

Landcare Week 7th -14th September

Landcare week kicks off next Monday and it is the perfect time to show your support for Landcare and be a part of it!

Tens of thousands of Landcare volunteers are working every day to protect, restore and sustain our natural environment. Many sites have a long history of restoration and the changes in those sites can be astonishing.

The photo from below of the Fawcett's Creek site in 2000 was recently unearthed and shows an amazing contrast to the site now! (If you look closely you can see the stump of the bent over tree). The results are a reflection of the years of work put in by community volunteers.

If you live nearby it is a great time to get out and enjoy the walk along the creek!



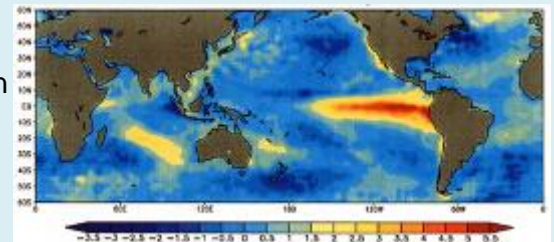
July 2000



September 2015

2015-16 is shaping up to deliver a rollercoaster from strong El Niño to La Niña

The anticipation is growing that this year's newly formed El Niño will turn out to be very big. All climate models surveyed by the Australian Bureau of Meteorology are currently predicting a strong event later this year. For more information [Read More](#)



Draft NSW Invasive Species Plan 2015-2022

An updated [NSW Invasive Species Plan 2015-22](#) has now been drafted by NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) in collaboration with public land managers (Local Land Services, Crown Lands and NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service), and is open for public consultation.

Public consultation on the draft plan closes on 2 October 2015.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event or Workshop	Location	For more information and to RSVP
Thursday 3 rd September 11am-2pm	Land for Wildlife Rainforest Restoration, Fire and Nest Boxes	261 Settlement Rd Main Arm	Bookings essential: Stuart McDonald. 0427 952 365. stumcdonald09@gmail.com
Saturday 12 th September 9am – 1.30pm	Elysian Farm Environmental Trust Field Day	278a Mulvena Road Larnook	RSVP is essential email: elysianfarmcommunity@gmail.com or phone Heather on 6688 0139
12 th and 13 th September	Byron Bioenergy Conference	Byron Eco Park	For more info and to purchase tickets http://www.byronbiochar.com.au/index.php/events/
Tuesday 22 nd September 9am - 2pm	Native Seed Propagation Workshop	Kyogle Landcare Nursery	RSVP to NLSS on 6632 3722 or info@nlss.com.au
Saturday 26 th September 1pm-4pm	Community Regeneration Field Trip	Nimbin Rocks Community 2354A Nimbin Road Nimbin	RSVP Stephanie Lymburner 6683 4724
Friday 9 th October 9am-5pm	Community field event to 'pot-up' Cats Claw Creeper for biological control.	To be confirmed South Lismore	North Coast Local Land Services Lismore Office 02 6623 3900
Friday 16 th October	Weed Management Field Day	To be confirmed Upper Clarence	North Coast Local Land Services Grafton Office 02 6604 1100
Thursday 29 th October	SEQ Fire Biodiversity	Brisbane Botanic Gardens Mt Coot-tha	http://www.fireandbiodiversity.org.au/events.html

National Biological Farming Conference and Expo 2015

'Regenerating Our Soils' is the theme of the conference being convened by RLI member, SoilCare Inc. The premier event, in celebration of the International Year of Soils 2015, is scheduled to begin with a welcome reception on the 6th of November followed by 2 days of conference sessions and an Expo of sustainable farming products and services.

The conference is about learning, sharing and problem solving amongst producers, educators and national/international agricultural support professionals with a broad range of direct farming and consultancy experience. Conference speakers are being identified and honoured for their important contributions to the regenerative farming movement. Many of the speakers are farmers who have been innovative, early adopters of biological farming systems. Other speakers are consultants and educators who have supported farmers to successfully regenerate their soil and farms. For more information <http://www.soilcare.org/national-biological-farming-conference-and-expo-2015.html>

Want to get to know your feathered neighbours better?

