

NOVEMBER 2013



**Jiggi Catchment Landcare Group Inc**  
*in association with Northern Landcare Support Services (NLSS)  
and the NSW Environmental Trust, are holding a*

## Field Day

*View restoration and regeneration works in progress, learn  
about native ground covers and control of invasive pasture  
grasses*

Tuesday 26th November 2013, 10.30am-12.30pm (no cost)  
365 Mountain Top Road, Georgica/Mountain Top NSW 2480

- light lunch (sausage sizzle) will be provided
- wear sturdy footwear, long pants and shirts, hat, sunscreen and insect repellent

ALL WELCOME

This project is part of the 'Rehabilitating High Conservation Value Habitats and Corridors' project and involves professional bush regenerators working alongside Landcare groups and community members, on 7 sites, to protect and enhance high conservation value vegetation

For further details and to register please contact  
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Georgina Jones at EnviTE: [georginaJ@envite.org.au](mailto:georginaJ@envite.org.au) 02 66272844

*This project has been assisted by the New South Wales Government through the NSW Environmental Trust*



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EnviTE Environment

### Rail Corridor Workshop on 12<sup>th</sup> November

The purpose of this workshop is to facilitate innovative community-based ideas and solutions around the future of the Casino to Murwillumbah rail corridor and to workshop a range of issues for a paper that Sustain Transport are preparing as background to the upcoming rail trail study. For more information & RSVP to [linda.wirf@nrsc.org.au](mailto:linda.wirf@nrsc.org.au)

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### New Compost App

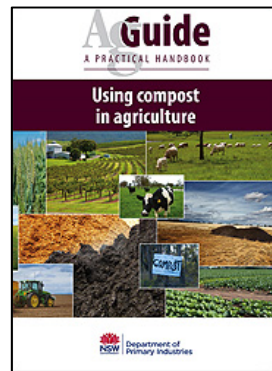
Have you seen the new compost app developed by AORA, the Australian Organic Recycling Association? It is a compost benefits calculator. Users input climate, and soil information, with compost product details. The Compost Benefits Calculator uses this information to calculate the nutrient contribution and other soil benefits from different rates of compost application based on data from field research.



The calculator enables comparison of the relative benefit of different compost products and different application rates, assisting users to select suitable compost products on the basis of their potential agronomic performance, including: macro-nutrients, organic carbon, liming value, and available water capacity. The app is available through itunes or via the AORA website.

### New compost book

Have you seen the new compost book written by Virginia. It is a practical guide for using compost in agriculture of all types. It covers all the diverse forms of compost, the composting process and even how to make compost on farm. It also discusses what can go wrong and provides a whole lot of information that will make buying compost from commercial producers easier.



For copies of AgGuide - Using Compost in Agriculture go to:

<http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/aboutus/resources/bookshop>

# Koalas are counting on you



The 2013 Great  
Koala Count is on!  
November 7 to 17  
[www.koalacount.org.au](http://www.koalacount.org.au)

The NSW Great Koala Count is a Citizen Science project, bringing together people from across the community to help collect and share scientific information.

The National Parks Association of New South Wales, in partnership with the Great Eastern Ranges Initiative, **needs your help** to survey Koalas this November as part of the Great Koala Count.

BioTag, an exciting new GPS enabled smartphone app has been developed especially for the Great Koala Count to enable you to record, review and share your sightings of Koalas.

**Anyone can participate.** All you need to do is register at [www.koalacount.org.au](http://www.koalacount.org.au) and then download the smartphone app BioTag, which is available for both Android and iPhone.

Don't have a Smart Phone? No worries, you can still record you koala sightings straight on to the koala count website

The Great Koala Count will, for the first time, provide publically accessible information about Koala locations and distributions across the landscape on a large scale.

## 'Innovation in Weed Management' with David Low Monday 25 – Friday 29, 10 November 2013



Monash University environmental scientist and The Weed's Network founder Dr David Low is passionate about a sustainable, viable and creative future in our relationship with weeds. Dr. Low believes that through a spirit of willing exploration we can foster ways to better understand weeds, so they become a resource we can manage with environment and future generations in mind.

