

# GWYMAC Matters



The newsletter of the GWYMAC Landcare Network

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SUMMER 2017

## RJ Dick Walker Memorial Shield 2017

Darrell Priest was awarded the RJ 'Dick' Walker Memorial Shield at this years Gwymac AGM on the 7th of December.

Darrell has lived in the Inverell area for 22 years and has become somewhat of a "go to" man in the district for anything associated with revegetation. Not only has he been responsible for planting approximately 1 million trees throughout the NENW over the previous 22 years, but he has personally planted >40,000 seedlings in shelter belts, corridors and wind breaks on his own property. Darrell has been a teacher and educator for >30yrs, starting at Longreach Pastoral College in 1986, moving on to the Northern Territory Rural College in Katherine, NT in 1992 and then moving to Inverell in 1995.

In 1996 Darrell established his own nursery "Priests Greenhouse Nursery" where he has propagated over 1.5 million seedlings to supply State Forest nurseries as well as individual landholders.



In 2004 Darrell purchased a freehold block of 80ac south of Inverell and over the past 13 years he has transformed his block from bare paddocks into an oasis. Darrell first developed a Property Plan which included a reticulated water system to exclude livestock from water courses, rotational time controlled grazing, the application of soil biota and microbes, swales throughout the property to improve water retention and infiltration and the planting of >40,000 seedlings over 13 years. The biodiversity in terms of flora and fauna that has accompanied this has been his greatest reward.

Congratulations Darrell...



73 Ring Street, Inverell

67 21 6100



**Good people to know.**

Supports landcare donating a percentage of The premium from every policy held by a Gwymac Member

**Call Sue de Ferranti in Inverell 6722 1755**

# Chairman's Report

Gwymac held its Annual General Meeting on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December and I am honoured to once again be elected Chairman of the Committee for the 2018 year. Our Committee remains relatively unchanged with David Worsley kindly stepping into the position of Deputy Chair, Alexandra Mason continuing as Secretary and Mick Mather continuing as a General Committee Member. However, Andrew Baker is taking a break from his Committee duties and I would like to thank him very much for his time and involvement in volunteering on the Committee and contributing his years of experience in Landcare.

Gwymac would like to welcome a new committee member in Eden Sutherland and we are very pleased to have him become a member of the team. Many of you will know Eden from his days as a Biosecurity Officer with Northern Tablelands Local Land Services. Eden and his family have lived in the Inverell district for over 4 years and moved to a property on the Copeton Dam Road where they run cattle.

2017 has been a steady year for Gwymac and I would like to thank the staff for continuing their excellent work in an environment where funding for natural resource management is definitely tightening. The landscape will be changing again as we enter 2018. The National Landcare Program has been running for the previous 3 years, and we are about to enter the second round of the program which will run for 5 years from 2018-2023.

The Landcare Networks on the Northern Tablelands have entered into a consortium arrangement with Northern Tablelands Local Land Services and the University of New England as we are preparing to submit an application for funding to the National Landcare Program Round 2 which comes into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2018. We have a long and established history of working closely with the NT LLS and are looking forward to continuing this partnership to secure funds into our region for not only our baseline activities but projects and events that our landholders are requesting.

I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very productive summer season and look forward to talking with as many of you as possible in 2018.

Chairman Robert Mason



May you have a  
very merry Christmas and a safe  
and happy new year

The Gwymac Office  
will be closed over the holiday's  
Closing Thursday 21st December  
And will re open Tuesday 16th January  
2018



## Australian Museum Mobile Apps

### Frog ID



FrogID, lets you discover which frogs live around you and helps the Australian Museum Count Aussie Frogs

Check it out now  
On iOS or Android

### Xmas Beetle ID Guide



Discover the diversity of Australia's most famous beetles with Australian Museums identification guide App

On iOS or Android

### Field Guide to NSW Fauna



A Valuable tool for anyone with an interest in wildlife. Use it in urban, bush and coastal environments to learn more about the animals around you