The Aussie Backyard Bird Count is a great way to connect with the birds in your backyard, no matter where your backyard happens to be — a suburban backyard, a local park, a patch of forest, down by the beach, or in the main street of town.

Not only will you get to know your local birds, but the data collected for the Aussie Backyard Bird Count will assist BirdLife Australia's understanding of the birds which live where people live.

To get involved all you need is 20 minutes, your 'backyard' of choice, and some keen eyesight or a pair of binoculars. It doesn't matter if you're a novice or an expert, young or old, everyone can take part. Last year we counted 800,000 birds, this year let's make it one million.

To register your interest for this year's count and to find out more head to: www.aussiebirdcount.org.au





Elysian Farm Environmental Trust Field Day

September 12th

Join the Elysian Farm community for a walk to see the progress achieved on our property under this NSW Environmental Trust funded project. The walk will be followed by lunch at the community building.

- 9.00am meet at community building
- 9.30am walk through 3 lower zones led by Des
- 12.00 LUNCH
- 1.30pm optional second walk in CMA zones led by Glen (for those interested)

RSVP is essential for catering purposes
email elysianfarmcommunity@gmail.com or ph Heather on 66880139.

The address for Elysian Farm is 278a Mulvena Road, Larnook.
(travel up Mulvena Road for approx 4 km until you reach a notice board with parrots on it. Turn right over the grid onto saddle road then continue on road until you reach the community building next to the old dairy)



Wear long sleeve shirts, hats and sturdy shoes



Nimbin Rocks Community Regeneration Site

You are invited to visit a 600 acre site surrounding Nimbin Rocks

Saturday September 26

2354A Nimbin Road, Nimbin

1pm- 4pm NO COST

Are you fed up with your regen site?
Don't know where to start your project?
Need some extra inspiration?

The site is an interesting mix of moist and dry sclerophyll forest with some superb pockets of Sub-Tropical Rainforest, waterfalls, giant fig trees and large mossy rocks.

The walk will commence at **1pm and continue until 4pm** when we all can share a well earned cuppa and cake.

Tony and Leslie Trott embarked upon this ambitious project to regenerate the property fifteen years ago – with the assistance of other community members and professional bush regenerators. Over the years they have been successful in obtaining some grants to assist with on-ground works including weed control and supplementary plantings. Funding sources include the NSW Environmental Trust, Landcare and the former NRCMA now LLS.

Given the terrain the walk is unsuitable for children under 12.

There are some steep sections, rocky uneven ground and some Stinging Trees!

Don't be put off it is a truly amazing site, where even the most dedicated of bush regenerators might have quailed at the density of weed infestation, it now has a cover of young rainforest trees and emergent understorey plants.

Come – be inspired – listen to Tony and Leslie tell of their passion and delight at the response their devoted TLC has achieved

RSVP Stephanie Lymburner 66 834724

- Wear sturdy footwear, long pants and shirts, hat, sunscreen and insect repellent.

*This project has been assisted through
funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare
Programme and by the New South Wales Government through its
Environmental Trust.*



UPCOMING GRANTS AND FUNDING

Habitat Action Grants 2015-2016

Angling clubs, individuals, community groups, local councils and organisations interested in rehabilitating fish habitats in freshwater and saltwater areas throughout NSW can apply for grants. Habitat rehabilitation projects which may be funded include:

- removal or modification of barriers to fish passage
- rehabilitation of riparian lands (river banks, wetlands, mangrove forests, saltmarsh)
- re-snagging waterways with timber structure
- removal of exotic vegetation from waterways
- bank stabilisation works
- reinstatement of natural flow regimes



Applications will close at 5 pm Friday 16 October 2015.

For further information please contact the Habitat Action Grants Administrator on

fish.habitat@dpi.nsw.gov.au

<http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/habitat/rehabilitating/ahr-grants-program>

2016 Science and Innovation Awards

Grant applications are now open for the 2016 Science and Innovation Awards for Young People in Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry. If you're 18-35, this is your chance to apply for a grant of up to \$22,000 to fund your project on an innovative or emerging scientific issue that will benefit Australia's primary industries.



