

## SMALL GRANTS FOR SMALL COMMUNITIES

Round 22 now open and closes 28th September 2012. Grants up to \$5,000 for projects and activities that offer clear public benefit for communities with populations of 10,000 or less, living in small rural and remote locations in Australia, contributing to their development in social and community welfare, economic, environmental, health, education or cultural areas. For guidelines and/or an application go to [www.frrr.org.au](http://www.frrr.org.au).

## YEAR OF THE FARMER CELEBRATIONS IN INVERELL

Legendary Eels Rugby League player Nathan Hindmarsh will join the NSW Minister for Mental Health, 2009 Farmer of the Year from Walgett, and local Senator John Williams to celebrate the 2012 Year of the Farmer in Inverell.

**Proud to be farming** will be the key theme on the day, and Farm-Link and the Border Rivers-Gwydir Catchment Management Authority (CMA) invite anyone with an interest in farming, agriculture, rural mental health or footy (and not necessarily in that order!) to book a seat now for an entertaining and thought provoking morning at the Inverell RSM Club.

The Australian Year of the Farmer 2012 is a celebration of the vital role farmers play in all of our lives, supplying food, clothing and other essential commodities, as well as being very much a part of our Australian identity, a significant part of the social fabric of our rural communities and wonderful stewards of the landscape.

"We hope to contribute to fostering greater connections

between those living and working on farms and others in the rural and metropolitan communities. Discussion will focus on how farmers respect, value and meet their responsibilities as managers of the land, with an emphasis on the future and the sustainability of farming practices and industries," explained Meg Perceval.

"We also want to raise awareness about the importance of health, and in particular mental health and wellbeing for people living in rural communities. The importance of help-seeking and how to connect to others for the benefit of all will be a key theme for our guest speakers."

Tickets are available at: Landmark Inverell and McGregor Gourlay Inverell or RSVP to Meg Perceval on 0427 072 105 ([meg.perceval@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:meg.perceval@newcastle.edu.au)) or Andrew Biddle

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([Andrew.biddle@lhpa.org.au](mailto:Andrew.biddle@lhpa.org.au)).

## WORM EGG COUNTUNG WORKSHOP

Hosted by Gwymac Landcare, the workshop will be delivered by David Worsley (Ruralbiz Training) and is designed to teach you how to identify worm eggs under a microscope, do your own worm egg counts + interpret the results, use tests to determine which drenches are effective on farm, and use worm egg counts to detect worm infestations early. Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2012 (8.30am-4pm) at the Bonshaw Hall, Bonshaw

**Cost - \$40 (Normally \$250)**

Please note places will be limited to 10 participants.

RSVP to Gwymac Landcare office on 6721 1241 or [admin@gwymaclandcare.net.au](mailto:admin@gwymaclandcare.net.au)

## M D U R E S O U R C E MANAGEMENT FIELD DAY

Macintyre Development Unit will be hosting their Resource Management Competition Field Day on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October. This year, the Black-Woods Shield has been awarded to Shaun and Glen Uebergang 4<sup>th</sup> generation farmers at Pearsby Hall, Delungra. Pearsby Hall is a 2,630ha cropping and grazing enterprise undertaking rotational grazing including improved pastures and a reticulated watering system. This will be a very interesting property to visit at this Field Day. To register your attendance, please contact Gwymac on 6721 1241 or email [admin@gwymaclandcare.net.au](mailto:admin@gwymaclandcare.net.au)

## CARBON FARMING 2012 PROFITING FROM THE CARBON FARMING REVOLUTION

Showcasing the latest advances in Carbon Farming and Sequence Stratification technologies, experts in advanced Carbon Farming techniques & Government representatives will be presenters & exhibitors at the Carbon Farming Conference & Expo. Learn how to avoid the carbon tax and speak with the experts. Carbon Farming 2012 will be held in Dubbo 23-25 October 2012 at the Dubbo Regional theatre. For more information - [carbonfarmingconference.com.au](http://carbonfarmingconference.com.au)