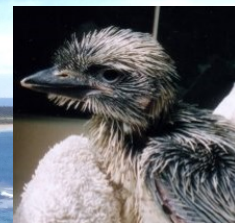




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Find us on Facebook—[Clarence Landcare Inc - Grafton, New South ... - Facebook](#)

### FINAL CALL for Expressions of interest for Tree Planting

Are you a landholder who is Interested in undertaking tree planting on your property in 2016 or 2017... If so please contact us at Clarence Landcare to obtain our Tree Planting Expression of Interest Form.

Even if you have already completed an expression of interest for potential funding previously, please contact our office again to let us know if you are still interested in planting trees.

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### LANDCARE FUN ON THE LOWER CLARENCE!

Clarence Landcare is planning a series of events to celebrate Landcare participation by our down river and coastal groups. We also hope to get some new members! Participating groups include Maclean, Yuraygir, and Yamba. Yamba Landcarers could invite themselves and their friends along to the **FARMERS MARKET** at **Whiting Beach on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September.**

Clarence Landcare representatives Alastair Maple and Peter “Bondy” Bond will be there extolling the wonders of Landcare. There’ll be sessions on plant propagation and PLANT PRIZE GIVE-AWAYS for people who fill a Yamba Market eco-bag with rubbish collected on the beach. So see you at the Yamba Farmers Market! Look at the Clarence Landcare website and Facebook pages for further news of Landcare Fun.

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### OPEN NOW—Jim Knight Memorial Landcare Award for Individual Landcarer in the Clarence Valley

Follow this link <http://www.clarencelandcare.com.au/wp-content/Brochures/nominationformjimknightmemorialaward2015.pdf>

OPEN NOW—ANNUAL NSW COASTAL MANAGEMENT AWARDS 2015 follow this link for guidelines and application form <http://www.coastalconference.com/>

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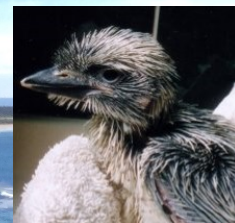
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### Conferences & Workshops

#### **12TH & 13TH September—ANNUAL COASTAL EMU SURVEY**

Yuraygir National Park , Clarence Valley Coastal Townships, Bundjalung & Bungawalbin National Parks—to register your interest **contact GINA Hart on 026641-1521 or [gina.hart@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:gina.hart@environment.nsw.gov.au)**

**6th to 8th November - National Biological Farming Conference and Expo 2015**  
In celebration of international year of soil—Lismore . Note early bird registrations close 1st September, 2015.

To register go to <http://www.soilcare.org/national-biological-farming-conference-and-expo-2015.html>

**11-13 November 2015—24TH NSW COASTAL CONFERENCE 2015—FORSTER NSW** —Follow this link for further info: <http://www.coastalconference.com/>

**28th November, 2015—Clarence Landcare Annual General Meeting, social gathering and local landcare awards presentation at the CLARENCE GORGE....** Follow this link for further information. [http://www.clarencelandcare.com.au/wp-content/Brochures/AGM 2015](http://www.clarencelandcare.com.au/wp-content/Brochures/AGM%2015)

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### **NEW STATE STRATEGY TO MANAGE INVASIVE SPECIES**

Landholders and the community are being asked to provide feedback on the new Invasive species plan for 2015 to 2022, your feedback is important because it will help guide future investment in invasive species management.

DRAFT VERSION 2 IS now out for public comment.  
For further information go to [www.weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au](http://www.weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au)  
or email address for comments – its: [invasive.species@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:invasive.species@dpi.nsw.gov.au)

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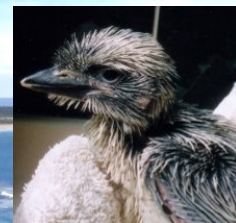
### **STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS— LANDCARE NSW and LOCAL LAND SERVICES**

To further strengthen the partnership between Local Land Services and Landcare NSW the two abovementioned organisations have now entered into a state wide Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) this was signed off by Chair of Landcare NSW Mr Rob Dulhunty and Chair of Chairs Local Land Services NSW Mrs Alex Anthony at the Landcare Conference held in Orange NSW. The MOU signals a great start to a long term partnership for the future.

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### LANDCARE SUPPORT PROGRAM

Landcare NSW has been working hard to make sure that the State Government delivers its promised commitment to Landcare. At last weeks State Landcare Forum the Minister announced that the Landcare Support Program is set to be in place by January 2016. To initiate this program into action a new position has been developed and advertised on Jobs NSW for Landcare Program Support Manager. <http://www.jobs.nsw.gov.au/job/manager-nsw-landcare-program-3961>

Along with this program 60 Landcare Coordinator positions across the state will be engaged to work with communities throughout NSW. Application for these positions will be through a regional tendering process. To find out more about this exciting news go to <http://www.landcarensw.org.au/news-details.php?nid=34>

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### Review of Native Vegetation Act 2003, Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995, Nature Conservation Trust Act 2001 and those parts of the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 relating to private land conservation and native plants and animals.

A recent announcement by the NSW Government stated it would adopt all 43 recommendations of the Independent Biodiversity Legislation Review Panel's Report. Follow this link to find out further information <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/biodiversitylegislation/review.htm>

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### Feral Animal Scan

Have you seen a Wild Dog, Fox, Camel, Pig, Fish, Goat, Rabbit - use the community website that allows you to map sightings of feral animals, impacts and control activities in your local area.. Use of the mobile mapping facility enables you to record sightings using your mobile phone quickly in the field. Visit this page for further information.

<http://www.feralscan.org.au/>

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### Feral Photos

Have you got a great photo of feral animals, you could win a prize by sending your special photo to feral photos competition, they also accept remote camera photos. You can enter up to five images. But hurry because completion closes 30th September, 2015. Follow this link for further information and don't forget to read the terms and conditions. <http://www.invasiveanimals.com/feral-photos/>





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## FREE WEED IDENTIFICATION FOR BRUSHGROVE & ULMARRA RESIDENTS

Clarence Valley Council is offering free weed identification and information for residents in Brushgrove & Ulmarra in October.

Council Officers will be door knocking landholders and will be targeting (Erythrina crista-galli) Cockspur Coral Tree and other high priority weeds such as camphor laurel, privet, and cat's claw creeper.

Environmental weeds such as (Erythrina crista-galli) Cockspur Coral Tree have the potential to form dense stands and exclude native vegetation and stock. Cockspur Coral Trees reproduce by seed and can also grow just by the branches and pieces of stem that break off and then take root wherever they fall. The seed pods, seeds and broken branches are carried by floodwaters into farmland and natural areas where germination occurs. It can also be spread by dumped garden waste.

For more information please contact Council on 6641 7353.  
Supported by the Norman Wettenhall Foundation.

(Photo below : Cockspur Coral Tree (*Erythrina crista-galli*))

**Watch this space for more information**

**next issue on the Genus Erythrina**



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