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1st, 2nd & 3rd for the Clarence at the Regional Landcare Awards

Bethany Van Haren Winner - Young Landcare Leader



On Friday 4th April the Northern Rivers Regional Landcare Awards were held at the South Grafton Ex Services Club. With well over one hundred guests from right across the Northern Rivers region. Each Landcare network was well represented with people coming from as far away as the Tweed, Tenterfield, Glenn Innes, Armidale and Port Macquarie.

The Awards were organised by the Northern Rivers Regional Landcare Network with support from the Northern Rivers Catchment Management Authority and Northern Rivers Environment Trust.

There were 12 categories including the Community Group Award, Coastcare Award, Indigenous Award and Innovation in Sustainable Farm Practices Award.

CVCIA second in the Community Group Award



CVCIA members Sharon Lehman, Deb Parkin, Laura and Kevin Noble, Mick Austin, Antony Van Haren and front Bethany Van

Nymboida Public School came third in the School Education Award from a field of 6 schools across the region, the schools that came equal first and second were all high schools, so for a small school of only 14 students this is great recognition for the teachers and community. Congratulations to all award winners and placegetters you are all inspiring!!



Nymboida Public School left to right Principal Trisha Harvey, previous Principal Peter Buckley and P&C President Vicki Frelander.

The Clarence faired very well in the awards against a very tough field from right across the region. Bethany Van Haren from the CVCIA won the Young Landcare Leader Award. Clarence Valley Conservation in Action Landcare, a group that is only 2 years old came second in the Community Group Award to the Orara Valley RiverCare Groups Management Committee. Which are a very strong committed group that has been operating for the past 14 years, congratulations to you all.

Nymboida Public School third in the School Education Award



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April 2011

9th April—CIA Family Toad Bust—Brooms Head

15th April— Clarence Coast and Estuary Kit available

21st April—Environmental Trust Education Grants Close

30th April—Rural Assistance Authority—Natural Disaster Relief Assistance—Recovery Grants—applications Due. www.raa.nsw.gov.au

May 2011

1st May— Landholder Cane Toad Management Field Day

4th May— Northern Rivers Sustainable Ag. Forum Maclean

19th May—Sustainable Grazing and Riparian Management Field Day—Romiaka Island

20th May—Environmental Trust Eco Schools Grants Close

June 2011

3rd June —Environmental Trust Protecting our Places Grants Close



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Funding opportunities

The Northern Rivers CMA runs a number of Incentive (grant) Programs during the year, designed to provide financial support for individual landholders and groups wishing to undertake NRM projects. These programs have clearly defined objectives and set selection criteria and to be eligible to apply projects must demonstrate that they fit within these specifications. Such programs are very popular and are often oversubscribed.

**This Grant Program will open soon !!!
So please keep checking the NRCMA web site.**

<http://www.northern.cma.nsw.gov.au/> There will be an information session run by the NRCMA in Grafton about these grants—most probably in the second week of May so please keep checking the website.

We will notify our email contact lists when we know more so if we don't have your email address please send it to us in the landcare office . Thanks Deb



Clarence Landcare

Sustainable Grazing and Riparian Management Field Day Romiaka Island Landcare Link Project



Clarence Landcare

A range of sustainable grazing and estuarine riparian management methods have been implemented on Romiaka Island (near Yamba). Protecting wetlands and native vegetation communities, better use of pastures (rotational grazing), protecting fish habitat, soil erosion control methods and tree planting are resulting in positive benefits for this 80ha property. Come along to the field day to see the results and there will also be opportunity to discuss how these and other management options could be planned on your property. Local landowners and land managers are encouraged to attend.

Date: Thursday 19th May 2011 from 10am to 12.00 pm
(lunch provided at conclusion of farm walk)

Where: Romiaka Island - 1200 Yamba Road, Yamba.

RSVP: by 12th May to Julie Mousley 66 435009 at Clarence Landcare

Numbers limited. Note : Due to the wet areas on the property— If we have too much rain we will have to postpone the field day so make sure you leave a phone number when you RSVP... please.