The Weed's Network (<http://weedsnetwork.com>) provides evidence-based information for innovative ways of thinking about, engaging with and managing weeds sustainably. The Weed's Network

publishes The Weed's News, a place to hear the latest about weed research and share information about weed management and/or prevention, delivered direct to your email address once a fortnight.

The Weed's Network also publishes an on-line Sustainable Weeding Guide which is a leading resource for learning about sustainable options for living with and working with weeds. The guide covers a wide range of weed issues including Cultural Management, Revegetation Management, Organic Weed Management, Crop Specific Weed Management, Herbicides and much more.

Dr Low recently shared the stage with Allan Savory (Holistic Management) and Major General Michael Jeffery (Advocate for Soil Health) at the 'Day After Tomorrow' conference where he presented 'Making Money from Weeds'.

Seats limited! Bookings required.  
RSVP to listed Host Landcare Network/ Org for the session you would like to attend!

When	Where Site visit focus (SVF):	Phone or email RSVP to Host Landcare Network/ organisation
Monday 25, November 11.00 pm – 4.00 pm	Willawarrin Hall, Please contact Sharon from Macleay Landcare for details	Macleay Landcare: 6562 2076 / <a href="mailto:cs@macleaylandcare.org.au">cs@macleaylandcare.org.au</a>
Tuesday 26th November 8.15 am – 11.45 pm 1.00pm – 4.30 pm	Please contact Pia or Jude from Coffs Harbor Regional Landcare for details	Coffs Harbor Regional Landcare 6651 1308 / <a href="mailto:chrl@westnet.com.au">chrl@westnet.com.au</a>
Wednesday 27th November	Grafton Please contact Deb or Sue from Clarence Landcare for details	Clarence Landcare Inc. 6643 5009 <a href="mailto:clarence_landcare@bigpond.com">clarence_landcare@bigpond.com</a>
Thursday 28th November	Mallanganee Please contact Terry from Upper Clarence Landcare for details	Upper Clarence Landcare 6665 3133 / <a href="mailto:uccl@bigpond.com">uccl@bigpond.com</a>
Friday 29th November	Uki Please contact Claire from Tweed Landcare Network for details	Tweed Landcare Network 6679 3308 <a href="mailto:clairemasters@limpinwood.net">clairemasters@limpinwood.net</a>
	Wollongbar TAFE Please contact Bonnie from SoilCare for details	SoilCare : 0448 026 230 / <a href="mailto:info@soilcare.org">info@soilcare.org</a>

Sessions will start with David's 'Making Money with Weeds' presentation and discussion	
❖ Are weeds to blame?	❖ Holistic thinking needed
❖ Cost of killing weeds	❖ Sustainable weeding options
❖ Making money with weeds	

A site visit will follow the presentation to discuss local weed issues. Site visits will focus on 'weed in native vegetation' or 'weeds in agriculture', see table above for what is happening where!

Jodie Gager - Regional Landcare Facilitator

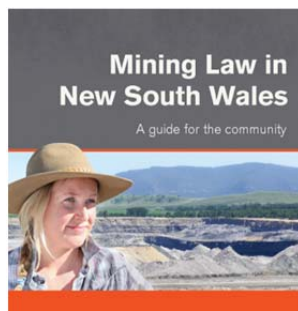
This project is partially funded through North Coast Regional Landcare Network Inc. and the Australian Government's Caring for our Country.



## Mining Law in NSW: A guide for the community

The NSW Environmental Defender's Office has published a guide to the law on mining in NSW. The publication is aimed at mining and **Coal seam Gas (CSG)** affected communities and offers landholders a step-by-step legal guide to dealing with mining companies, and understanding their rights and obligations under the law.

Information online at the EDO website at <http://www.edo.org.au>, or phone the NSW EDO 9262 6989.



## Urgent and Important Update - National Landcare Program

Landcare NSW seeks your support to help retain the Coalition's election commitment of revitalising Landcare. We need your input and action to add weight to our lobbying efforts. LNSW has provided an information sheet to help you understand the issue, the implications, and what action you can take. Go to <http://www.landcarensww.org.au> for the full story.



