short training courses which will allow landholders to use 1080 and Pindone baits on their properties. This will allow participants to use these poisons for the control of wild dogs, foxes, feral pigs and rabbits where allowed by the conditions for use. These workshops are being run in partnership with NOROC's wild dog education project and local landcare groups. **Bookings Essential** :Wendy Gibney 6626 7028 or wendy.gibney@byron.nsw.gov.au

Funding Opportunities

Community Landcare Grants – Now Open

The Community Landcare Grants are small grant available through the Sustainable Agriculture stream of the Australian Government's Caring for our Country initiative.

Grants between \$5000 to \$50 000 (GST exclusive) are available to help local community-based organisations and groups take on-ground action as well as build their capacity and skills to manage their natural environment and productive lands, while contributing towards program outcomes.

Applications Close: 20th March 2013

[Read More](#)

Community Environment Grants – Opening soon

Community Environment Grants are part of the Australian Government's Caring for our Country program. Small grants will be available to help community groups and organisations to undertake on-ground work and capacity building to contribute to the sustainable management of Australia's environment and natural resources through the Sustainable Environment stream of the second phase of Caring for our Country.

Private Land Conservation Grants – Now Open

To date, the Private Land Conservation Grants program has provided more than \$250,000 towards supporting NSW private landholders with Conservation Agreements to undertake conservation works such as habitat or species conservation projects on their properties.

- **LEVEL 1:** Conservation Agreement under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* or Trust Agreement under the *Nature Conservation Trust Act 2001* or In-perpetuity Registered Property Agreement under the *Native Vegetation Conservation Act 1997* - **Up to \$5,000 a year**
- **LEVEL 2:** Incentive in-perpetuity Property Vegetation Plan under the *Native Vegetation Act 2003* or Wildlife Refuge under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* - **Up to \$1,000 a year**
- **LEVEL 3:** Applications for this level are for group Conservation Training and are to be submitted by the members of the Land for Wildlife or Wildlife Land Trust program on behalf of their landholder group. Individual applications are not accepted - **Up to \$2,000 a year**

Applications Close: Friday 12th April 2013.

More information at: <http://fnpw.org.au/foundation-grants/private-land-grants>

The Biodiversity Fund Round 2 - Now Open

The Biodiversity Fund is an ongoing program under the Australian Government's Land Sector Package of the Clean Energy Future plan. The overall objectives of the Biodiversity Fund are to help land managers establish, manage and enhance native vegetation on their land, increase our stores of carbon in the landscape and, in so doing, maintain ecosystem function and improve the resilience of our ecosystems to the impacts of climate change.

The Biodiversity Fund Round Two 2013-14 will invest directly in targeted locations that are considered nationally important owing to their level of species richness and endemism, their potential to support wildlife corridors and their potential to store carbon in the landscape.

[Read more](#)

Target Area Grants – Now Open

Caring for our Country Target Area Grants are the open call funding component of the Sustainable Environment stream of the new Caring for our Country program.

Target Area Grants will provide funding of between \$50 000 and \$2 million for projects to maintain ecosystem services, protect our conservation estate, and enhance the capacity of Indigenous communities to conserve and protect natural resources across six target areas.

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