On iOS or Android

### Australian Museum App



Learn about Australia's unique natural history in the Australian Museum App. Take a self-guided tour, discover the stories behind an object or specimen on display and see what's on at the museum

iOS or Android

### The Art of Science



Explore over 100 paintings of Butterflies and Moths and see the latest scientific data

iOS or Android



## CSIRO Accelerator Program

**The 10 big ideas to be fast-tracked through this years accelerator program:**

- Virtual reality technology that allows carers to learn by doing, safely – The University of Newcastle
- A tool for preventing faults in power network assets before energy catastrophes hit – Curtin University
- A solar forecasting system – CSIRO, Energy
- An acoustic belt that uses the natural noises of the gut for health screening – The University of Western Australia
- An on-the-go field tool for reliable and transportable water monitoring – James Cook University
- A new pest detection system that cuts costs and time delays for Aussie prawn farmers – CSIRO Agriculture and Food
- An alternative to the expensive and cumbersome 'leaky gut' test for suspected sufferers – CSIRO Health and Biosecurity
- A new way to beat the current costs and delays in new drug development – Macquarie University
- On the spot testing for elite athletes and their sport scientists – The University of Western Australia
- A small wind turbine that can produce nearly twice the power than existing wind turbines of the same size—The University of Newcastle

ON Accelerate4 will commence in February 2018 and will run for twelve weeks in hubs across the country, where teams will develop business planning, commercialisation and pitching skills.

The program culminates in 'ON Demo Night' where teams will pitch their innovations to an audience of industry experts, investors and potential partners for further funding and support for commercialisation.

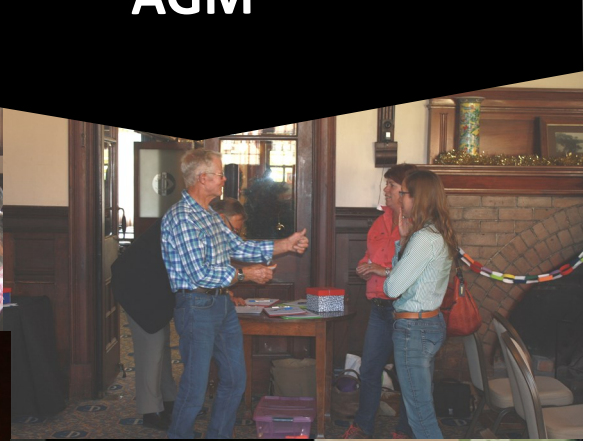
## WEEKLY RADIO UPDATE

Tune into 1188AM 2NZ for a weekly update of Landcare in our area. The program airs each Monday at 6.55am with the latest news on Landcare projects, funding, training local events and more.

