
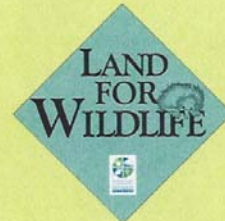


APRIL 2014

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BELL MINER ASSOCIATED



DIEBACK FIELD DAY

10.00am Tuesday 13 May at Lillifield Community Hall

4505 KYOGLE ROAD, WADEVILLE

(NEXT TO BARKERS VALE PUBLIC SCHOOL)

Find out more about:

- Land for Wildlife and how can it help you manage your property for conservation
- Bell Miner Associated Dieback and weed management on your property



All Welcome/No charge

RSVP by Thursday 8th May to Northern Landcare Support Services
on 6632 3722 or info@nlss.com.au

Wild Dog, Feral Pig & Fox Control Workshops



Thursday 15th May 2014

Aranyani Adventure Tourist Park
670 Elliotts Road Myrtle Creek

Time	Sessions
9am – 11.30am	Feral Animal Information Session covering feral animal behaviour and control methods
12 noon – 3.30pm	Accreditation Course to use Baits for Pest Animal Control

THE WORKSHOP IS FREE but bookings are essential as places are limited.

To book call Tara Patel on 6632 3722 or email info@nlss.com.au by Monday 12th May. Morning tea and lunch will be provided.

The training will be delivered by Neil Hing from North Coast Local Land Services.

The information session in the morning will cover feral animal behaviour and the variety of control methods.

After lunch the three-hour course will allow landholders to use 1080 and Pindone baits on their properties covering baiting techniques, toxicity, storage, transport, legislation and WHS. This will allow participants to use these poisons for the control of wild dogs, foxes, feral pigs. Those completing the course will be issued a certification card and will remain accredited to use 1080 and Pindone for 5 years.

UPCOMING GRANTS AND FUNDING



The Norman Wettenhall Foundation: Small Environmental Grants

Norman Wettenhall Foundation is committed to supporting community biodiversity projects around Australia. The objectives of the Small Environmental Grants Scheme are to support **Australian biodiversity** projects that are concerned with one or more of the following:

You can fill out the simple expression of interest form for these grants online.

Website: <http://nwf.org.au/grants/small-environmental-grants/>

There are no closing dates, as the round will be closed when the maximum number of applications has been reached.

Environmental Trust



Program	Opening date	Closing date	Funding available
Eco Schools	17 March 2014	16 May 2014	\$150,000
Protecting Our Places	17 March 2014	30 May 2014	\$500,000

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

Department of Agriculture Landcare Eureka Prize for Sustainable Agriculture

The Department of Agriculture Landcare Eureka Prize for Sustainable Agriculture is awarded for excellence in the scientific research, development or innovative application of agricultural practices that have improved, or have the potential to improve, the productivity and sustainable use of our natural resources.

Prize available \$10 000. Entries must be submitted online by **7pm AEST Friday 2 May 2014**.

<https://eureka-entry.australianmuseum.net.au/research-innovation/sustainable-agriculture>

North Coast Regional Landcare News Update

What will the next financial year look like for Landcare networks on the north coast?

In a word: uncertain. The Australian Government is yet to reveal the shape and size of the promised revamped *National Landcare Program* but there are clear indications that federal funds are likely to flow through regional natural resource management bodies – in our case North Coast Local Land Services.

“Business as usual” was the comment made by NCLLS Chair Kent Lee at his introduction to the Landcare networks at the Darlington Park *Building Stronger Landcare Networks* forum in February. From that we might expect the same amount of funding for baseline community capacity as last year – although it will need to spread over 12 months rather than 13-14 “short” year. However, with a new management team at the top and new and evolving structures to undertake the broad tasks required of the organisation, it is unclear whether the model of delivery of community capacity building delivered through our networks that we have been used will continue beyond the coming year. Further change and churn seems inevitable.

Above all it is important that we all keep communicating with each other – both at the SEL level and regionally. Hopefully everyone will have seen the discussion paper NCRLN developed to propose how we can do this and ensure we have representation at the SEL and regional level on a number of community advisory panels that are being set up.

The North Coast Regional Landcare Network (NCRLN) executive and Regional Landcare Facilitator are working to make sure that Landcare network’s important role in supporting community delivery on ground works stays on the government’s radar but it seems like an uphill battle.

Kind regards,
Colin Matthews
President - North Coast Regional Landcare Network
02 6655 0588



UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event or Workshop	Location	For more information and to RSVP
Friday 2 nd May 9am 12 noon	Hopping Dicks Creek Restoration Field Day	Limpinwood (22km west of Murwillumbah)	RSVP to Kim Stephan at the Nature Conservation Trust kim@nct.org.au Phone 6626 0304
Monday 12 th May 9am – 3pm	Sustainable Management for Horse Properties	Grafton Hockey Complex Corner of Oliver and Duke St Grafton	Clarence Landcare Inc 66435009 or Clarence_landcare@bigpond.com
Tuesday 13 th May	Bell Minor Associated Dieback Field Day	Lillifield Community Hall 4505 Kyogle Rd Wadeville (next to Barkers Vale Public School)	Northern Landcare Support Services 66323722 or info@nlss.com.au
Wednesday 14 th May 9am-4pm	Biological Farming with Bob Shaffer	Wollongbar	http://www.soilcare.org/news/soilcare-bobshaffer-may2014/
Thursday 15 th May	Feral Animal Workshop	Bungawalbin	Northern Landcare Support Services 66323722 or info@nlss.com.au
Friday 16 th May 9am-1pm	Sustainable Sugar Cane Farming	Meerschaum Vale Hall	Maria Matthes 6687 9808 maria@healinghistory.com.au
Thursday 22 nd May	Sustainable Land Management Property Planning	TBA	Maria Matthes 6687 9808 maria@healinghistory.com.au

