



2013 LANDCARE ADVENTURE

Upper Gwydir Landcare Association will host the 15th annual Landcare Adventure on the 19th & 20th March 2013.

This year's program includes 2012 Farming Woman of the Year Anne Williams, Graeme Sait from Nutritech Solutions, Dr Carole Hungerford, Ben Keogh of Australian Carbon Traders and Bart Davidson.

The Landcare Adventure is a 2 day event and at just \$90 includes accommodation, bus travel, all meals, event notes and ticket to the Regional Landcare Awards presentation dinner. To register, contact Gwymac.

LEND A HAND AT THE COMMUNITY GARDEN

Inverell Community Garden will be open most Saturdays from 9am to 11am. If the gate is open, come on in and lend a hand.

ALL WELCOME.

Corner of Bryon Street & Swanbrook Road or contact Gwymac for further information.

IN SAFE HANDS

The "In Safe Hands" tool kit is an Occupational Health and Safety tool kit for conservation volunteers. It is now available on line at the Conservation Volunteers Australia Website.

In Safe Hands is a Safety Management System designed for community groups in practical conservation. The content and processes have been adapted from Conservation Volunteers Australia's own system and is based on our 30 years of knowledge and experience in managing volunteers in practical conservation. Recent

enhancements and access to this toolkit and workshop opportunities for Landcare and other community Groups has been made possible through funding from the Australian Government's Caring for our Country initiative.

Go to <http://www.conservationvolunteers.com.au/get-involved/community-training/in-safe-hands>

WEEDS ON WATERWAYS FIELD DAY

Gwymac Landcare is holding a field day on 'Weeds on Waterways' with key speakers Tom Macindoe (Inverell Shire Council Weeds Officer), John Conroy (DPI-Biosecurity Officer) discussing 'The War on Weeds', Martin Dillion talking about revegetation and it's benefits + Tony Fomiatti sharing his firsthand experience with the thorny issue of Honey Locust control.

When : Wed 13th March 9am – 12.30pm

Where : 'Moorlands', 396 Apple Tree Flat Road, Ashford

Please contact Gwymac on 6721 1241 to register or email anya@gwymaclandcare.net.au

LEAPS & BOUNDS FOR COMMUNITY GARDEN

Inverell Community Garden is going ahead in leaps and bounds thanks to dedicated volunteers attending meetings, working bees, undertaking planning, organising, administrating and promoting.

Gwymac Landcare has been continuously seeking funding for the project and have recently

had some success. Inverell Community Garden has been selected by the Royal Agricultural Society Charity Brunch committee as recipients of funds raised at the Royal Easter Show in March this year.

The Ladies Charity Brunch, is an initiative of Mrs Jennifer Dudley, wife of Royal Agricultural Society of NSW President Mr Glenn Dudley.

Landcare Coordinator - Sarah Legge (Gwymac Landcare), and Inverell Community Garden Chairwoman Jenny Cracknell will attend the brunch at the Royal Easter Show to deliver a presentation about the Community Garden in Inverell.

"We are delighted to be the recipients of this year's fundraiser. This funding will really kick start our community garden, allowing for many improvements, educational workshops, and establishment of garden beds" said Sarah.

You can find Inverell Community Garden on Facebook to keep up to date with events, photos, members and more.

YAPS COMES TO SWANVALE!

Gwymac will host a YAPS (Young Agricultural Professionals) evening (for farmers under 45 and their families) at Swanvale on Friday 15th March starting at 6.30pm.

This will be an informal and fun way to catch up with other young farmers and families in the area and also to learn more about Landcare. Dinner will be provided. We hope to see you there. Contact Gwymac office to RSVP or find out more.