

Protecting drinking water and the environment

A partnership between North Coast Local Land Services and Rous Water is being expanded to a further five properties following successful work with landholders around the Wilson's River tidal pool near Lismore. The project is protecting both precious water supplies and preserving important riparian zones. North Coast Local Land Services and Rous Water are working together to address erosion issues on grazing, horticultural and strategic non-agricultural properties, protecting riverbanks, farming land and improving the water quality.

Laura McKinley, Land Services Officer said, "The project includes fencing for grazing management and protection of riparian areas, weed control, minor infill planting and major revegetation of some areas." The project has important outcomes in the stabilisation of riverbanks and a reduction in soil erosion. This reduces the potential for associated chemicals, pathogens and suspended solids from these riparian areas entering the water source.

The outcome of this work assists in improving water quality for rural stock and domestic supply as well as town water use. The project contributes to grazing enterprise viability through improved stock water quality and by providing shelter for stock and pasture.

Laura continued, "As a bonus the project will improve riparian and in-stream habitat values for biodiversity - helping to link existing restoration projects in the area and Boat Harbour Nature Reserve."

"Works have commenced on the planting of over 4000 plants and protection of over five hectares of sensitive and important riparian area.

"Our partnership with Rous Water is an important one where the community benefits from a number of positive outcomes in water quality, biodiversity and primary industry productivity."

As the project develops, the partnership will also involve training and mentoring of landholders in bush regeneration techniques.



Biocontrol Information Day

There was a great turn for the biocontrol information day held in Kyogle in May. Over 140 people turned up to find out more about the biocontrol agents available for Crofton Weed, Lantana, Madeira Vine, Cat's Claw Creeper, Parramatta grass and Salvinia.

If you weren't able to make it and would like more information please contact us.



Help Tim crowd fund to have an exhibition of his unique botanical cartoons

Tim Roberts has worked as a professional bush regenerator in Northern NSW for the last twenty years and is seeking crowd funding to contribute to the production of a series of 16 greeting cards and the first of a three-part series of fun and educational colouring books, which in turn will help me to present my collection of works at a gallery in Byron Bay in November 2015.

You can support Tim by clicking on this link and contributing to my crowd funding campaign...

www.indiegogo.com/projects/tim-roberts-first-exhibition-book-launch



NOMINATE A HIDDEN TREASURE FROM YOUR COMMUNITY

Celebrating National Volunteer Week, communities are being asked to recognise the women volunteers living and working in rural, regional and remote NSW, to be honoured on the NSW Hidden Treasures Honour Roll.

Rural women play an important role in ensuring the survival of many of their communities - without their drive, hard work and enthusiasm, many of these would simply not be the thriving communities they are today.

The Hidden Treasures Honour Roll creates a lasting archive to recognise women volunteers, who do not seek the limelight and go about their work quietly and diligently.

Nominating a rural woman for the Honour Roll is easy to do – simply complete your nomination online or download a nomination form and share a few paragraphs about why your nominee is worthy.

To view the roll visit: www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/rwn/activities/hidden-treasures

For more information, contact the Rural Women's Network on 02 6391 3433 or email

rural.women@dpi.nsw.gov.au Nominations close Friday 31 July 2015.

Joint weed project produces fantastic results for the region

A joint project between Far North Coast Weeds (FNCW), North Coast Local Land Services, the Northern Landcare Support Services and members of the community has been a great success. Hundreds of Paper mulberry plants, a class 2 noxious weed, have been located and destroyed; dams containing Water lettuce infestations have been treated to minimise any potential further spread of this class 1 weed; and surveillance activities have been conducted to remove class 1 Miconia seedlings from around the region.

Philip Courtney, Manager of Weed Services at FNCW, said the project had been 'a great example of the results that can be achieved when numerous stakeholders are focused on, and committed to, a common goal'. As part of the project, Northern Landcare Support Services have contained an infestation of the thorny noxious weed, Honey locust, which covered 5kms of riverbank north of Kyogle. Honey locust is a class 3 declared noxious weed and if left untreated this significant patch had the potential to seed further onto farmland all along the Richmond River system during flood events.

