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Veg-ing Out in the Landcare Office

When the call went out for budding plant enthusiasts to brush up on their plant ID skills, the Landcare Office was quickly inundated with calls from willing participants so we put on two workshops (one in Grafton and the other at Wooloweyah).

The hands on workshops, attended by 17 people were run by Julie Mousley with the aim of getting people to become more familiar with recognising different plant parts and using the process of keying to arrive at correct identification of a plant species.

When you are working on weed control it's very important to be able to correctly identify which is a weed or a local native species as some of the plants can look a bit

alike to the untrained eye, especially when they are not flowering. Also, for revegetation projects we need to plant the right species to replace weed species in a local area so knowing what is there in the first place is a big advantage when planning any work.

The workshops also introduced the 'tools'the right books to use, people and places to go to for help in identifying plants, hand lenses, internet websites

and how to collect a sample for identification purposes. We also covered information about Endangered Ecological Communities that are found in the Clarence Valley and had a photo slide show of some of the local plants likely to be found in the Clarence Valley.

Following on from the workshop, several people expressed an interest in furthering their skills with a field day to continue their new found enthusiasm for plant ID and some have been sending in properly collected samples for identification.

"To Julie, Thanks so much for the workshop today. Grant and both I enjoyed it and we learned a lot. Grant went straight over to Spooky Gully and dug out a vine (weed—you identified) that had been bothering him" all the best Imelda [6/03/2010 by email]



Julie Mousley (left) explaining the finer points of plant identification to Natasha Jansons and Jim Scott



Marie Howlett, Ros Woodward and Laura & Kevin Noble practice identifying plant samples.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March 2010

17th March—Recreation Fishing Grants Due

18th March Thursday—Lantana Biological Control Training Workshop— Alstonville

22nd March Monday—Sustainable Grazing Workshop—Richmond Catchment

26th March Friday—Whiteman Creek Field Day
Rsvp 20th March

26th March Friday—Conservation Grants due

April 2010

15th April—Caring For Our Country applications Due

17th April Saturday—Clarence Landcare General Meeting RSVP 12/04/10

23rd April—Clarence Community Initiatives Due

May 2010

13th May Thursday— Fish & River Workshop
Nymboida Coaching Station

Fish & River Workshop

Thursday May 13th 2010
Nymboida Coaching Station

The Workshop will Showcase

- The Clarence Fish Track Project
- The Nymboida River Project—Currently implementing 'year 4 on ground works', and will explore
- Best Management Practices for upper and Lower Catchment Rivers



Nymboida River—Reach 1 (Between The Junction and Pollack Bridge)

More details will be emailed so if we don't have your email please inform us or ring to register an interest in the workshop and we will mail you further information.



Notice of the

April 2010 Clarence Landcare Inc. General Meeting



To be Held at the **Minnie Water Nursery** on

Saturday 17th April 2010



Dennis looking at the dunes

10 am start - 12.00 Noon—Morning Tea Provided

Dennis Milne—Yuraygir Landcare member and Minnie Water Community Nursery Coordinator will give a talk about the Nursery, propagation and seed dormancy. We will have a look around the Nursery and Dennis will also give a brief talk about Yuraygir Landcare.

Sharon Lehman—Clarence Valley Community in Action founder and Director will give a presentation about what the CIA has achieved in the last 12 months or so and what she has planned for the future.



Please RSVP to the Landcare Office by Monday the 12th of April 2010

Volunteers are needed to help out in the Nursery in the future, so this is your opportunity to come and see how much you can learn about plant propagation, coordinating a community project and doing something hands on and tangible for the local environment....see you there





COASTAL NEWS



Small Grants Make A Big Difference

Safety and Promotion

At the December Dune Liaison Group Meeting coastal community groups working on Clarence Valley Council managed lands expressed a need for safety and promotional items to assist them in both promoting the work of volunteers and make them more recognisable to the general public when they are working.

This led to Clarence Landcare seeking a small grant from the council to assist these groups. Thanks to this small grant, three groups have now received an A-Frame sandwich style board with their group name, Landcare logo, CVC logo and a blackboard on both sides to display meeting times and messages..all good for promotion. On the safety side, 50 fluoro vests with Landcare logo on them have been distributed to six active coastal groups.

