



## NEW ENGLAND NORTH WEST LANDCARE

# REGIONAL UPDATE

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### REGIONAL LANDCARE AWARDS

Announcing the recipients:

#### Urban Landcare Award

Finalist – Northey Park Inverell Rotary Club

Runner-Up – Moree Regional Botanic Garden

#### Winner – High Country Urban Biodiversity (HiCUB)

#### Junior Landcare Award

#### Winner – Frog Dreaming (SNELCC)

#### Innovation in Sustainable Farm Practices Award

Finalist – The Ballinger Family

Runner Up – Don, Gay & Jason Mack

#### Winner – The Taylor Family

#### Landcare Indigenous Innovation Award

Runner Up – Aboriginal Reference & Advisory Group (ARAG)

#### Winner – Murries on Barwon Landcare Primary Producer Award

Finalist – Alaine Anderson

Runner Up – Ian Armstrong

#### Winner – David Worsley

#### Innovative Community Group Award

Finalist – Armidale Tree Group

Finalist – Rummerys Hill Landcare

Runner Up – Macintyre Development Unit (MDU)

#### Winner – Bingara & District Vision 2020

#### Individual Landcarer Award

Finalist – Sam Baker (GLENRAC)

Finalist – Robert Mason (GWYMAC)

Runner Up – Shirley Handy (Inverell)

#### Winner – Kath Wray (Armidale)

#### Local or Regional Landcare Partnerships Award

Runner Up – BEST Tree Tenders Nursery

#### Winner – High Country Urban Biodiversity (HiCUB)

Regional winners will now proceed to the State Landcare Awards.

### SOILS FOR LIFE FIELD DAY

at “Lana” Uralla on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April. “Lana” is one of 19 properties selected across Australia to showcase leading regenerative landscape management. Come and hear how to holistically manage for nature and production.

Key-note speaker Major General Michael Jeffery, Australia’s first Advocate for soil health and Chairman of Soils for Life will present along with “The Farmers Story” by Tim Wright, the property owner. Rob Dulhunty, Chair of Landcare NSW will be there and the day will include, morning & afternoon tea and lunch plus a farm tour. Cost is \$20pp. Contact SNELCC on 6772 9123 to RSVP.

### “SNAP SOME WOOD” PHOTO COMPETITION

Planet Ark is giving you the opportunity to enter their “Make it Wood, do the World some good – Snap some Wood” campaign by “snapping” a photo of a wooden product, building or renovation.

You could **win yourself an iPad with a wooden cover.**

There is no limit to the number of photos that one person may

enter, and judging will be based on quality, beauty and uniqueness.

Competition closes on the 19<sup>th</sup> of April – so get snapping and go to

<http://makeitwood.org/snapsomewood>

To enter.

### EUREKA PRIZE FOR SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

The Caring for our Country Landcare Eureka Prize for Sustainable Agriculture is awarded for excellence in the scientific research, development or innovative application of agricultural practices that have improved, or have the potential to improve, the sustainable use of our natural resources. <http://eureka.australianmuseum.net.au/eureka-prize/sustainable-agriculture#howToEnter>

### COMMUNITY GIVING FUND

Round 4 of The Aurizon Community Giving fund Program is now open, to provide relevant and sustainable support to communities in the areas of **Health & Wellbeing, Community Safety, and Education.** In order to apply for this funding, an organisation must be non-profit and hold an approved DGR status. Applications must be submitted online by 26<sup>th</sup> April.

To find out more, go to

<http://www.aurizon.com.au/COMMUNITY/COMMUNITYGIVING/Pages/CommunityGivingFund.aspx>



Send your news for the Landcare Update to Sarah Legge at [sarah@gwymaucklandcare.net.au](mailto:sarah@gwymaucklandcare.net.au)



## ORGANIC SCHOOL GARDENS WEBSITE

**A free resource for all Australian Schools**

In May 2010, the Biological Farmers of Australia (BFA) launched the Organic School Gardens Program - a free education program designed for primary schools to provide lessons and expert information for setting up and maintaining an organic school garden.

The Program is based on the Australian Certified Organic Standard and uses organic systems to work in harmony with nature, keeping harmful chemicals out of our schools, water and air, creating a healthy environment for people, plants, and animals.

The program is currently expanding to include more lessons on healthy eating, recipes, video resources and links to the Australian curriculum.

Go to <http://www.organicschools.com.au/Home/tabid/155/Default.aspx>

## GROUP SKILLS WORKSHOP BURREN JUNCTION

On Monday 8th April from 9.30am—2.30pm.

Natalie Bramble will be delivering **Governance** and **Grant Writing** components of the workshop and Rob Neilson will deliver a **Group Dynamics** and **Personality Styles** talk.

A "Useful Apps" session will draw upon various popular applications available for farm and NRM. Please bring along your iPhone or iPad. RSVP to Tanya Slack- Smith on 0419 215

998 or email [tanyam.rlf@gmail.com](mailto:tanyam.rlf@gmail.com) by Friday 5th April.

## STRATEGIC DIRECTION FOR SUSTAINABLE AG

The Minister has released the Strategic Directions of the Caring for our Country Sustainable Agriculture stream (2013-18).

This document provides the strategic directions and broad delivery arrangements for the Sustainable Agriculture stream.

It also indicates the Australian Government's support for Landcare in the second phase of Caring for our Country including a network of Regional Landcare Facilitators.

There will be some changes to the delivery and administration of the Regional Landcare Facilitator initiative however this detail is still being finalised and information will be provided as soon as possible.

<http://www.nrm.gov.au/about/caring/agriculture.html>

## FREE SEMINAR FOR INCORPORATED ASSOCIATIONS

NSW Fair Trading is conducting a free Incorporated Association seminar in Armidale on Wednesday 10 April as part of My Place Program for 2013. The seminar will include information on the following topics, Legislative changes; benefits of incorporation; responsibilities of various office holders including the Public Officer; financial reporting Tiers 1 & 2; constitution; annual financial summaries and

dispute resolution options. NSW Fair Trading invites public officers, committee and association members to attend the seminar.

**When:** Wednesday 10 April 2013, 10.30am to 12pm

**Where:** Armidale City Bowling Club, Dumaresq St Armidale

**Cost:** Free

**RSVP:** by Friday 5 April online at [www.events.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au](http://www.events.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au) or Phone 13 32 20 and select option '1'.

## VOLUNTEER GRANTS NOW OPEN

To recognise the valuable work of Australia's volunteers.

This initiative forms part of the Australian Governments ongoing commitment to organisations whose volunteers assist disadvantaged communities and encourage inclusion of vulnerable people in community life.

Objectives include:

- Purchasing portable, tangible, small equipment items to help volunteers;
- Contribute to reimbursement of fuel costs for their volunteers who use their own vehicles;
- Contribute to cost of training courses and/or undertake background screening checks for their volunteers.

For further information & to apply go to <http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/>

[communities-and-vulnerable-people/feature/volunteer-grants-2013](http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/communities-and-vulnerable-people/feature/volunteer-grants-2013)

Applications close 24th April.