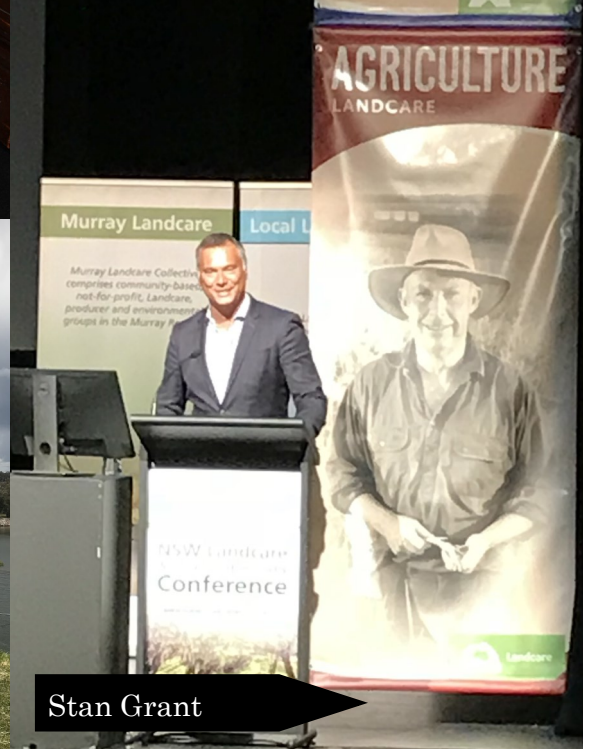


# Out & About with Gwymac

## Gwymac AGM



Albury Conference



Stan Grant





## Tree planting workshop



## Inverell Community Gardens



Merry Christmas From the Gwymac Girls



# RITCHIES

Where the Community Benefits

When shopping at Ritchies and by using a Community Benefit card (CB) linked to Gwymac Landcare then Ritchies will donate money back to us. These cards/tags can be used at ANY Ritchies store throughout Vic, NSW and Qld by our supporters and their families.

If you would like to support us and you don't already have a CB card/tag please collect one at the registers next time you shop at ANY Ritchies store to use every time you shop. All you do is nominate Gwymac Landcare, it's that easy! This is an easy way for us to raise funds with no cost involved.



Landcare  
New South Wales

## New national body one step closer

Landcare NSW notes progress towards creating a new national Landcare organisation, with due diligence to be completed by Christmas and the new entity to be established by 30 June, 2018.

There are currently two national bodies: the National Landcare Network (NLN) – a federation of state and territory peak bodies representing grassroots community Landcare – and Landcare Australia (LA) which provides a range of services and functions on behalf of the Landcare movement.

Following a Joint NLN/LA Board meeting in Canberra on 23 November 2017, the following statement was issued by the Boards:

*The boards of the NLN and Landcare Australia met in Canberra on 23rd November to re-affirm their commitment to move forward with the formation of a new national Landcare organisation. They agreed on the next steps to make this happen, with the due diligence to be completed by Christmas and the new entity to be established before the end of this financial year.*

*Once formed, a new organisation will give the Landcare movement a single national organisation working on its behalf, which will combine and build on the representative capacity and voice of the NLN and the marketing, education, fundraising and program delivery skills of Landcare Australia. Both organisations are committed to doing what is best for community Landcare and recognise that they will have a greater impact together.*

At their 22 November 2017 meeting, the Members Council unanimously passed the following resolution.

*The Members Council strongly endorses the formation of a new single national organisation to represent and support the interests of the Landcare movement.*

*The National Landcare Network and Landcare Australia, in progressing this historic opportunity, to create an organisation that represents and has the support of the grassroots Landcare community. This single national entity unites the skills and expertise of both organisations to ensure grassroots Landcare is supported and has a single national voice.*

## Australian cattle

### Industry projections 2017 October update



#### KEY POINTS

- Slaughter remains in line with 2016
- Carcase weights continue to rise
- Record number of cattle on feed
- Cattle prices soften with lower restocker activity

#### KEY 2017 NUMBERS



MLA's Market Intelligence  
globalIndustryInsights@mla.com.au

### Australian bird of the year 2017

1. Australian magpie  
Votes: 19,926

2. Australian white ibis  
Votes: 19,083

3. Laughing kookaburra  
Votes: 10,953

4. Tawny frogmouth  
Votes: 6,869

5. Superb fairywren  
Votes: 6,366



6. Rainbow lorikeet  
Votes: 6,041



7. Willy wagtail  
Votes: 4,789



8. Wedge-tailed eagle  
Votes: 4,517



9. Southern cassowary  
Votes: 4,168



10. Splendid fairywren  
Votes: 4,129



source: BirdLife Australia

## Trees on Small Farms Project Ground Preparation Workshop at Best Nursery

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

We had a beautifully warm summer's day for the first workshop for the Trees on Small Farms Project at the Best Nursery. I was pleased to see a good gathering of participants who were keen to learn about ground preparation and species selection.

Ivan Lackay from the Northern Tablelands Local Land Services started the day with an informative session about the local provenance seed bank that will be used to propagate trees for the project. He also presented to the group a list of equipment that is available to borrow for the project from the NTLIS in Vivian Street, Inverell.

