

## TAX OFFSET

Primary Producers are now able to apply for a 15 percent refundable tax offset on the purchase of new conservation seeding equipment. The equipment needs to be installed and ready for use by 30th June 2015. This initiative is designed to encourage conservation agricultural practices to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, increase soil carbon and maintain productivity. The refundable tax offset is part of the Carbon Farming Futures Program under the Australian Governments Securing a Clean Energy Future Plan. For more information, please visit the website [daff.gov.au](http://daff.gov.au).

## MYALL CREEK

### YEAR OF THE FARMER FUN DAY

The CWA are hosting Myall Creek Year of the Farmer BBQ and Fun Day on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September at the Myall Creek Hall. There will be displays of stock and produce, photo competition and games for all. Bring your best Farm Photo and rural photos of yesteryear. Morning tea and lunch will be available for purchase. Contact Joyce on 6723 6486 for more information.

## BOUNCE BACK

Quest for Life has journeyed with more than 90,000 people facing some of life's greatest challenges including cancer, grief, drought, flood and loss. The workshops run throughout Australia have proven of great value to people who are looking for practical, common sense skills in dealing with life's unexpected events or who are keen to find ways of building their own resilience and personal happiness.

Any one is welcome, not just those who have been affected by floods  
Wednesday 22 August Inverell  
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[www.questforlife.com.au](http://www.questforlife.com.au)

## 2012 BAITING PROGRAM ASHFORD

Gwymac in partnership with New England LHPA are hosting a bait drop off day at Ashford Tues 7<sup>th</sup>. Pest animals impact the whole community and when left uncontrolled they cause significant losses to agriculture and our natural environment. Co-operative programs to control and manage these pests have been recognised as the most effective methods for controlling pest animals. Target species are pigs, wild dogs and foxes so if you are looking to adopt a baiting program prior to spring, or in fact are already baiting but would like to continue, find out more about this program by contacting Anya at the Gwymac office on 6721 1241.

## COMPOST FIELD DAY

Calling all farmers and home gardeners. There will be a Compost Field Day held at Barraba on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August starting at 10am. This day will be presented by Luke Bowman from "Break it Down Composting" where you will learn about humus, compost site design, building a compost windrow, testing compost,

materials for composting, designing a compost recipe, hand composting for gardeners and there will be a compost turner and equipment demonstrations at the afternoon site visit. There will be a bus departing from Bingara to take participants to and from this event free of charge. Bookings are essential. Morning tea and lunch provided. Please call Brooke on 67242 052 to register.

## BACKYARD FUN FOR FAMILIES

Simply Green, Backyard fun for families, is a new free eBook that promotes low cost green ideas and activities for families to enjoy in their own backyard. With Australian families facing a tough budget and sky rocketing costs of living including energy, water, council rates and food, Simply Green Backyard Fun for Families is aimed at promoting the concept of family activity in the backyard which virtually costs nothing. To download your FREE copy, go to [www.thelittlegreenbooks.com](http://www.thelittlegreenbooks.com).

## TRAPS AVAILABLE

Inverell Mens Shed now has available traps for trapping pest bird species such as Indian myna and also starlings. These species are regarded as a pest due to their invasive nature and their threat to our native bird populations and also native bird habitat. Cost is \$60 for a durable and sturdy trap made by the Inverell Mens Shed. To find out more about the traps for capturing pest bird species, call the Gwymac office on 6721 1241.