The vests help identify volunteers as well as add to their safety when working near roadsides or in the bush. A new 3m x 3m Shade Shelter has also been purchased and is available to the coastal groups for their shared use at markets, events, field days and displays. Groups will need to book the shelter and sign the register when taking or returning it so we can keep track of where it is. At this stage, the shelter is held at the CVC Depot in Maclean. Contact the Landcare Office to book the shelter.

Pathology Group Gives Coastal Carer's a Helping Hand

Yamba Landcare will be hosting a planting day on **Sunday 16th May at Yamba** in conjunction with **Sullivan & Nicolaides Pathology staff** from Maclean, Yamba & Grafton . Sullivan & Nicolaides are providing materials for a Landcare project through a small grant to the Yamba Group. Maclean Landcare are helping to get a suitable range of coastal plants ready at the Community Nursery for the planting day as well. This has come about as part of the S & N Corporate Environment program in 2010 to work with Landcare and has been made possible through Landcare Queensland linking with Clarence Landcare to raise awareness of the need for more volunteers to work on the coast.



Angourie Coastcare & Residents

Tackle Storm Damage



You would think that the May 2009 flood and storm surges on the coast were a distant memory but the ongoing problems that have resulted are still being dealt with by councils and coastal volunteers up and down the coastnot to mention the fires at Wooli and Brooms Head because that's another storm story!

Community Groups in Angourie have been working with the Clarence Valley Council to repair storm damage to the Spooky Beach stairs and road which were badly damaged after the big storms in May last year. Angourie residents and the Coastcare Group have contributed to the repair through planting for erosion control and on going maintenance of the plantings and weed control. More recently, volunteers have started work on Spooky Gully to desilt the Frog Bog Pond and other areas of the gully which have been damaged by large storm events and lots of rain contributing to run off erosion in parts of the gully. A small grant via the NRCMA storm damage relief fund for coastal areas is helping volunteers get this work underway. Volunteers of Angourie Coastcare Group have also been working on the restoration of the Littoral Rainforest to the north of Spooky Gully over the past year.

by NRM Community Support Officer Julie Mousley



Sustainable Grazing

You are invited to attend a training workshop to introduce the Northern Rivers CMA Sustainable Grazing Management of Coastal Floodplain Landscapes Project.

During the workshop you will be introduced to a range of new concepts in sustainable grazing management and learn to use eGraze™ which is a new computer program developed by Judi Earl and Lewis Kahn of AIMS to help develop grazing plans and calculate pasture performance.

At the workshop you will learn how to use eGraze including setting up your property and grazing records. You will learn how to use eGraze to develop grazing plans and determine pasture growth rate, stocking rate and other important indicators of pasture performance. During the afternoon we will visit a local property and measure pasture herbage mass using the method developed by Lewis & Judi.

***The workshop will be held at the
Dungarubba Hall on***

Monday 22nd March from 9:00am till 3:00pm.

***Bring your own lunch - Morning tea will be
provided.***

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BROCHURES AVAILABLE in the Clarence Landcare Office. There are a number of courses being held in GRAFTON

Lantana Biological Control



Training Workshop

Location: Conference Room, NSW Centre for Tropical Horticulture, 494 Bruxner Highway, Alstonville.

Date: Thursday 18th March 2010

Training workshop will be presented by

Royce Holtkamp, State Coordinator Weed Biological Control, Primary Industries Biosecurity Branch, Industry & Investment NSW and Peter Turner, Weed Ecologist, Pest Management Unit, Department of Environment, Climate Change & Water

Workshop Program

9:00 Introduction (discuss aims, objectives and program, also provide chance for field officers to provide feedback on release sites etc). Display database on screen.

9:30 Discuss release methods (provide handout and answer questions). Emphasise feedback to NSW and QLD DEEDI to capture details etc. Brief discussion on monitoring of release sites including new monitoring forms.

10:00 Update on lantana as a Weed of National Significance and new lantana control manual. Kym Johnson, National Lantana WONS Coordinator.

10:30 Morning Tea

10:45 Visit field site where the rust is confirmed and relatively easy to find. Participants to look for rust.

11:45 Visit field site where rust has not been released and its presence there is unknown. Participants to look for rust.

12:15 Demonstration of rust release technique. Rust will be available for participants to take back for release.

