



March 2013



From Plan to Practice

The Clean Energy Regulator is hosting a series of workshops in April and May 2013 about participating in the Carbon Farming Initiative.

The Carbon Farming Initiative: From Plan to Practice will help farmers, land managers, and their advisors understand what's involved with the end-to-end implementation of a Carbon Farming Initiative project.

For more information: <http://www.nlss.com.au/index.php/26-all/135-plan-to-practise-workshops>

Splatter Gun and BMAD work recognised

Local Landcarer, Susan Somerville, has won the Northern Rivers Individual Landcarer Award at the recent North Coast Landcare Forum at Angourie.

This year's Individual Landcare Award was presented to an individual who is a great example of someone working primarily on private land who carries out and promotes Landcare through on-ground and community awareness activities as a volunteer.



For 30 years Susan and her husband Wayne have worked to restore their native forests. About 10 years ago they became alarmed by the rapid invasion of lantana and the spread of dying eucalypts throughout Toonumbar's forests. They were involved in initially alerting National Parks to the ecological crisis now known as Bell Miner Associated Dieback (BMAD)

Read More at <http://www.nlss.com.au/index.php/community/regional-landcare/36-regional-landcare/132-splatter-gun-and-bmad-work-recognised>



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The Biodiversity Fund Round 2 - Open

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.

www.environment.gov.au/cleanenergyfuture/

Target Area Grants –Open

Caring for our Country 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.

<http://www.nrm.gov.au/funding/>

Private Land Conservation Grants Open

The FNPW Grants program supports nature conservation projects in the field as well as environmental education programs and cultural heritage conservation.

The Foundation supports projects that have a direct conservation outcome, protecting Australia's natural world.

<http://fnpw.org.au/foundation-grants>

North Coast Regional Landcare Forum & Awards

A great couple of days were had at Angourie for the Regional Landcare Forum and Awards. There was lots of networking, story telling, idea swapping, inspirational talkers, and thought provoking presenters. The list of official winners are:

Category	Individual name	Organisation
Joint winners 'Sustainable Farming' Award	Glenn Morris and Henry Sheehan	FigTrees Organic Farms
	Malin Blazejowski and Sharon Sullivan	Redbank Pastoral
Young People Education		Richmond Landcare Inc., Rous Water, East Lismore Preschool
'Community Group' Award		Ballina Coastcare Incorporated
'Individual Landcare' Award	Susan Somerville	Kyogle Landcare Group and Bell Miner Associated Working Group
'Coastcare' Award		Grassy Head Nursery Reserve Trust
'Indigenous' Award		Booroongen Djugun Aboriginal Corporation
'Urban Landcare' Award		Kempsey Family Community Centre
'Landcare Partnership' Award	Ken Buckley	Kempsey Correctional Services—Mobile Outreach Program
Landcare Facilitator/CSO Award	Lyndel Wilson	Macleay Landcare Network Inc.
Highly Commended Landcare Facilitator/CSO Award	Emma Stone	Whian Whian Landcare

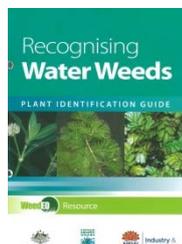


2013 North Coast Regional Landcare Award winners

For some inspiration, why not watch a short video clip on one of the 'Sustainable Farming' Award winners Glenn Morris or Henry Sheehan. Go to <http://www.nlss.com.au/index.php/community/regional-landcare/36-regional-landcare>

Recognising Water Weeds Course

Date: 4th April 2013
Place: Wollongbar Ag Institute
RSVP: Tuesday 2nd April to Kathy on 67631276



Koala Habitat Restoration Workshops

Want to learn how to restore koala habitat through planting and bush regeneration?

DATE	LOCATION	TOPIC
Wednesday April 17 9.30am - noon	374 Connor Road, Tregeagle 2480	Bush regeneration - demonstration of weed control techniques with professional bush regenerators and opportunity for hands on experience.
Wednesday May 1, 9.30am - noon	246 Connor Road, Tregeagle 2480	Planting koala food trees - see koala food tree planting. Learn about site preparation. Plant and guard trees with advice from Friends of the Koala.

