



NEW ENGLAND NORTH WEST LANDCARE

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KONDININ CARBON FARMING WORKSHOPS

KONDININ Group Industry Training will deliver a series of carbon farming business awareness workshops to farmers around the country, thanks to a grant under the federal government's Carbon Farming Futures Extension and Outreach Program announced this week. The Carbon Farming Initiative is a voluntary carbon offset scheme that provides a financial incentive for farmers and land managers to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases or to sequester carbon in the landscape using approved methodologies.

Delivered at grassroots level in key rural centres, each workshop will focus on providing participants with relevant business information to help them take part in the initiative.

For more information, go to:
www.farmingahead.com.au

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR 2013 STATE & TERRITORY LANDCARE AWARDS

Landcarers across the country are being encouraged to submit a nomination for the 2013 State & Territory Landcare Awards.

The renowned Awards, now in their 23rd year, honour the invaluable work that is being undertaken by the Landcare community, with the winners from the State & Territory Awards going forward as finalists to the prestigious National Landcare Awards in 2014.

There are nine categories, covering a range of environmental projects and themes, including sustainable agriculture, coastal rehabilitation and Indigenous land management.

Individuals, schools, community groups and networks working to protect or restore local environments, farms, coastlines, native vegetation, bushlands, wetlands, waterways, and more, can be nominated.

To find out more, go to:

<http://www.landcareonline.com.au/2013-state-territory-landcare-awards>

ACTION ON THE GROUND

Action on the Ground is a component of the [Carbon Farming Futures Program](#) and will invest up to \$99 million of grant funding over six years to June 2017.

Action on the Ground assists farmers and land managers to undertake on-farm trials of abatement technologies, practices and management strategies to measure and demonstrate how these can reduce agricultural greenhouse gas emissions of methane and nitrous oxide or increase the sequestration of carbon in soil while maintaining farm productivity.

Under round two, individual grants up to \$775 000 (GST Exclusive) are available for farmers, land managers, farming groups, researchers, industry sectors and non-government organisations to undertake projects that

address at least one of the program's three key priorities:

- reduced methane emissions from livestock production systems
- reduced nitrous oxide emissions
- increased carbon sequestration in soils

To apply, go to:

<http://www.daff.gov.au/climatechange/carbonfarmingfutures/action-on-the-ground>

COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT GRANTS NOW OPEN

Community Environment Grants of between \$5000 and \$50,000 are now available from the Australian Government to community groups working to achieve an environment that is healthier, better protected, well managed and resilient.

Funding is available to established and emerging groups currently operating in the environmental sector, including Indigenous organisations.

Individuals are not eligible to apply for Community Environment Grants.

Community Environment Grants will assist community based organisations to contribute to three strategic objectives, under the Sustainable Environment Stream of Caring for our Country:

1. Maintenance of ecosystem services, including ecological and cultural values, now and into the future;



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2. Protection of our conservation estate
3. Enhanced capacity of Indigenous communities to conserve and protect natural resources

More information regarding Community Environment Grants is available at the Caring for our Country website: <http://www.nrm.gov.au/funding/environment/ceg/index.html>.

DOLLARS IN DIRT

Hosted by the Ben Lomond Landcare group this workshop will be held in Glen Innes on Thursday 2nd May from 9:00am to 2:00pm.

The feature guest speaker will be **Dr Christine Jones**, who is an internationally renowned and highly respected groundcover and soils ecologist.

She has a wealth of experience working with innovative landholders to implement regenerative land management techniques that enhance biodiversity, increase biological activity, sequester carbon, activate soil nutrient cycles, restore water balance, improve productivity and create new topsoil.

If you would like to attend please RSVP to GLENRAC on 02 6732 3443 or email office@glenrac.org.au by the 29th of April 2013.

MINING & COAL SEAM GAS WORKSHOPS

NSW Farmers members and non-members are invited to attend a workshop to be held in your

area in April as part of the NSW Farmers Mining and Coal Seam Gas Communications Project. These workshops are an opportunity to get information and to ask any questions you have.

The workshops will provide an opportunity to get up to date and accurate information on:

- Mining and coal seam gas activity in your area,
- The NSW Government's Strategic Regional Land Use Policy package, and
- Landholder rights and land access arrangements with exploration companies.

Workshops will be held at:

Gunnedah

Monday 22nd April 2013

9am to 11am

Gunnedah Services & Bowling Club, 313 Conadilly Street

Boggabri

Monday 22nd April 2013

2.30pm to 4.30pm

Boggabri RSL Memorial Club, Laidlaw Street

Armidale

Tuesday 23rd April, 2pm to 4pm

Armidale Ex-Services Club

137 Dumeresq Street

RSVPs can be made to Scott Harlum on 0428 228 818 or by email to

harlums@nswfarmers.org.au

For more information on the workshops contact the Landholder Mining and Coal Seam Gas Hotline on

1300 794 000 from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.

BIODIVERSITY FUND APPLICATION DATE EXTENDED

The closing date for Full

Applications has been extended to 2pm AEST 17 April 2013 (from the original closing date of 2pm AEST 10 April 2013). To apply, go to:

<http://www.environment.gov.au/cleanenergyfuture/>

FREE WEBINAR FOR LADIES

Mother's Day is just around the corner so why not treat yourself to free upcoming webinars that focus on identifying and dressing to your body shape, colours that suit you and DIY secrets to skincare. [Sandra Martin](#) is a popular personal coach and image consultant who will present the 1 hour webinars on 7 and 9 May - go to: <http://www.ruralbiztraining.com.au/LiteratureRetrieve.aspx?ID=128409>

for a flyer with more information and how to register with thanks to Rural Biz.

BARRIERS TO CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION

The Productivity Commission has released its final report on policy and regulatory barriers to climate change adaptation. Recommendations include increasing the quality and availability of natural hazard mapping; more flexible land use planning regulations, and clarifying the roles, responsibilities and legal liability of local governments, and improving their capacity to manage climate risks.

<http://www.pc.gov.au/projects/inquiry/climate-change-adaptation/report>