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Grant Submission Planning Workshop

The Grant Submission Planning Workshop was presented on Thursday 17th March by Julie Mousley and Debbie Repschlager both Natural Resource Management Community Support Officers with Clarence Landcare Inc.

Over the years we have run a number of funding opportunity workshops that focused on the many types of grants available, the types of projects they funded and their individual grant guidelines.

This is the first workshop of this style we have run with the aim of preparing participants with the knowledge they will need to have before they tackle their next, or in many cases their first grant submission.

Information covered in the workshop included the importance of not only thoroughly reading the grant guidelines, but insuring that each question you answer adheres to those guidelines.



Some of the Workshop participants Left to right: Barry Fletcher, Paddy McGuire, Tony Lydon, Chris Donnan and Craig Barlow listening intently to Julie's presentation

It is also important that your answers to the questions give a clear picture of what it is you are trying to achieve with your project submission, and this is true of not only the question section but is equally important to the budget section and to the project map.

When it comes to investing government funds in projects it needs to be evident that the project is well planned, the costings

are correct and the project is achievable in the given period.

If we use a fence as an example of part of a riparian protection project - don't just put 100 metres of fencing with a price but ensure that each component of the fence is itemised, make sure it is clear in your application answers what the fence is for and what environmental outcome it will achieve. You will need to outline who will put it up and what component of the fence (if any) are you contributing to as the landholder/ group.

It is also important to show that fence on the map of your project. The map needs to have a scale, a north arrow, show the property boundary and where each component of your project is on the property.

We received some good feedback about the workshop with 100% of participants agreeing that the workshop provided them with skills to assist in preparing a submission. Before the workshop only 8% of participants rated themselves as having good knowledge of grant writing and after the workshop 8% rated themselves as having excellent knowledge and 69% rated themselves as having good knowledge of grant writing.

By Debbie

TOAD LEATHER All proceeds go directly to raising funds for the CVCIA. For prices and more items go to http://cvcia.org.au/?page_id=57

Cane toad Leather Goods

From the beautiful,
to the ...(lets face it)

Macabre





Dazza used with permission by creator Andrew Silke.

Family night planned to help the CIA in Easter holidays!

Jump in with the kids and hop on to the CVCIA Landcare website to check the calendar as the CIA has planned a family toadbusting night in the Easter holidays.

“We desperately need help from the community to slow the spread of cane toads in some key areas”, said Sharon Lehman, CVCIA Landcare Coordinator.

“Kids make great toadbusters! They are close to the ground, have good eyes and are quick to pounce”.

The CIA has planned a toad bust night specifically for families at Brooms Head in the Easter holidays.

“Toadbusting is fun but unfortunately, the toads do not come out until dark”, said Ms Lehman, “but as daylight savings ends before Easter we can start earlier and the kids do not have to get up for school the next day!”

The CIA Family toad bust night is planned for Saturday 9th April at Brooms Head. Children must be accompanied by an adult, wear shoes and bring a torch. You must register with Sharon on 0411 020 394 or email sharon@cvcia.org.au so we can plan groups and notify you if the event has to be changed or cancelled.

If you are unable to attend this event, you are still welcome to join the CIA Landcare group and participate in future cane toad hunts. Visit www.cvcia.org.au to join or contact Sharon direct.

Information on how to collect cane toads yourself and appropriate humane disposal can be found on the CIA website.

Contact: Sharon Lehman
Mob: 0411 020 394; Hm: 6647 3477 Email: sharon@cvcia.org.au Web: www.cvcia.org.au



From small beginnings, so much impact. A newly hatched cane toad metamorph is toxic at all life stages. Sharon Lehman



Photo: Left to right– Benny, Selkie and Gabrielle Molloy of Angourie National Park at Angourie Coastcare’s Summer working bee .