Philip Courtney visited the project site at Kyogle today to see for himself the difference this work has made, and said 'over the next six months we hope to see first-hand the benefits and improvements made to this region through activities undertaken by this project. Through the continued dedication and commitment of the stakeholders that were involved in this project, including the community, we have significantly reduced the potential negative impacts of these weeds in the region'.

FNCW has also been concentrating on Miconia, with the aim of total eradication of this highly invasive weed in the future. The team has undertaken inspection and control activities of infestations as they find them. The community has played a crucial role in this project and are asked to continue to report sightings of high priority class 1 and 2 noxious weeds to FNCW on (02) 6623 3847 for quick identification and removal by our team.



Honey locust thorn.



Stand of dead trees after treatment.

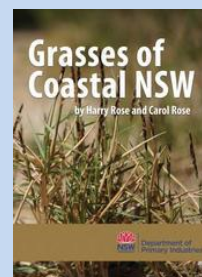
Article contributed by Far North Coast Weeds

Resources

Grasses of Coastal NSW eBook.

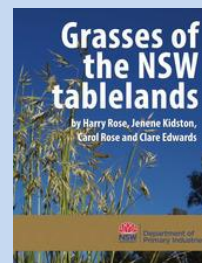
This book is available for download with iBooks on your Mac or iPad, and with iTunes on your computer.

On the Coast of NSW there are a large number (approximately 450 species) of native and naturalised grasses. The purpose of this book is to provide an easy reference guide to the common grasses, so they can be recognised and managed appropriately. The book does not seek to cover all grasses in the area, but to concentrate on the more widespread and common species.



Grasses of the NSW tablelands eBook

On the tablelands of NSW there are more than 400 species of native and introduced grasses. These grasses form an important component of pastures, grasslands and understoreys of woodlands and forests. The purpose of this book is to provide an easy reference guide to the common grasses.



There are also printed versions of these books. Please follow the links below.

www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/aboutus/resources/bookshop/grasses-of-coastal-nsw

www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/aboutus/resources/bookshop/agguide-grasses-of-the-nsw-tablelands

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event or Workshop	Location	For more information and to RSVP
Thursday 4 th June 9-11.30am	Ecological Restoration Workshop	Broken Head	For further details, directions and to register contact Georgina Jones EnviTE on 02 66272800 or georginaj@envite.org.au
Thursday 18 th June 9.30am -3.30pm	Native Seed Provenance workshop	Lismore Workers Club	jai.sleeman@lfs.nsw.gov.au (02) 66 233 917

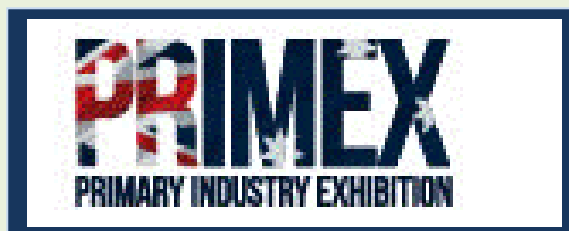
NORCO PRIMEX PRIMARY INDUSTRY EXHIBITION 2015 is on in JUNE!!!

Northern Landcare Support Services will be there on Thursday come and see us at the Landcare table. Pop in and say Hi.

June • 18 • 19 • 20 2015
THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY

RICHMOND VALLEY EVENTS CENTRE
BRUXNER HIGHWAY | CASINO | NSW

FREE PARKING | OPEN DAILY FROM 9AM TO 4PM



ADMISSION:

ADULTS | PENSIONERS & CHILDREN 15+ - \$10
CHILDREN 10- 14 YEARS - \$5 | CHILDREN UNDER 10 – FREE
FAMILY (2 ADULTS & 2 CHILDREN) - \$25 | SCHOOL GROUPS - \$5

UPCOMING GRANTS AND FUNDING

Bush Connect

Bush Connect is a contestable grants program seeking to achieve long-term outcomes for the NSW environment within the Great Eastern Ranges (GER) corridor.

Grants of between \$250,000 and \$500,000 are available to eligible groups to carry out on-ground activities with an emphasis on creating and/or enhancing conservation connectivity.

Applications are due by **5pm Friday 19 June 2015**.

Application materials

Guidelines, application forms and a range of resources are available on the Trust's website:

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

Environmental Restoration and Rehabilitation Grants

The next round of Restoration and Rehabilitation grants program is expected to open in August 2015.

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

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