NEW Field Guide to Pest Animals of Australia App

Description

Australia has around 80 introduced vertebrate pest species costing at least \$1 billion annually in economic, environmental and social impacts. This app contains pest information, distribution maps, photos, animal calls, control information and resource links for 53 pest species. Future versions of this app will contain more resources, updated information, and additional species.

What's New in Version 2.0

- 22 additional pest species
- More images, tracks and scats
- Updated maps, resources and animal calls
- What to do if you find a high risk species
- Optimised for iOS7



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<https://itunes.apple.com/WebObjects/MZStore.woa/wa/viewSoftware?id=634197149&mt=8>

The Green Army

The Green Army Project Guidelines are now available on the Green Army website:

www.environment.gov.au/green-army.



These guidelines provide important information on the programme for community groups interested in putting forward a proposal for one or more Green Army Projects. FAQs that provided further information on the guidelines and programme more generally are available and will be updated as further questions are identified. Please refer to the website for the latest FAQs.

Applications for Green Army Projects will open from Monday 14 April 2014 and close Friday 9 May 2014. A 'smart' application form has been developed. The application form is being finalised and will be ready to download for use by applicants on Monday 14 April. In the meantime an example application form is on the website .

Youcamp.com: New income source for Australian landholders...

Public camping grounds are restrictive and often busy and not all travellers want to stay in van park camping suburbia or highway rest areas. Also, travellers want authentic experiences away from the well-trodden tourist track. Farmers and landholders are looking for new income streams that contribute to a property being managed sustainably. Youcamp.com meets both these needs.

Almost every property has a spot that travellers would like to visit – a river or creek frontage, a private fishing spot, a beautiful dam or even just a big shady tree or lawn area that would be perfect to park a fully self-contained campervan under. It's entirely up to the landholder what is provided and the fee they set. Check out Youcamp.com for more information.

North Coast Local Land Services release new Pasture Sowing Guide

Low pasture reserves across the region has prompted North Coast Local Land Services to develop a new factsheet to assist local graziers explore alternative feed options.

Senior Land Services Officer, Nathan Jennings said "After an unseasonably dry Spring and Summer, pasture reserves are generally low across the entire region. As we head into Autumn and Winter, landholders are looking for advice on alternative feed options. Most local graziers rely on C4 or 'summer' pastures, which are much less active in the cooler months. The dry conditions during Spring and Summer have really impacted on pasture production, meaning that most landholders have low reserves of feed and have not been able to replenish silage stocks. Most graziers are heading into the traditional winter feed gap with very little standing pasture."

Landholders are particularly interested in what pasture or forage crops they can sow to supplement the diet of their livestock. The newly developed factsheet *Pasture and Forage Sowing and Management Guide – Autumn to Winter 2014* identifies a range of suggested varieties of temperate grasses, legumes and other forage crops as well as some tropical grass species that could be planted locally.

These varieties can be planted during Autumn and Winter and are expected to perform particularly well in the Richmond, Tweed and Upper Clarence.

"With the rain received a couple of weeks ago, some landholders will be considering over-sowing with annual rye-grass or oats, and taking advantage of the increased soil moisture," Mr Jennings said.

The factsheet provides advice on establishing pasture and forage crops, suggested fertiliser programs and other management techniques relevant to the North Coast. The factsheet can be downloaded from the North Coast Local Land Services web site under publications at <http://northcoast.ils.nsw.gov.au/> and is also available in hard copy from local offices.

Native Vegetation self-assessable codes of practice

The NSW Government is reforming native vegetation management in NSW to deliver multiple benefits and strike the right balance between efficient agricultural management and protecting the environment. In response to recommendations made to government, the first three self-assessable codes of practice have been drafted. They cover low risk clearing activities, including: thinning native vegetation, clearing isolated paddock trees in a cultivated area and clearing invasive native species. This is the next step in an ongoing process to reform the rules governing native vegetation in NSW.

Self-assessable codes

We want your feedback on how the self-assessable codes could be used in the field and if they are workable in a range of regional settings. We also want to know if the landholder guides help you understand your requirements.

Follow the link below to read the Ministerial Order, Landholder Guide and consultation questions. You can also provide feedback on one or more codes that apply to your circumstances.

<https://engage.environment.nsw.gov.au/NativeVegetation>

Prepared by Northern Landcare Support Services for Landcare Groups & landholders in the Richmond & Upper Clarence Catchments. **All contributions to the newsletter are welcome.**

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