Environmental Trust—GRANTS OPEN

The Environmental Trust is an independent statutory body established by the NSW government to support exceptional environmental projects that do not receive funds from the usual government sources. The Trust is empowered under the Environmental Trust Act 1998, and its main responsibility is to make and supervise the expenditure of grants. The Trust is administered by the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water (DECCW).

Call for applications 2011

Applications have now opened to the Eco Schools, Education and Protecting Our Places programs. The Trust is staggering the call for applications in 2011 and it is anticipated that the applications will open on the following dates:

Education (Community) Expression of Interest, Close 21 April 2011
The aim of the Education program is to support educational projects or programs that develop or widen the community's knowledge of, skills in, and commitment to protecting the environment and promoting sustainable behaviour.

Education (State and Local Government) Expression of Interest, Close 21 April 2011

Eco Schools Application close 20 May 2011
This program provides grants to schools to give them the opportunity to involve their students and community in developing and implementing environmental management projects.

Protecting Our Places Application, Close 3 June 2011
The aim of the program is to protect land that is culturally significant to Aboriginal people and to support education projects about the environment and its importance in Aboriginal life.

Restoration and Rehabilitation (Community) Application date to be confirmed

For more information click on this link
<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/envtrust.htm>

COASTAL GROUP WHIP AROUND

Angourie Community Coastcare

Members have been very active over the Summer months and the group have now completed the Spooky Beach road realignment, stair /beach access and erosion control works with assistance from Clarence Valley Council. Angourie Coastcare also hosted the first Dune Liaison Group meeting for this year at Angourie. A tree planting day was also held on Australia Day at the back beach restoration area with National Parks and Wildlife rangers providing local trees.

Contact Helen 66 461844

Welcome to Wooli Dunecare .

A new Dunecare group has been established at Wooli with the aim of working to restore dune areas with native vegetation. We welcome new members and look forward to hearing about your achievements—David and Len probably reckon that just getting the group up and running was a major one!

Contact David 66497046

Wooloweyah Landcare Group

Has started holding Wednesday working bees and Weed ID sessions for interested residents. They have a new secretary - Carolyn Jecklyn, Robyn Cumming is coordinator. Ros Woodward is Treasurer.

Contact Carolyn 66 458093

Macleay Landcare Group

Have been busy propagating native plants at the CVC Community Nursery at Townsend and with their bush rehabilitation project on the Lookout Hill at Maclean. The group hold working bees on Sundays (at the lookout) and Thursdays (at the community nursery).

Contact Wendy 0400517525

Yuraygir Landcare and Minnie Water Nursery

Will be hosting the next Dune Liaison Group meeting to be held at Minnie Water on 16th June. The meetings are held bi—monthly as a forum to share knowledge and enhance communication between public land managers and coastal community groups.

Yamba Landcare Group

Continue to work on Sundays (Turners/Whiting and Pippie Beach areas) and Wednesdays at the Clarence Estuary Nature Reserve. They are keen to get some new members as the coastal weeds are still growing after all the rain we have had.

Contact Jack 66 461223 or Barbara 66 461286

Iluka Landcare Group

Continue to work every Sunday morning 8—10 either at the Rainforest , the Iluka Nature Reserve or the Bluff. And Wednesday mornings at the bluff from 8—12

Contact - Kay 66 466712

Diggers Camp Dunecare

Continue with their weed control work and planting projects at Diggers Camp.

Contact - Lance 66 497878

Status of the Common (Indian) Myna

The Indian Myna is an introduced pest



The Common (or Indian) Myna was first introduced to Australia in Melbourne, 1862, to control insects in market gardens (and because they have an incredibly beautiful vocal range!).

Common Myna Distribution in Australia

The Common Mynas were introduced to Canberra in 1969 and have since spread to most of Eastern Australia and New Zealand. The spread of the Common Myna in the last 10 years is devastating. In the year 2000, the Common Myna was listed as one of the top 100 world's worst invasive species by the World Conservation Union (IUCN).