### Successful NRM Partners and Projects Grants announced

The Northern Rivers Catchment Management Authority (NRCMA) is pleased to announce that 23 applicants from across the Northern Rivers region have been successful under the NRCMA's 2013-14 Call for NRM Partners and Projects.

Overall 82 expressions of interest were received, requesting over \$6.2 M. The quality of submitted proposals was high and the 23 successful projects were especially outstanding.

Eighteen successful projects will deliver targeted on-ground and in-water works and capacity building activities, whilst the remaining five projects have a multiple property plan development focus. On-ground projects will be implemented on both private and public lands from the Port Macquarie-Hastings LGA to the Tweed, and include the restoration of World Heritage areas, the conservation of nationally significant species and communities, the protection of coastal and estuarine areas and the sustainable management of agricultural lands.

Plans to be developed include a Clarence estuarine erosion vulnerability assessment, sustainable farming plans for farmers on the Cudgen Plateau and the identification and prioritisation of sites to improve in-stream habitat for the Eastern Freshwater Cod. Northern Landcare Support Services was successful with their project titled *Connecting and restoring threatened species habitat in the Roseberry Creek sub-catchment*. Another successful project, *Protecting and enhancing threatened species habitat, including habitat for the Endangered Population of North Coast Emu in Bungawalbin by implementing existing fire management plans* was submitted by the Northern Rivers Fire and Biodiversity Consortium Inc.

The full list of successful projects is available on the NRCMA website at [www.northern.cma.nsw.gov.au](http://www.northern.cma.nsw.gov.au). Successful projects are funded by the NSW Government's Catchment Action NSW and the Australian Government's Caring for Our Country Program.

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**Brunswick Valley Landcare invites you to a FREE**

# Cattle Health Workshop



**Date:** Wednesday 13 November 2013  
**Time:** 9:00 am – 12:30 pm  
**Location:** Cook Pioneer Hall, 32 Gordon Street, Mullumbimby.  
**Guest Speaker:** Matt Ball Senior District Veterinarian from the North Coast LHPA  
**Bookings:** Please contact Wendy Gibney 6626 7028 or [wendy.gibney@byron.nsw.gov.au](mailto:wendy.gibney@byron.nsw.gov.au)

**Morning tea and lunch are Free. Catering by the Mullumbimby CWA**

Time	Programme
9:00 am	Hall open with a display of information about weeds, pest animals, soil, funding opportunities and Landcare. Lots of free booklets and brochures available.
9:30 am	Talk from Matt Ball on biosecurity issues and emerging risks of parasite resistance.
10:10 am	Morning tea
10:30 am	Open discussion and questions about any cattle health issues.
12:00 noon	Lunch (optional - please let us know if you are staying for lunch when you book)

This project is supported by Brunswick Valley Landcare, the North Coast Livestock Health and Pest Authority and the Mullumbimby Branch of the Country Women's Association through funding from the Australian Government's Caring for our Country.



### Barks and Trunks – Rainforest Trees of Eastern Australia – Volume 2

This is the second book in the series, and contains a further 150 Eastern Australian rainforest tree species. Volume 1 contained 93 species-taking the total tree species covered to 243. Due to the large number of rainforest tree species, Volume 3 is in the making and will be published in due time. These books describe brush trees, their barks and trunks, and record these trees in their unspoiled environment for their identity, natural heritage and value. All trees were photographed by the author in rainforests of the Illawarra NSW, Yarrowa brush remnants in Robinson NSW, mountain rainforests of Far Northern NSW, rainforests west of and remnant scrubs of the Gold Coast ES QLD, rainforests west of Brisbane SE QLD, dry rainforest scrubs in the districts of Kyogle NSW, Dalby, the slopes of Bunya Mountains, Kingaroy and Kilkivan SE QLD. The photographs in the books will give the reader a closer appreciation of the different bark types, colourations, textures, trunk shapes, and an overall understanding of old-growth rainforest trees, along with rainforest timer uses and descriptions - an historical feature of days gone by of the Australian timber trade. To purchase a copy of this beautiful book go to <http://barksandtrunks.com/>