Darrell Priest then gave us many things to ponder when we start preparing the ground next Autumn for our Spring planting in 2018. His knowledge about ground preparation and planting for success gave our keen project participants many practical and useful tips which will help them to achieve planting and growing ease and success.

Julie Weir, the Best Nursery Manager, spoke in detail about the diverse species to choose from for our location on the Northern Tablelands and gave each participant a map to mark the area in which they live. She used these maps to identify which species would best suite their area and soil types and compiled a species list for each person.

After eating our delicious lunch from Fae Kauter, we enjoyed a guided tour of the Best Nursery. We were fortunate to see behind the scenes how plants are propagated and cared for before they are sold or picked up and the arduous job of plucking germinated seedlings from a tray and planting them into the hiko trays. Thankyou to everyone involved on the day. *Kylie Sutherland*



Royal Agricultural Society of NSW

## **RAS Foundation Community Futures Grant**

The Royal Agricultural Society of NSW Foundation (RASf) is offering an opportunity for community-minded people to be awarded up to \$25,000 in funding for a community project in their local area.

Taking part is easy. Identify a need in your rural NSW community, partner with a local community organisation, create a project plan for your initiative

The Inverell Community Gardens have previously been a beneficiary of this opportunity

The RASf invites ideas that deliver strong community benefits and result in enhanced economic and social outcomes for your community. Projects that involve collaboration between people in your town and deliver sustained and broad community benefits will be highly regarded. Applicants will be passionate about rural and regional NSW, and have a good understanding of any issues affecting their community.

To be eligible applicants must be a resident of the rural NSW community that the project will benefit. To apply go to:

[www.rasnsf.com.au](http://www.rasnsf.com.au) - foundation tab

Applications close midnight 14th January 2018





Coles Supermarkets Australia Pty Ltd (Coles) has launched an exciting initiative to assist existing small to medium Australian producers, farmers and manufacturers to innovate and grow their business.

Coles has announced the Coles Nurture Fund (CNF), and will allocate \$50 million over five years intended to encourage suppliers and potential suppliers to develop new market-leading products, technologies, systems and processes.

Through the CNF, existing small-to-medium businesses may apply for funding to enable them to take the next step in creating value for business and customers.

Coles will allocate \$10 million a year to fund the CNF for the next five years, comprising \$5 million per annum allocated for grants and another \$5 million per annum allocated for interest-free loans. The maximum single grant of funds or loan under the CNF is \$500,000.

Innovation is one of the primary drivers of competitiveness. Whether improving or developing new technologies for delivery systems, state-of-the-art refrigeration and lighting to generate better environmental outcomes, improved product quality in the farm sector or greater scale production in processed foods, the CNF seeks to support small to medium Australian businesses that want to improve existing services or products and create new systems or processes.

Smart, energetic and agile small businesses can be a launch-pad for great product innovation. Modest financial support can be the difference in getting great ideas up and running.

Coles is proud to continue supporting small to medium Australian producers, farmers and manufacturers through funding allocations under the CNF.

Application forms can be found on the following website:

[www.coles.com.au/nurturefund](http://www.coles.com.au/nurturefund)

Applications are now open and will close on Friday 19th January 2018 5pm

## Up Coming Workshops in 2018

Gwymac landcare was successful with our submissions to the 2017/18 Small Community Grants round Delivered by Local Land Services Northern Tablelands

The team at Gwymac are looking forward to running these events in 2018:

### **Fauna at Five Corners workshop**

With Alex Dudley local Zoologist and Stuart Harris the Peacock Spider man

Learn how to conduct a fauna survey legally on your property, the benefits of doing surveys, how to observe and collect accurate data. Benefits of volunteering as a Citizen Scientist—4th March 2018