Common Mynas in the Clarence Valley

Common Mynas have been sighted in nearly every locality and town in the Clarence Valley.

We have native Noisy Miners that are not a problem in the Clarence





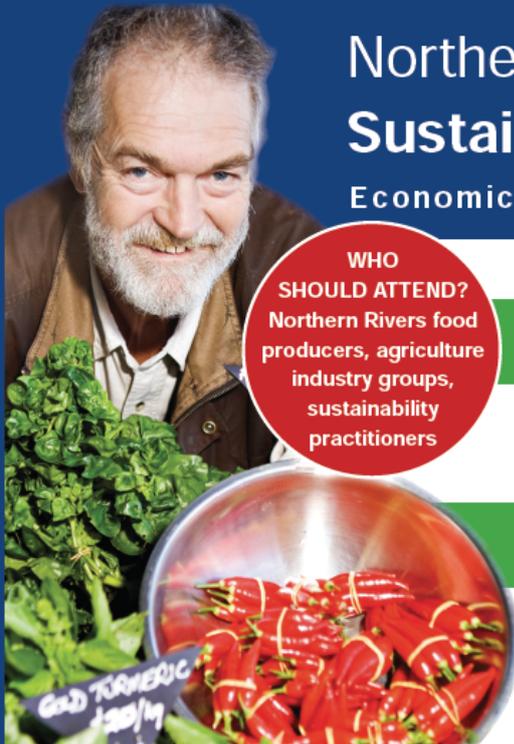
OUR NEW CLARENCE LANDCARE WEBSITE

<http://clarencelandcare.com.au/>

Clarence Landcare Inc. has a new website, with a heap of new information and links so please jump on and have a look, feedback welcome. If you find any information that is out of date or incorrect please let us know.

OUR LANDCARE GROUPS & MEMBERSHIP

We would like to have information on our website about our Landcare groups and Landcare Link members—the following page is an example of the information on the web template we would like from all groups. Please contact the Landcare office if you need a new Web Template form sent out.



Northern Rivers Sustainable Agriculture Forums

Economic | Social | Environmental | Solutions

Tues May 3 & Wed May 4, 2011

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?
Northern Rivers food producers, agriculture industry groups, sustainability practitioners

Making food production profitable in a changing climate

Key speakers
Greg Reid – Industry & Investment NSW
Stuart Larsson – Mara Seeds

Project showcases from Landcare and Industry & Investment

- Sustainable greenhouse production - Stephanie Alt
- Biological farming methods - Bob Jarman & Dave Forrest
- Sustainable grazing - Julie Mously
- Soil health for commercial food production - Claire Masters

be part of something special . . .

Murwillumbah Golf Club 3 May 2011 9am – 11.30am	Ballina Ballina Beach Resort 3 May 2011 3.30pm – 6pm	Casino Windara Function Centre 4 May 2011 9am – 11.30am	Maclean Services Club 4 May 2011 3.30pm – 6pm
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RSVP: 27 April, 2011 to events@northernriversfoodlinks.com.au
There is no charge to attend these events, however RSVP is essential for catering purposes
For more info visit www.northernriversfoodlinks.com.au or phone **0434 261 070**

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Featuring



Landcare Group: Sandon River Rate Payers Inc



Location

Sandon River Village is surrounded by Yuraygir National Park. Access is by four wheel drive from Minnie Waters along South Beach to the Village or from Brooms Head to Sandon River camp ground where access is by boat only.

Duration

The Bushcare group started in 2003

Description

Our groups main activity is weed control, maintenance and planting We rely on the expertise of National Park Officers and Clarence Valley Council. The direction provided is valuable to all members

The benefit is seeing the bush land surrounding the village returning to what many residents remember before the weeds were introduced.

Describe or List Projects

2003-2007

Sandon River Rate Payers and National Parks

Joint project to eliminate the Bitou on the headlands and South Beach. Helicopter spraying involved.

2003- 2007

Joint project with Clarence Valley Council and National Parks, to restore the rain forest that makes up part of the village green space.