Connor Road, Tregeagle is 7km along Rous Road from Ballina Road on the right. For details of each workshop and to register contact Maree Thompson on 66219588 or mareet@envite.org.au Numbers are limited. Bookings essential.

Tools, equipment and morning tea will be provided.



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This project is supported by Friends of the Koala, Tregeagle Landcare and EnviTE Environment through funding from the Australian Government's Caring for our Country.

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Native Plant Propagation & Revegetation Workshops

Workshops will provide participants with hands on experience in native plant propagation and using local plants in revegetation projects.

Location	Date & Time	Venue
Byron Bay	Friday April 5 9.00 am - 2.30 pm	EnviTE Environment Nursery off Bayshore Drive in the Byron Arts and Industrial Estate (map next page).
Lismore	Friday April 12 9.00am - 2.30 pm	EnviTE Environment Nursery Goonellabah at rear of crematorium off Skyline Road (map next page).

For details and to register contact georgina@envite.org.au or 0266219588 Numbers are limited. Bookings essential.

Training materials, tools, equipment, morning tea and light lunch provided.

This workshop is part of the Coastal Corridor Enhancement through Restoration, Propagation & Revegetation Biodiversity Fund project. A Coastal Propagation and Revegetation Manual will be provided to participants. The project is restoring high conservation value vegetation at over 23 sites along the NSW north coast.

This project has been funded by the Federal Government through its Clean Energy Future Program and Biodiversity Fund.



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Volunteer Grants 2013

Volunteer Grants 2013 recognises the valuable work of volunteers and is part of the Australian Government's ongoing commitment to supporting and encouraging volunteering. Funding is available to eligible not-for-profit community organisations to help their volunteers.

For more info go to <http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/communities-and-vulnerable-people/grants-funding/volunteer-grants-2013-call-for-applications-now-open>

Community consultation workshops on the new Local Land Services

Landcare was well represented at both the Lismore and Coffs Harbour meetings, there is a third meeting in Wauhope this week. There were media reps at the Coffs meeting and Colin Matthews from Belligen Landcare, interview went to air. Landcare group reps and farmers spoke highly of landcare and the CMA, and Landcare was put forward as being important for the delivery of Natural Resource Management and Sustainable Ag outcomes in the North Coast. A great effort was made to frame a positive future utilising the engaged community that Landcare Networks represent.

To reinforce this message we need Landcare networks/ groups / members/individuals to **write to the premier highlighting the need for some transition arrangements.**

2013 State Landcare and Catchment Management Forum

The Hunter-Central Rivers Catchment Management Authority invites you to the premier event to showcase sustainability, Landcare and volunteering across NSW - the 2013 Landcare and Catchment Management Forum. The CMA is hosting the forum in the beautiful coastal city of Newcastle from 3-5 September 2013, with our partners local Landcare and community groups, Landcare NSW and the Department of Primary Industries. Forum highlights include the annual Landcare Muster and the NSW State Landcare Awards Dinner and a fantastic program of field trips and activities. This is your chance to gather with up to 400 like-minded people from Landcare and community groups, farmers, Aboriginal groups, regional catchment bodies, industry and government representatives from across NSW and Australia.

For all Forum details go to <http://www.landcarecmaforum.com.au>

Environmental Trust Funding OPEN

The NSW Environmental Trust is an independent statutory body established by the NSW government to fund a broad range of organisations to undertake projects that enhance the environment of NSW.

Applications have now opened for the Environmental Education, Protecting our Places, Eco Schools and Food Gardens in Schools programs.

