

HARDEN MURRUMBURRAH & BINALONG LANDCARE GROUP

ANNUAL GENERAL DINNER MEETING

7.00PM ROYAL TARA, BINALONG

FRIDAY 20 MARCH, 1998

COST \$30/HEAD

BYOG- Soft drinks available

GUEST SPEAKER: COLIN MUNRO

ABC Manager liaison & Resources - Regional services, President of Aust. Council of Agricultural Journalist & Deputy Chair, Stockman's Hall of Fame.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL - Direct to Tom Duffy, Royal Tara 026 2274310 (16/3/98)

Book early as numbers will be limited to 100

The Binalong Group will hold a formal AGM commencing at 6.00 at the Royal Tara. Harden Murrumburrah Landcare Group will call for nominations to the committee and election of office bearers will take place 16 April, 1998.

HMLG at the CROSSROADS - *So much we should do, only so much we can do.*

Have your say on what HMLG priorities will be for 1998, 3 years hence, 5 years and on. We've done a great deal already. Should we continue to spread our effort on pastures, salinity, thistles, farm finance, Government liaison etc.?????

Some members will be randomly selected for a telephone survey to be completed within the next few weeks. Your feedback is very important, if you get a call, please take the time to express your thoughts. If you don't get a call, but want to have your say on future direction, once the phoning is completed there will be a facilitated planning workshop on a date to be set. Strong representation from each catchment is important. If you have views about the priorities, please register your interest with me asap.

NATURAL HERITAGE TRUST

Funding time again - NHT and all other Government funding applications (Saltaction, Rivercare) close on 6 March, 1998. The HMLG Executive meet on 19 February to discuss applications, if you have a project you would like considered for funding please attend this meeting with an outline of the proposed project. Each project is individually assessed and should reach key outcomes set out as:-

Environmental; Biodiversity conservation and improved long-term protection and management of environmental resources, including native vegetation, ecosystems and endangered species.

Sustainable production; maintenance and improvement of the sustainable productive capacity of Australia's environmental and natural resource base.

People; a community empowered to invest in and take responsibility for ecological sustainable management

HARDEN SHIRE COUNCIL PROUDLY SUPPORTS HARDEN MURRUMBURRAH LANDCARE GROUP

Integrated, co-operative and strategic approaches to investment in ecologically sustainable management of land and water resources and environments.

AGROFORESTRY TRIAL SITES BEING SORT

State Forests are looking for landowners to take part in a trial to access if commercial pine forests can be grown in areas receiving less than 700mms. Forestry will provide trees and assist with management of site with farmers providing land and some labour, a profit share arrangement at the end of approximately 20/30 years when timber ready for sale. The site needs to be min. 20ha, not overly rocky, well drained soil of at least 50cm depth and within 100km of Tumut or Wagga.

1998 TREE ORDERS

HMLG has organised a bulk order with Jayfields Nursery again this year. Would you please order your seedlings direct from Noel Passalacqua on 0260 367235, definite orders need to be placed end of February, 1998 for August delivery and please state they are part of the HMLG order. Those requiring the orange juice cartons and stakes, order with Neil McColl (0263 867210) - cost 12c/carton and 12c/stakes.

1997 DATABASE FORMS

Would participants please return their forms as soon as possible, the Committee has arranged for Charles Kidd, IAMA Research Scientist to analyse the data, last year and this year in an effort to get a much more meaningful report to members. We would like to have a report back to members in April which means I need all information by mid February.

DRUM RECYCLING - Drums that can be recycled are listed below ***please do not leave*** any drums that are ***NOT*** on this list (it is not fair to expect others to dispose of your unwanted drums as the carrier will not take them, while the Landcare group is assisting you dispose of some drums they are your responsibility) in the mesh bins behind Wesfarmers/Dalgety -Kennett

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Monsanto	Roundup, Turbo	(cube shape only)
Nufarm	Glyphosate,	(cube shape only, 63mm neck)
CIBA Geigy	Gesatop, Gesaprim, Cotoran, Cotogard, Gesagard	(cube shape)
Farmoz	Wipeout, Simazine, Fluometuron, Prometryn, Promo-mix	(cube shape)
Agrevo	Basta	(cube with lift handle)
Aartfern	Simazine, Atrazine, wetting agent, Trycol.	(cube shape)

It is essential that these drums are triple rinsed prior to leaving at Kennetts.

MURRUMBIDGEE CATCHMENT ACTION PLAN - Meeting to be held in Harden at the Murrumburrah Court on Tuesday 17 March commencing at 9.30am or Jugiong on Monday 16 March at the Memorial Hall commencing at 2.30pm.

The Murrumbidgee Catchment Management Committee is seeking community comment on this Action Plan which will become the Blueprint for the future management of the Catchment. The Plan identifies and describes key issues affecting natural resources in the Catchment. Many groups and individuals are successfully contributing to the welfare of the Catchment it is essential that this continues. The Action Plan addresses issues beyond the 'farm gate' but it is necessary that the 'farm gate' level contributes to the success of a holistic approach

BINALONG CATCHMENT PLAN - Maps and a report are now with the Binalong Group if you are a participant and have not received a copy for comment within the next two weeks please call George Elliot.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for further information on any of the above or other landcare matters. Anyone who was unable to attend the Emerging Opportunities in Agriculture Conference and would like a copy of the Conference papers I have some available at \$12.

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