12:30 Close of formal workshop. There will be opportunities for further site inspections should participants require.

**To Register please contact Royce Holtkamp
on (02) 9585 6548**





TOAD OPERATIONS AREA MISSION REPORTS

2010 Mission Reports

12/02/10 - Mororo

We returned to Mororo not expecting to top last Friday and we did not, but 265 toads is not to be sneezed at! One of the best things about going toading is seeing so many cool native animals and the awesome stars. We found this little cutie (Peron's Tree Frog) at Bob's place on Banana Rd.



The CIA have now picked up over 3,000 toads this season already. Thank you to everyone.

05/02/10 - Woombah & Mororo

This was a massive night. We have hit peak season and the rains have come. 16 volunteers scoured Woombah, Lewis Lane and Banana Rd and picked up a whopping 883 cane toads in one night.

22/01/10 - Palmers Island

Eight volunteers turned up to spend a night with the amazing Russell Jago who is contracted by NPWS to pick up cane toads. Russell has been begging for help from the community for years so he was absolutely chuffed to find us waiting for him (OK, I was late, as usual, but some of the CIA vols were there to meet him!).

It was still very dry and we only bagged 102 toads, but saw 2 ringtail possums and set up some good landholder relations. This area is crying out for attention.

19/12/09 - Micalo Island - West

We were able to visit a few new dams and found a very large female and male at the Western point of Micalo. I had them both in one hand and the male instantly grasped the female in amplexus - it was difficult to part them! True love. Can you pick the male and female?



Article courtesy of
the CIA Website
Toad Operations
Mission Reports

Visit the website.
www.cvcia.org.au



Funding Success for
Clarence Landcare Inc.



CARING
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Community Action Grant for Clarence Landcare

Clarence Landcare has been successful in gaining a grant through the Caring For Our Country Program to produce a Clarence Coast & Estuary Resource Kit. Part of the grant also provides for tree planting and fencing on Romiaka Island and an Estuary Field Day. Julie Mousley will be managing this project.

Northern Rivers CMA Biodiversity Grants

Clarence Landcare Inc were successful in two grant applications with the Northern Rivers Catchment Management Authorities Biodiversity Grants.

The Whiteman Creek Project was successful and is now well underway. Sue Moore is managing this one.

The Nymboida River Project, under the 'large project' category was ranked second in the region. Not all of the funds we applied for were granted however we are happy that work will soon continue on the riverbank. Contracts are being signed now and work will be underway shortly. Debbie Repschlager is managing this project.



New Dung Beetle Express Website

www.dungbeetles.org.au

The Northern Tablelands Dung Beetle Express has a new website address and a new look webpage. There are now more Resources to download and a new Links page. As well as the Harvest and Release Protocols and School's Kit, you can now download all of our information pamphlets and the old newsletters. There is information on the Benefits of Dung Beetles, Dung Beetle Biology and how to Minimise Chemical Impacts on dung beetles, as well as Links to many sites with information about dung beetles and current and historical dung beetle projects.



Donations from



Applications for donations under the **COMMUNITY INITIATIVES PROGRAM** **2010/2011**

are now being accepted.

Not-for-profit community organisations may apply for a donation from Council in the 2010/2011 financial year.

Applications must be received by **23 April 2010** for consideration at Council's June meeting.

Guidelines and Application forms are available from Council's Grafton and Maclean offices, downloaded from Council's website www.clarence.nsw.gov.au, or by contacting either Philip Rose or Tina Bultitude on 6643 0200.



Foundation for National Parks & Wildlife - Conservation Grants Program - Closes 26 March 2010

Grant: Foundation for National Parks & Wildlife - Conservation Grants Program

Funding: Grant amounts vary greatly, however most range from \$5,000 to \$20,000.

Closing Date: **26 March 2010**

Purpose: to assist the public caretakers of Australia's reserve system in the protection of our native species, habitats, landscapes and cultural heritage.

For examples of successful projects go to the Foundations website <http://www.fnpw.org.au/OurProjects/proj1OURPROJECTS.htm>

For further information: Contact Leonie Gale, CEO, FNPW Phone: 02 9221 1949 or Email lgale@fnpw.com.au or visit the Foundations website at <http://www.fnpw.org.au/index.htm>

NSW Recreational Fishing Trust Small Grant

The Department of Industry & Investment NSW is calling for applications for funding from the Recreational Fishing Trusts for projects that improve recreational fishing in NSW.