### **Ag n Chat– Rural women in regional business**

Jade Miles from Black Barn Farm permaculture, Dr Pauline Roberts from Paddock Pantry and Allison Bellinger from A.K. Bellinger Gallery will deliver a variety of topics with the connection being they are all owned and operated by rural women. Learn how to succeed in your rural business—23rd March 2018

### **Farmers Together workshop**

The Monaro Farming System Group, Ebor Beef producer group and Agriculture Marketing and Production systems (AMPS) will host a forum to enhance the sharing of knowledge from successful farmer initiatives, producer groups and cooperatives. Learn the benefits of collective bargaining and collaborative farming and the benefits, - Date TBC

### **Your nest egg your future workshop**

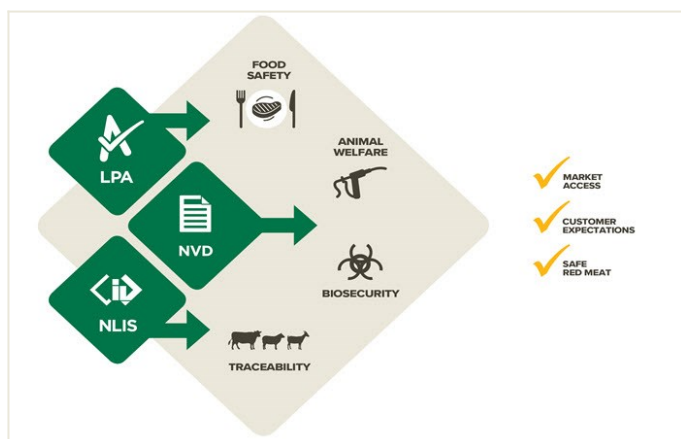
Industry professionals will deliver a workshop focussed on your future. Learn the importance of succession planning accounting and wealth management in an agricultural context—Date TBC

### **Carbon Farming workshop**

Resource Consulting Services and Carbon Farmers of Australia will deliver a workshop that will identify the importance of carbon sequestration in soils, the role soil carbon plays in agriculture. Learn what carbon trading entails –17th May 2018



# Red Meat Integrity System



People who enjoy Australian beef, sheep meat or goat meat trust it is safe, ethically-produced and of high Quality. As a trusted product, Australian red meat is sold in more than 100 countries throughout the world. It is this trust that allows Australian livestock producers to stand by what they sell.

A system of food safety measures, quality assurance and traceability from paddock to plate guarantees the integrity of Australia's \$22.9 billion red meat industry.

Three industry owned elements of the system are:

- National Livestock Identification system (NLIS)
- Livestock Productions Assurance Program (LPA)
- LPA Vendor declarations (LPA NVD)

NLIS enhances Australia's ability to track livestock during disease and food incidents. It provides information through identification and traceability of livestock that underpins market access for Australian red meat globally.

LPA is an independently audited on-farm assurance program covering food safety, animal welfare and biosecurity. It provides evidence of livestock history and on-farm practices when transferring livestock through the value chain.

Producers declare this information on LPA NVD's,

which are required for any movement of stock to processors, saleyards or between properties if they have different Property Identification Codes (PIC's)

NLIS, LPA and LPA NVDs are complemented by off-farm food safety initiatives, which together build a culture of shared responsibility among all Australian livestock owners: one that acknowledges and embraces their role and reputation as suppliers of safe, ethically-produced and high-quality food.

The three elements of the red meat integrity system underpin the strong, profitable and prosperous long-term future of an industry that employs more than 200,000 people and makes a vital contribution to our national and regional economies



Country education local foundations across the country are run by community volunteers all with one thing in common. A passion for seeing rural and regional youth succeed.

Your local Country Education Foundation (CEF) Supports youth between 16-25 years through financial grants for education and employment expenses. Grants will contribute towards apprenticeships, traineeships, cadetships, diplomas, certificate level studies, University Qualifications or employment.

