



2012 FOX BAITING PROGRAM

Bannockburn Landcare Group (a sub-group of Gwymac Inc.) and New England LHPA are joining forces for a 2012 Fox Baiting Drive in the Bannockburn area. Bait distribution will take place Monday 2nd July (9.30am) at Oakwood Fire station, Yetman Road. Baits will be issued by Ranger Bob Davidson. Please contact Gwymac Landcare on **6721 1241** to book bait ASAP.

NEW POLLUTION TRAPS INSTALLED IN INVERELL

A new demonstration waste trap unit has just been installed in Inverell's storm water system, designed to catch rubbish that ends up in storm water runoff, before it enters the Macintyre River. The BRG CMA has funded the purchase of the three new Gross Pollutant Traps, as part of the Bridge to Bridge environmental rehabilitation project. The Bridge to Bridge Project is a partnership between the Inverell Shire Council and the BRG CMA. The project focuses on a 6 km section of the Macintyre River and its tributaries. The aim of the Bridge to Bridge project is to improve water quality in the Macintyre and the local landscape. Weed removal, the re-planting of native trees and vegetation, and community education have also been undertaken as part of the Bridge to Bridge project.

JUNIOR LANDCARE GRANTS

Round 3 of Coles Junior Landcare Grants are now open. These grants to the value of \$1000 will assist with the development of various

garden projects, not only educating children about fresh fruit and vegetables, but also the importance of looking after the environment. Schools, kindergartens, day care centres and youth groups looking to start their own garden program can apply for a Coles Junior Landcare garden grant by registering with Junior Landcare at www.juniorlandcare.com.au. Applications close Friday 27th July.

NOMINATIONS FOR BRG CMA BOARD MEMBERS

The Border Rivers Gwydir Catchment Management Authority is seeking nominations for 2 vacancies on their board. The skills based Board sets the direction for the CMA, and oversees and governs the Authority on behalf of the Minister for Primary Industries. Nominees must reside within the Border Rivers Gwydir catchment, and have an understanding of key natural resource management issues. For an information package, please contact Judy Fleming at the Inverell office on 67288 031.

YAPS LAUNCH (YOUNG AG PROFESSIONALS)

Landcare has developed a group for young agricultural workers (under 45) and agricultural families across the Inverell, Gwydir & Guyra Shires. The group will meet providing an informal & fun way to catch up with others and develop a stronger knowledge in sustainable/ regenerative farming practices. Please join us

Friday 29th June 2012

Gravesend 5pm (Matt & Jo Bell 'Kiaora', Eden Forest Rd, Gravesend)
FREE BBQ WILL BE PROVIDED
For more information &/or RSVP please contact GWYMAC Landcare Office 02 6721 1241
admin@gwymaclandcare.net.au

ROSS HILL RESERVE

Gwymac Landcare has been awarded \$42,000.00 funding under NSW Environmental Trust's Restoration and Rehabilitation program. Ross Hill Reserve is a White Box Woodland and is also home to a variety of native animals and plants. In recent times, it has become inundated with weed species which are choking out a lot of native plants and threatening habitat for our native species. This project will undertake rehabilitation of Ross Hill Reserve, an 8 ha endangered ecological community and Box Gum Grassy Woodland along the Jardine Road bypass on the edge of town. Gwymac will work closely with local residents, Inverell Shire Council, Local schools, BRG CMA, and other community groups to see this project successful and will host volunteer days for the local community. We welcome anyone from the community who would like to be involved in the project, either through volunteering or joining a mailing list for events at the site.