NRM outcomes

Native plants are now growing in the areas once covered in weeds. This is attracting the Coastal emu and a variety of birds not seen for some time around the village. Our aim is to remove all environmental weeds and return the bush to a pristine state.

Funding Sources or Sponsors

Northern Rivers Catchment Management Authority

For further information

Sue Whitelaw 66467 137 or 0409664911

We are currently working in a new area close to one of the rocky headlands. The weed removal and some planting started in December 2009. We have funding to continue working on this site.

2010- 2012

Sandon River Rate Payers and National Parks

A project over two years to remove environmental weeds from the headland, river bank (south side) and two new areas close to the rain forest.



LAND FOR WILDLIFE

About the Program

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Significant natural and cultural features of the environment exist across the whole landscape. Joining Land for Wildlife is one way you can help conserve and manage wildlife on your property and contribute to the conservation of our unique Australian native plants and animals.

Land for Wildlife in New South Wales is co-ordinated by the Community Environment Network (CEN) in partnership with the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water (DECCW). The CEN works with interested local organisations who run local Land for Wildlife Programs. <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/cpp/landforwildlife.htm>



What is Land for Wildlife?

Land for Wildlife is a voluntary property registration scheme for landholders who wish to manage areas of wildlife habitat on their property.

Land for Wildlife encourages and assists landholders to include nature conservation along with other land management objectives.

Land for Wildlife is free to join and is not legally binding. Registration in the scheme will not change the legal status of a property.

Delivery of Land for Wildlife

In NSW, a community-based approach is taken for Land for Wildlife, with regional delivery carried out by non-government organisations, community groups and local councils. These regional arrangements are co-ordinated state wide by the Community Environment Network (CEN).

Regional delivery includes site assessments and advice on suggested management strategies and actions for the property support and encouragement for landholders to carry out nature conservation on their land.

What are the benefits for members?

Land for Wildlife supports people who want information about wildlife management on their property and provides opportunities for landholders to share their experiences with other landholders and partner organisations.



In the Clarence Valley

The land for wildlife program has been expanding across the Valley. We easily achieved our set goal of ten properties assessed by Christmas.

Properties registered are in the areas of Pillar Valley, Copmanhurst, Waterview, Chambigne, Woodford Island with others pending including Stockyard

Creek, Nymboida, Fineflower and another property at both Chambigne and Woodford Island.

Clarence Valley Council have recognised the benefit of Land for Wildlife and have funded a further ten registrations, to fill the breach until our next round of funding in July. This has entailed some further work from the Environment Centre, with Council's three beautiful coastal reserves, Diggers Headland, Wooli and Minnie Water undergoing flora surveys so they can also become registered Land for Wildlife zones.

Diggers Headland surveys have been completed. Minnie Water reserve is small and should be a straightforward job but Wooli will be a challenge with its variety of habitats, from freshwater and estuarine swamps, salt water rushlands, coastal heath, and dry to wet sclerophyll tracts.

The connective corridor being established across valuable bushland tracts in Pillar Valley is where the value of our program is fully realised. This area is of specific interest to National Parks because of its coastal emu population and proximity to Yuraygir National Park. Our progress is likely to gain a mention in the next edition of the *Wildlife Australia* bulletin.

Many members are keen to acquire nest-boxes for their properties. There are a few still available through the Community Environment Network, we have already distributed two dozen across various properties. This is not an unlimited supply, and they will quickly run out given the demand. The Environment Centre unfortunately doesn't have funds to pay for labour, but if anyone has unwanted materials such as exterior paint and suitable lumber that they would like to donate, we can probably arrange to have it picked up and made into boxes.