Anyone can apply for funding from the Recreational Fishing Trusts, including fishing clubs and organisations, universities, councils, community groups, individuals and so on. Joint applications are also encouraged.

Funding applications must relate to the improvement of recreational fishing. Priorities for funding from the Trusts Funds include:

- ⑥ recreational fisheries enhancement
- ⑥ angler education and information
- ⑥ research on recreational fishing
- ⑥ recreational fisheries access and facilities
- ⑥ recreational fisheries sustainability

For more information phone 02 9527 8411 or email recreational.fishingtrust@industry.nsw.gov.au The application form and information kit are on the website at

<http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/recreational/licence-fee/apply-for-funds>
Applications close 17 March

Junior Landcare Grants 2010 GRANT ROUNDS

Round 2- 5pm Friday 14th May
Round 3- 5pm Friday 6th Aug

For more information visit
www.juniorlandcare.com.au or
email
groups@landcareaustralia.com.au

Water for the Future Funding

The Water for the Future program - National Rainwater (**closing date 31 March 2014**) & Greywater Initiative (**closing date 31 January 2010**). Managed by the Department of Environment, Water, Heritage & the Arts, further details can be accessed at www.environment.gov.au/water/programs/index.html





CARING
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The 2010 /2011 Caring for our Country Business Plan

In 2008 the Australian government announced the Caring for our Country five year outcomes and released the first Caring for our Country Business Plan. Detailed short term targets are identified in each annual business plan, setting out the key elements necessary to meet the five year outcomes. In the 2010–11 Business Plan investment proposals are invited through the open call for projects ranging from \$20 000 to \$1.5million. The Plan is available now at

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

Applications close 15 April 2010.

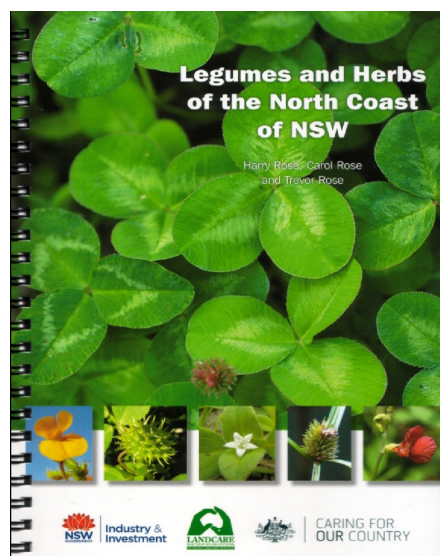
Community Action Grants (\$5,000 to \$20,000) are anticipated to open in July 2010.

Applications will be invited from environmental, Indigenous, Landcare, Coastcare and Sustainable Agriculture groups for a broad range of activities that will contribute to Caring for our Country national priorities.

Ag Health & Safety Tool Kit

The Australian Centre for Agricultural Health & Safety (ACAHS) has released a "Farm and Rural Health Toolkit" for landholders. The toolkit is available free of charge from ACAHS in Moree on 02 6752 8210. Supported by the University of Sydney and Hunter New England Health, the centre's website has free downloads covering guidelines and resources to improve farm safety including checklists and templates.

Go to: www.aghealth.org.au



by Harry ,Carol & Trevor Rose

Due to an editing error the incorrect photo was placed on Page 66.

Please call in to the Landcare Office to pick up your sticker if we have given you one of these books. If you have attended a Plant ID workshop recently and we have your address we can post it to you or phone us to arrange a

Stick over

RED-FLOWERED MALLOW This Way Up



Australian Landcare On-Line publication

After 13 years of publishing in hard copy, Rural Press has changed the format of the Landcare magazine to a full online publication making it accessible to everyone (who has internet access). The publication will be available quarterly and landcarers are encouraged to submit articles on Landcare farming trials and natural resource improvements.

Visit www.australianlandcaremagazine.com.au to view the entire edition free of charge.





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A Message from Committee and Staff.

REMINDER:

Landcare Group Insurance is all due on the 1st April so keep your eye out for our renewal letters.

Do we have your 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

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