To apply for a grant create your profile on the CEF website and then follow the Grant tab

[www.cef.org.au/foundations/gwydir](http://www.cef.org.au/foundations/gwydir)





The Inverell Community Gardens now have our very own 'BYO shopping bag' so now you can help the planet and support the Gardens at the same time. We'd like to extend a big thank you to our generous sponsors who made this possible including Namoi Cotton, New England Chiropractic, Fernhill Wellbeing Centre, VitalHealth, Regional Australia Bank, Funki Munki, Northern Tablelands Local Land Services GWYMAC Landcare, McGregor Gourlay, Sapphire Wind Farm, Bamboo Yoga and Black Sheep Studio. You can purchase the bags through GWYMAC, Funki Munki or directly from the Gardens.

We had a great day at Eat Drink Live New England this year with our stall selling fresh produce and promoting the Gardens. Thank you to everyone who stopped by to say hi, it was wonderful to chat to everyone.

We were also very sad to say goodbye to one of our regular volunteers, Graham Gregory. Graham has literally moved mountains (of waste) and created some amazing compost for our market garden in the process. His generous donation of his time, knowledge, and skills helped our market garden project move ahead in leaps and bounds. So a special Thank You goes out to Graham, along with all our volunteers who give their time to make the Inverell Community Gardens a reality.



## Wettenhall ENVIRONMENT TRUST

The Small Environment Grant Scheme provides support for people undertaking projects that will make a positive difference to the natural living environment, in land, sea or air, rural or urban.

Wettenhall Environment Trust are looking for projects that cover flora and fauna conservation and threatened mammal conservation. Projects should involve any of the following: monitoring, recording and sharing data, delivering community education, providing community capacity building (e.g. training), research and science

There will be four grant opportunities a year, February, May, August and November Round one is now open.

[www.wettenhall.org.au](http://www.wettenhall.org.au)



In a unique project that combines our national game with our natural fibre, Australian woolgrowers are being invited to donate some of their wool to help create the next batch of Baggy Green caps as part of AWI's new Flock to Baggy Green project.

During this summer of cricket, the Flock to Baggy Green project welcomes woolgrowers to donate as little or as much raw wool as they wish (in a standard envelope) – see below for how to take part.

Wool from across Australia will be collected and processed into woven fabric to be donated as finished cloth to Cricket Australia in 12 months' time. Every woolgrower who provides wool will receive a sample of the finished fabric as a keepsake.

To take part, woolgrowers have until **Friday 30th-March** to send a sample of their wool, complete with their name, property, fibre diameter, telephone number and email address to: **Flock to Baggy Green c/- AWI GPO Box 4177, Sydney NSW 2001**



## 2018 Memberships are now due

# Gwymac Inc.



ANNUAL  
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL  
2018

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

POSTAL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TOWN \_\_\_\_\_ POSTCODE \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ MOBILE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF ENTERPRISE / INTERESTS: \_\_\_\_\_

LANDCARE GROUP: \_\_\_\_\_ \$5 per person \_\_\_\_\_

**GWYMAC LANDCARE Inverell is a NON PROFIT COMMUNITY OWNED  
ORGANISATION OPERATED BY A VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE  
And can therefore accept donations in addition to your membership**

### MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES

- Discounted rates on workshops & events
- Email updates
- **Early bird information on funding**
- Quarterly newsletters
- Access to Gwymac Landcare Resources
- Assistance with Funding submissions

**2018 Membership \$20.00 Entity/Family Due 31st January 2018**

**EFT:** Gwymac Inc.  
BSB: 932 000  
A/C: 728433  
Use surname as reference

**CHEQUE/CASH:** Please forward to  
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## Calendar

7th Feb	Masterman Range Landcare group meeting
9th Feb	Nullamanna Landcare group meeting
22 Feb	Swan Vale Landcare group meeting
4th Mar	Fauna at Five Corners workshop
6th Mar	South West Inverell Landcare group meeting
9th Mar	Ashford Landcare group meeting
23rd Mar	Ag n Chat

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