Patricia Edwards February 2011

Clarence Environment Centre,
Land for Wildlife Regional Provider
email : lfw.ccc@gmail.com



Common (Indian) Myna Bird Control Program in the Clarence Valley



Clarence Valley Council started an Indian Myna control program in 2007. EnviTE made the traps which were then distributed free to rate payers who were interested in Myna bird control. Due to lack of resources the records of these traps were somewhat out of date and so this program was passed on to Sharon our famous “canetoadler” and founder of CIA. Last year Clarence Valley Conservation in Action (CVCIA) became part of Clarence Valley Landcare Inc.

wait. In conjunction with the trap, we are encouraging the trapper to keep and care for a 'caller bird' in a separate cage as this entices the Mynas closer to the trap - increasing the trapping rate.

If you would like to participate in the program, please contact Laura on 66494712 or email mynas@cvcia.org.au.

PLEASE CAN YOU HELP? Help us locate traps that have become “lost” in the system. If you have a trap, whether you are actively trapping or not, or you know the whereabouts of any traps could you please contact Laura on 66494712 or email laura@cvcia.org.au.

We would also like cages for the ‘caller bird’. If you have a bird cage that you would be willing to donate, please call Pam on 66422682.

Please report large sightings of Indian Mynas and/or your monthly tallies of caught Mynas through the website www.cvcia.org.au or via email mynas@cvcia.org.au or via your Area Co-ordinators.

Article compliments of Laura Noble—CVCIA



Common Myna Trap with caller bird in the cage behind to attract the target birds.

The Council trap data is now being brought up to date. This is a long process but the trap Co-ordinator and her Area Co-ordinators (ACs) have confirmed the location of almost fifty traps. Most current trappers have been visited or at least been contacted and many traps which were in need of repair or were no longer in use have been recovered.

Traps are being repaired including making the traps more user friendly by eliminating many of the sharp bits of unfinished wire, and some improvements are being added such as roofs and/or shade cloth for shelter, perches and water/feeders. Most traps have been tagged so that they can be identified from now on.

There are many success stories, new trappers getting 4-10 in the first week but often it's a patient



CIA Myna Trap Coordinator, Laura Noble and friends running a Common Myna information stall recently at Halfway Creek Markets





Northern Rivers Food Links Project— Clarence Valley Sustainable Grazing

Clarence Landcare has received funding as part of a regional Sustainable Agriculture component of the Northern Rivers Food Links

Project. The Clarence Valley project is helping farmers to improve their management of grazing, soil health, pasture condition and sustainable management of natural resources. There are many ways to do this and depending on the type of livestock enterprise and location in the catchment, management needs are tailored for each property. Enhanced and improved management of water resources to improve both production capacity and environmental condition are being implemented at 3 farms.

- 1. 'Redbank' - Nymboida.** Improvements to water efficiency and livestock fencing to enable extension of grazing area and to enhance herd effect and pasture resilience.
- 2. 'Reilly's' - Clarenza.** Improving water quality; reduce and repair area of sediment & nutrient source on creek bank through installation of gravel stock watering point and plant trees for shade and shelter. Two compost trials on pasture to increase soil health and compare trial sites.
- 3. 'Baringal' - Cowper.** Improvements to fencing (rotational grazing) and stock watering points to alleviate grazing pressure on backswamp and wet area pastures. Trees for shade and shelter.

Implementing rotational grazing paddocks allows for pasture grasses to be rested which improves; pasture resilience to climatic conditions & soil moisture holding capacity (plant roots are able to grow deeper into the soil). This assists soil health in general and other benefits are achieved in the long term including better growth rates for livestock. Access to clean, reliable water for stock and relieving pressure from natural waterways contributes to sustainable water use.— Contact Julie Mousley for information about this project.



This project has been assisted by the New South Wales Government through its Environmental Trust.

COMPOST TEA

Simplifying Compost Tea Application in the Hastings Valley

Objective

We aim to save time, fuel and money whilst improving the soil, increasing agricultural productivity and improve awareness of biological farming methods by demonstrating and testing simplified and more cost effective methods of application of aerated compost tea.



