



## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

We encourage all members to renew their membership due on 31st Jan 2013. This membership is a great way to be involved with Gwymac Landcare, a non profit community owned organisation, operated by a volunteer committee.

Cost \$20/per family or individual.

A membership with us includes – Discount rates on workshops & events, email updates, early bird information on funding, quarterly newsletters, access to Gwymac Landcare resources, & assistance with funding submissions.

Please contact our office on 6721 1241 for a membership form.

LANDCARE IS FOR EVERYONE!

## REGIONAL LANDCARE AWARDS NOW OPEN

Nominations are being called for the 2013 Regional Landcare Awards across the New England North West region.

Innovative farmers, dedicated individuals and hardworking community organisations are just some of those being encouraged to enter the Awards.

Nominations for the Landcare Awards are now open, closing on Friday 15th February 2013 and individuals or groups can nominate themselves or others for the awards.

For more information about the Awards, categories and judging criteria, as well as nomination forms contact the GWYMAC office on 67211241.

## FARM PLANNING WORKSHOPS

*Farming families are urged to get involved in Farm Planning Workshops to think about how they'll manage their properties in the years ahead, in the face of a variable climate and changing economic and social pressures.*

The Border Rivers-Gwydir Catchment Management Authority (CMA) is holding free Farm Planning Information Sessions aimed at maximising profits and long term sustainability.

"We can help landholders think about changes they can make to their business operations to make them more profitable, or look at ways to make the business more compatible with the needs of their family and general lifestyle," explained CMA Farm Planning Officer, Bruce Gardiner.

"The aim of the workshops is to make farming more profitable and take some of the stress out of running the business. Farm Planning is about better management strategies, using natural resources in a sustainable way, maximising the use of limited financial reserves and getting the best from the people working on your farm."

The Farm planning course is valued at over \$3,000, but is being offered to farmers free of charge, with the CMA providing satellite images, study manuals, a template for a strategic farm plan, catering and course administration support.

Inverell's Information sessions will be on Tues 22nd January 3pm at the Inverell Research Centre

To attend or for more information contact Scott Graham at the Border Rivers-Gwydir CMA on 02 6728 8049.

## 2013 COLES JUNIOR LANDCARE SCHOOL GARDEN GRANTS

Since 2008 Coles has been providing School Garden Grants of up to \$1,000 to schools and youth groups to help create gardens in their grounds or community, such as bush tucker gardens, water wise gardens or veggie gardens.

These programs encourage students to learn about the environment through "outdoor learning" and interaction in developing their own school gardens.

Round 1: closes 5pm (AEDT) Friday 15 February 2013

Round 2: closes 5pm (AEST) Friday 10 May 2013

Round 3: closes 5pm (AEST) Friday 2 August 2013

For more information visit:  
[www.juniorlandcare.com.au](http://www.juniorlandcare.com.au)

## GWYMAC PUBLIC MEETING

Gwymac will host their General Meeting 8th February 2013 at Inverell Shire Council Chambers. Commencing at 2pm, this meeting is a chance to find out how Gwymac is progressing. The meeting includes staff reports, and a review of our achievements over the last quarter. ALL WELCOME!



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