



MAY 2013

Introducing iCarbon®

A software system that allows landholders to simply manage their carbon projects will be launched in Australia next week.

Developed by Australian Carbon Traders, iCarbon is designed to help landholders and aggregators apply for registration to the Carbon Farming Initiative (CFI), manage carbon projects and simplify the monitoring and verification process. iCarbon manages multiple carbon projects and the processes needed to run successful carbon projects.

<http://www.nlss.com.au/index.php/26-all/137-icarbon>

Landcare NSW welcomes funding certainty for Local Land Services

Landcare NSW welcomes the provision of \$112 million of catchment action funding for the next four years by the NSW Government. The NSW Minister for Primary Industries, The Hon Katrina Hodgkinson MP and Minister for Environment and Heritage, The Hon Robyn Parker MP announced the funding package for the Catchment Management Authorities and ultimately the new Local Land Service bodies last week.



<http://www.nlss.com.au/index.php/26-all/139-landcare-nsw-welcomes-lls-funding>

Who is tackling invasive species in Australia?

Every year across Australia tens of thousands of people give up their time to battle weeds, feral animals and other invasive threats to the environment, very often without payment.

The Invasive Species Council wants to build a picture of the work these people carry out, and the organisations they work for, through a national survey. The information collected will be used to create an Australian database of groups working on these issues, and will help us better share information on current invasive species threats.

If you are part of an organisation tackling invasive species in Australia, please take five minutes to fill in our survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/33TPF26>

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RIVERS: Linking Water – Energy – Food

Brisbane, Australia | 23-26 September 2013

Rivers and other freshwater systems are central in the production of food and many forms of energy. As a result of population growth and climate change, the finite freshwater supplies become scarcer; hence the holistic and sustainable management of water resources is essential.

The **16th International Riversymposium** provides an opportunity to look at the linkages that rivers provide to water-energy-food. It will also allow dialogue to continue and build the knowledge base and capacity to inform policy decisions that must include trade-offs between river basin protection and sustainable water, energy and food security.

<http://riversymposium.com/register/>

9th Biennial Bushfire Conference 4-5 June 2013

**NSW Teacher's Federation Conference Centre,
Surry Hills Sydney**

The Nature Conservation Council of NSW Bushfire Program proudly presents its 9th Biennial Bushfire Conference. Climate change poses severe challenges for Australia's unique biodiversity as well as our human communities. Innovative fire management strategies will be required to increase the resilience of our environment and communities. Such strategies will utilise the most effective combination of treatments, the best available science and take community and biodiversity values into account.

<http://nccnsw.org.au/programs/2013-bushfire-conference>

Livestock Property Identification Codes



Since the first of September 2012, anyone who keeps livestock in NSW is required to obtain a Property Identification Code (PIC) for the land on which the livestock are kept. In NSW it was already a requirement for owners of cattle, sheep, goats and pigs to have a PIC under the National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) when trading or moving these livestock. The requirements have expanded to also include deer, buffalo, camels (i.e., alpacas, llama), equines (i.e., horses, donkeys), 100 or more poultry or 10 or more emus or ostriches.

<http://www.nlss.com.au/index.php/26-all/140-livestock-property-id-codes>

Soil Health Webinars 2013

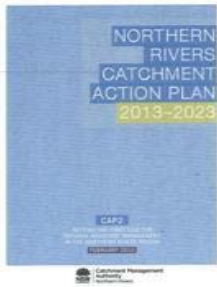
If you missed the first webinar don't worry you can still join the National Landcare Facilitators next 2 webinars on Regenerating Australia's Soil Health, hosted by The National Landcare Facilitator in partnership with Soils for Life.

Last year in a National Landcare Survey, farmers rated soil health as one of the top Landcare farming issues on their property. Australia has some of the oldest and most fragile soils on the planet and they are the cornerstone of our farming systems. All the resilience and adaptability of Australian farmers will be needed if the country is to face the challenge of producing food and fibre for growing global populations and at the same time repair and improve our landscapes.

<http://www.nlss.com.au/index.php/26-all/138-soil-health-webinar-2013>

READY FOR DOWNLOAD!

Catchment Action Plan 2013-2023



Last month the NSW Minister for Primary Industries, the Hon. Katrina Hodgkinson, approved the Northern Rivers Catchment Action Plan 2013-2023, affectionately known as CAP2.

This important document is now ready for you to download direct from the Northern Rivers CMA website <http://www.northern.cma.nsw.gov.au/>



See you at Primex on the 20th, 21st and 22nd June, Casino. This year you will find us in the DPI tent.

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Wild Dog & Fox Control Workshops Accreditation Course to use Baits for Pest Animal Control

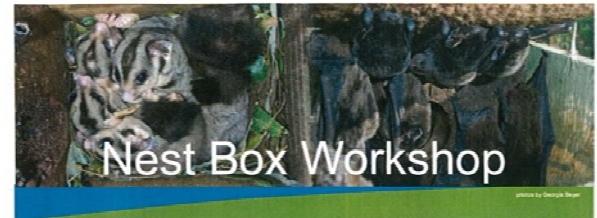
The Livestock Health and Pest Authority is running short training courses which will allow landholders to use 1080 and Pindone baits on their properties. This will allow participants to use these poisons for the control of wild dogs, foxes, feral pigs and rabbits where allowed by the conditions for use. These workshops are being run in partnership with NOROC's wild dog education project and local landcare groups.

12th June 2013, Bangalow

19th June 2013, South Grafton

Cost: \$44.00

Bookings Essential: Wendy Gibney 66267028
or wendy.gibney@byron.nsw.gov.au
Or the Grafton LHPA office 6642 3699



PRESERVING OUR NATIVE WILDLIFE TRAINING FOR LAND FOR WILDLIFE MEMBERS

There are approximately 300 vertebrate species in Australia that use tree hollows. Many bird species, most arboreal marsupials and over half of the microbat species in Australia are dependant on tree hollows for shelter and breeding sites. Arboreal species play an important part in our ecosystem through pollination of plants, dispersal of seeds and regulating insect population.

Come along and learn:

- The importance of hollows/nest boxes for wildlife
- The types of wildlife that use hollows/nest boxes and their requirements
- The different sizes and types of nest boxes
- Learn how to install box without damaging the native tree
- Learn how and what to monitor
- Build a nest box to take home

Date: 14th June 2013

Time: 10:00am - 2:30pm

Place: Kyogle

(Morning Tea and Lunch provided)



40 Summerland Way
Kyogle, NSW, 2474

Please call to book, limited places available

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This project was funded by Catchment Management Authority Northern Rivers



Get That Grant Workshop , Casino

Date: 3rd June

Time: 10:00 – 12:30

Place: Casino Cultural and Community Centre,
Casino. **RSVP on 66323722**

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