Applications close 5pm AEDT Friday 09 October

2015. <http://www.agriculture.gov.au/abares/conferences-events/scienceawards>

Environmental Restoration and Rehabilitation Grants

Applications are now invited for the next round of the Environmental Trusts Restoration and Rehabilitation grants program. The aim of the Restoration and Rehabilitation program is to facilitate projects run by community organisations and government entities working to prevent or reduce environmental degradation and pollution, restore habitats and improve the capacity of the community to protect important ecosystems and species. Grants of between \$5,000 and \$100,000 are available. Closing date is 18th September 2015.



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

Saving our Species Partnership Grants

Round 2 of the Saving our Species Partnership Grants program opens on Monday 10th August 2015. The closing date is the 28th September 2015.



Funded by the [NSW Environmental Trust](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au), the SoS Partnership Grants program encourages partnerships between government, the community, non-government organisations and corporations to protect and conserve our most vulnerable plants and animals in NSW.

Round 2 focuses on projects targeting landscape-managed species, as identified under the SoS Program. The program is specifically designed to encourage stakeholder to join forces to help protect and conserve threatened species and applicants must form stakeholder partnerships operating as a coordinated consortium. A total of \$3.6 million is available for Round 2 with individual grants of between \$300,000 and \$1,000,000 over 6 years, including seed funding for successful EOI applicants to develop a detailed project Business Plan. More funding and application criteria are available on the OEH website at:

www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/sospartnerships.

20 Million Trees Programme Round 2

Round Two of the 20 Million Trees Programme invites applications from individuals, organisations and community groups such as schools, landholders and conservation groups to apply for funding of between \$20,000 and \$100,000 to plant trees in a range of urban, peri-urban and regional environments across Australia. To assist applicants to plan their projects, the Guidelines and other key information is available online <http://www.nrm.gov.au/national/20-million-trees/competitive-grants-round-two>. Applications for Round 2 can be submitted from early August using the online form. Applications must be submitted by the closing time of 2.00pm 16 September 2015.

The Programme will support projects that involve the community in re-establishing native vegetation, provide habitat to support our threatened species, sequester carbon from the atmosphere and help to create greener spaces to improve the liveability of Australia's cities and towns. Priority for Round Two will be given to projects with positive outcomes for threatened species and threatened ecological communities listed under the EPBC Act. For Round Two, applicants have the option to apply in the same application for up to three Green Army Teams to assist with their 20 Million Trees Project. Information on the application process is available in the Guidelines.

Sydney Royal Dairy Produce Scholarship

The Sydney Royal Dairy Produce Committee, in partnership with the Royal Agricultural Society Foundation, is providing a tertiary scholarship, the Sydney Royal Dairy Produce Scholarship.

A Scholarship of \$5,000 for full time study or \$2,500 for part time study is available to support an individual who demonstrates a passion for the NSW Dairy Produce Industry and who will play a part in shaping a positive future for the industry here in NSW.

Applications close 30th September, 2015. For more information <http://www.rasnsw.com.au/sydney-royal-dairy-produce-scholarship.htm>

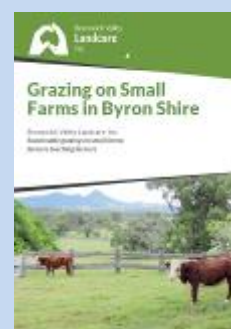
Resources

Grazing on Small Farms in Byron Shire

A new resource has been developed by Brunswick Valley Landcare "Sustainable grazing on small farms: farmers teaching farmers?"

You can pick up a hard copy from Northern Landcare Support Services office or it is available for download from the Brunswick Valley Land website.

<http://brunswickvalleylandcare.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/Final-Farm-Book-BVL-low-res-new-cover.pdf>



Land for Wildlife Forum 2015 Presentations

Land for Wildlife Forum Presentations from the 2015 Land for Wildlife Forum are now available online <http://www.cen.org.au/projects/land-for-wildlife-topmenu-233/forum-presentations-land-for-wildlife-303>



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