

Harden Murrumburrah Landcare Group Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 17 April, 2013 - Harden Country Club 9.00 AM - 10.30 AM

TOPIC: Results of the Variable pH mapping project in Harden, how we can use this information/technology -

(Total Carbon results for the 78 sites in this project giving us an indication of base Total Carbon readings in this region)

Storing Soil Carbon-is it possible? sort of?

SPEAKER: Susan Orgill is a Soil Carbon Research Officer with NSW DPI, Wagga Wagga Agricultural Research Institute.

Susan has worked on a range of soil health projects with NSW DPI since 2005. She is currently finishing her PhD researching the influence of environmental and land management factors on soil carbon under perennial pastures in southern NSW. Susan works on a range of soil carbon research projects; investigating the potential to sequester carbon in soils, the role of perennial forage crops in mixed cropping systems to sequester carbon to depth. Susan's talk will cover the benefits of soil carbon for soil health, attempt to assess the \$ value of soil carbon for production and the Carbon Farming Initiative. Susan will include an overview of a talk prepared with her colleague Mark Conyers; "Storing Soil Carbon, is it possible" (presented at the Stubble forum in February)

Susan has reviewed the data/soil test results and paddock variability for the Variable pH mapping project undertaken late last year and will present the trends and what use this technology maybe for landholders in our area.

Please support your Landcare committees by attending these meetings

BINALONG LANDCARE GROUP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - BINALONG HALL SUPPER ROOM

MONDAY 15 APRIL 2013, 7.30PM

Members and guests are invited to attend the 2013 AGM. We have some exciting projects to report on and great plans for the year ahead. We will also be screening a video featuring the science communicator, Professor Julian Cribb who speaks about the research he undertook for his latest book, *"The Coming Famine"*. This is, as Ecos Magazine reported, "why he is one of Australia's most accomplished and intelligent science communicators".

We will update you on current areas of interest such as the Galong Mine, Yass Wind Farms, etc. This is an opportunity for you to become involved in some of these projects or suggest areas where we might contribute to some of your on-farm challenges.

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Prograze Group has just commenced -Session 2 Garangula Workshop
Tuesday 9th April (9-00am)

Please give me a call if you would like to join this group

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The 2013 Murrumbidgee Regional Landcare Awards, to recognise the individuals, community groups, schools and councils that are significantly changing our landscape for the better.

The Murrumbidgee Regional Landcare Awards are an opportunity for the community to recognise the commitment and hard work of Landcarers across the catchment, The community as a whole benefits greatly from the efforts of many individuals and groups, often on a voluntary basis, and the Awards provide the opportunity for their contribution to be duly recognised.”

The categories for the 2013 Murrumbidgee Regional Landcare Awards are:

- Individual Landcarer Award
- Natural Resource Management (NRM) Award
- Innovation in Sustainable Farm Practices Award
- Local Landcare Facilitator/Coordinator Award
- Landcare Community Group Award
- Education Award
- Urban Landcare Award
- Indigenous Award
- Young Landcare Leader Award
- Local Government Landcare Partnership Award

Nominees are not required to be affiliated with a Landcare group, as the awards are an opportunity to recognise people from all sectors of the catchment who are making a positive difference to our environment. Winners from the 2013 Murrumbidgee Regional Landcare Awards will be then nominated for the 2013 NSW Landcare Awards.

Nomination forms, judging criteria along with additional information is available from the Murrumbidgee CMA web site www.murrumbidgee.cma.nsw.gov.au.

Murrumbidgee Regional Landcare Awards Nominations close 5pm Friday, 26 April 2013 with the winners announced World Environment Day, Wednesday 5 June 2013.

Please consider nominating or nominate someone you consider a worthy applicant, I am very happy to assist with the nomination form.

The Murrumbidgee Catchment Management Authority (CMA) is calling for entries in the **2013 Bidgee From Behind the Lens Photographic Competition**. The competition, which is now in its fifth year, offers great prizes across Primary Student, Secondary Student, Open Amateur, Professional and People’s Choice (awarded via public votes on Facebook) categories. Winners have also traditionally had their prized photographs published in a range of Murrumbidgee CMA marketing materials.

This year’s theme is *Footprints Across the Murrumbidgee* which represents the connection resilient communities have with the unique landscapes that form the catchment. Murrumbidgee CMA invites the community to provide images depicting human and environment footprints across the catchment, capturing the past, present and future.

Photographs must be recent (within the last 12 months) and taken within the Murrumbidgee catchment. Only digital entries will be accepted. Competition terms and conditions and entry forms are available by clicking the links below. Entries close 5.00 pm Friday 10 May 2013.

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