Description

Two farms in the valley representing pastured beef and horticulture are experimenting with methods of applying aerated compost tea. The application of compost tea (containing live micro-organisms) to the soil can improve nutrient cycling, soil structure, water holding capacity and carbon content. To protect microbes from solar radiation and desiccation, compost tea is usually sprayed on at night or during the rain. We have modified existing farming equipment to apply compost tea during the day at the same time as routine farming jobs.

The equipment modifications are deliberately low-tech and inexpensive. The project collected and analysed biophysical data to test the hypothesis that there is no difference between: spraying compost tea on crops and pastures at night; and incorporating compost tea into routine farm operations during the day. **Click on the link to watch the story:**

<http://ps3beta.com/story/15728>

Story Courtesy of Hastings Landcare Website

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Contact and more information:

Trenayr Campus

p: 1800 677 331 e: nci.calm@tafensw.edu.au

Clarence Coast and Estuary Resource Kit
A Community Resource.
Available from 15th April

The aim of this community resource kit is to bring together much of the available information about the Clarence estuary into an easy to use guide with information and examples about how an estuary functions and how to care for the water catchment in which we live. Examples of how landowners, various organisations and local government agencies are tackling some of the land and water management issues around the estuary and floodplain are highlighted in Chapter 6 – Lessening the impacts.

If you have recently moved or already live in the Clarence Valley this community resource is designed to guide and encourage everyone to adopt practices at work and home that will minimise negative impacts on our coastal catchments.

Production of this publication has been made possible through the Australian Governments Caring for Our Country Program – Community Action Grants 2009/2010

Copies are available free to the public from Clarence Landcare office and from Clarence Valley Council offices. A pdf version will be posted our website.

The booklet will also be distributed to local schools and available at the Romiaka Island Field Day in May.

Landholder Cane Toad Management
Field Day

Sunday 1st May 2011 (10am—12pm)

Can cane toads be discouraged from breeding in farm dams, drainage channels and our natural wetlands? Good news—apparently they are lazy creatures and if there are enough native sedges and reeds around watercourses it makes it harder for them to breed. There are also other benefits that can be achieved through not having a mown edge to watercourses ,dams and drains. CVCIA Sharon Lehman and Clarence CSO Julie Mousley encourage any interested landowners or land managers who have or soon expect to have cane toads on their property to attend this field day. Demonstration of wetland plant types and their uses. RSVP to Clarence Landcare by Tuesday 19th April—66435009 details of location provided on the CVCIA and Clarence Landcare websites.



CANE TOAD
BLOG SPOT

Since the wet weather has been hampering our toading activities we decided on a new game plan - RAINCOATS !! We are now armed for all toading situations.

Wednesday night Mel and I headed out to Yamba to see what was out and about. The sewer works road was fruitful with many morphs popping up out of the grass into the light. The best toad of the night was on Middle Rd Palmers with a 330gm female bagged late in the night. In all we collected 49 toads that night.

Saturday night saw plenty of rain cancel the training session so we donned our raincoats and went out anyway. Mel, Julie and I did a lap of the Red Cliff area and came up with a whopping 315 toads which is a new record for us in one night.



Cane toads collected from Yuraygir National Park by CIA Vol Jo, Mel and Julie.

There were dozens of males in the water staking their patch to call in the ladies. We just put a dampener on their plans as they now have a one way ticket to Freezer Island. It was also lovely to see so much native frog spawn in many of the water holes and no toad spawn :) also a beautiful juvenile carpet python popped out of the bushes.
Cheers, Jo

P.S. We have caught 997 toads in 5 weeks guys – YAY!!
Article courtesy of CVCIA website



Visit the website.
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A Message from Committee and Staff.



Do we have your up to date email address? If you would like to receive information on grants, field days and information sessions between Newsletter issues please send us an email requesting we place you our **Newsletter email list**.

Please let us know how you would prefer to receive the Newsletter—Hard Copy in the mail or email link. Thanks Deb

This newsletter is produced by Clarence Landcare Inc. as part of our Community Support Program which is funded by the Caring for our Country and the Northern Rivers Catchment Management Authority