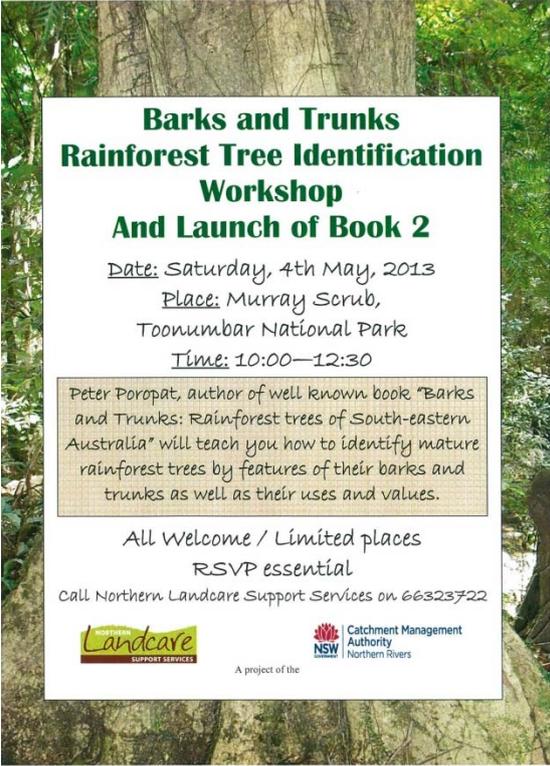
<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/envtrust.htm>

NRMA Funding OPEN

Grants of between \$500 and \$5,000 are available in one of our four funding areas:

- Crime Prevention
- Road Safety
- Emergency Readiness and Response
- Environment

<http://www.nrma.com.au/about-us/community-grants-program>



**Barks and Trunks
Rainforest Tree Identification
Workshop
And Launch of Book 2**

Date: Saturday, 4th May, 2013
Place: Murray Scrub,
Toonumbar National Park
Time: 10:00—12:30

Peter Poropat, author of well known book "Barks and Trunks: Rainforest trees of South-eastern Australia" will teach you how to identify mature rainforest trees by features of their barks and trunks as well as their uses and values.

All Welcome / Limited places
RSVP essential
Call Northern Landcare Support Services on 66323722

 
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Cane Toad Muster

We need your help!



Time: 7:30pm

Date: Wednesday 3rd April 2013

Venue: Casino Golf Club

Learn how to identify Cane Toad eggs, tadpoles and adults. Join a group of locals to help control toads. Bring torches, gloves and closed in shoes, nets, tall buckets, & a sense of humour.



RSVP: Tara Patel, Community Support Officer from Northern Landcare Support Services - Phone 66323722 or email: info@nlss.com.au

Help get the definitive new reference book on Australian frogs published? Marion Anstis has produced a ground breaking new book, but the publisher is having second thoughts. They will print an initial run of 500 if enough people express interest in buying a copy. These will be numbered, signed, collectors editions priced at \$150-200. Marion needs to hear from you soon frogpole@tpg.com.au

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Authority**
Northern Rivers

Wild Dog and Fox Control Workshops

The Livestock Health and Pest Authority have been running short training courses which will allow landholders to use 1080 and Pindone baits on their properties. This course allows 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.

1080 is the common name for Sodium monofluoroacetate which is used to control vertebrate pests in Australia. Monofluoroacetate occurs naturally in over 30 Australian plants therefore many Australian animals have a higher tolerance of 1080 than pest species.

Three successful courses have already been run across the Northern Rivers area delivered by Neil Hing, LHPA ranger. These workshops cover baiting techniques, toxicity, storage, transport, legislation and WH&S. Those completing the course will be issued a certification card and will remain accredited to use 1080 and Pindone for five years. Property owners need to be accredited to use 1080 baits. The AQF3 course is expensive therefore the LHPA offers this much cheaper (\$44) and specific course.

More workshops will be organised in May so if you would like to attend please contact Wendy Gibney 6626 7028 or email wendy.gibney@byron.nsw.gov.au.



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In Safe Hands Toolkit

In Safe Hands is a Safety Management System designed for community groups in practical conservation. The content and processes have been adapted from Conservation Volunteers Australia's own system and is based on our 30 years of knowledge and experience in managing volunteers in practical conservation.



Recent enhancements and access to this toolkit and workshop opportunities for Landcare and other community Groups has been made possible through funding from the Australian Government's Caring for our Country initiative.

The In Safe Hands Toolkit is now available, for a short time, as a free download.

Visit www.insafehands.org.au and you can follow the prompts to download the toolkit.

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