

LOW STRESS STOCK HANDLING WORKSHOP

Gwymac is pleased to offer a Low Stress Stock Handling workshop in May. The 2-day workshop will be held 22-23 May at 'Yoi', Delungra. Thanks to funding from *Caring for our Country Community Action Grants*, we are able to heavily subsidise this workshop. Usually \$770 per person, the workshop cost is:

\$150 for Landcare members

\$180 for non members

Includes all meals + notes.

Workshop trainer will be Chook Kealey, a renowned + highly experienced LSS trainer + landholder based at Walcha. Call Gwymac to register 6721 1241.

FARM PLANNING ONLINE

Finally there's an answer for those landholders who work through the week + cannot attend a Property Planning workshop due to work commitments. RuralBiz Training is offering an online, computer based Farm Planning workshop for landholders. This is fully funded + means you won't have to leave the farmgate to complete the workshop. You receive computerised mapping software + gain a nationally recognised certificate. Course commences after 1st July 2012. Register with RuralBiz Training 6884 8812 or admin@ruralbiztraining.com.au

COMPOST TRIALS FIELD DAY

Southern New England Landcare will host a field day east of Guyra to share results of 3-yr compost

trials at Wongwibinda. Wednesday 18th April on the Guyra-Ebor Road. Dr Lewis Kahn, who has overseen the project will outline results of the project. 9.30am-12.30pm. Free. Call SNELC to register 6772 9123.

CATCHMENT ACTION WORKSHOPS

Border Rivers-Gwydir CMA is in the process of renewing their Catchment Action Plan. They will host a series of 'Resilience Analysis' workshops in Inverell. These will be centred on themes, as below:

Soils + Land Use: Mon 30th April

Water: Fri 4th May

Biodiversity: Tues 8th May

Community: Thu 10th May

Issues discussed include what is desirable / undesirable; what are the factors that change condition + what are priorities for the Catchment Action Plan? Venue is Inverell East Bowling Club. Free, RSVP to Carina 67288042.

MANAGING LAND FOR CARBON WORKSHOP

This NSW DPI workshop is an accredited course covering the policies, technicalities + practicality of soil and forest carbon. Delivered by a presenter with 5 yrs experience in the field. Workshops will be delivered in the New England before the end of May 2012.

Workshops are heavily subsidized and will be offered free of charge. This is a 2-day workshop.

To register your interest, please contact Gwymac 6721 1241.

NULLAMANNA MULCHER SHOWCASE

Nullamanna Landcare Group will host their next meeting Friday 13th April. The event will commence at 3pm on the property Belmore. This will showcase a new mulcher owned by Mick Mather, which has positive results managing woody weeds + regrowth. This will be followed by the customary BBQ dinner + refreshments. There will also be a discussion on the pros and cons on controlling woody weeds. Contact Gwymac for more information.

1080 CHEMICAL TRAINING

North West LHPA will offer an abridged training event for landholders who require accreditation for purchasing baits such as 1080. This workshop is offered as a one-day workshop. Call LHPA office at Inverell 67223091.

SOIL + PLANT NUTRITION

Gwymac will host this workshop at Bundarra in August. A 2-day workshop to be presented by Bart Davidson. Funded by *Caring for our Country* through the *Healthy Farms, Healthy Gwydir* project, the workshop will be subsidized. \$50 per person. Bart will take landholders through the basics of soil health, + also explore non-traditional aspects of soil management. Register with Gwymac 6721 1241.