

## **DRUM RECYCLING**

*It is with regret that HMLG has had to cease this program* due of the large number of non-recyclable drums that are being left at our depot. Approximately 900 drums were taken to Melbourne last week with some 440 drums being rejected. HMLG is very grateful for the support Wesfarmers/Dalgety has given the depot but it is unfair to expect them to be responsible for the disposal of non-recyclable drums, this has to be the users responsibility until the chemical companies can be convinced to recycle all their product.

HMLG has attempted numerous times to convince chemical companies that they should take responsibility for the containers and recycle them, without any success. As it is impossible for HMLG to monitor the deposit site and ensure that only recyclable drums are left, it has been decided to **CLOSE** the depot while we explore other avenues to dispose of these drums. We will advise you as soon as we are successful but would suggest that farmers write to the chemical companies and express their concern at the lack of responsibility taken by them in not recycling their product. The non-recyclable drums are only that because those particular companies don't contribute to the funding of the drum recycling program.

## **31 AUGUST, 1998 - SATELLITE MAPPING PROJECT - STAGE 2**

See over for covering letter, if you are unable to attend on Monday 31 August, 1998 please contact either myself or Mark Barber to let us know that you would like to participate.

**HMLG Landcare Award** - Entries close 4 September, entry forms available from Chandlers, why not nominate your neighbour or yourself for this prestigious Award and become the 1998 winner.

**Murrumburrah Harden Show - 12 September, 1998.** Satellite imagery will be part of the HMLG display together with information from Farming for the Future. Once again we are running a raffle in conjunction with the Show, 1<sup>st</sup> prize a Pure Bred vealer donated by 'Broken Arrow' Lowline Stud, G&M Scott and Stevo's Butchery and 2<sup>nd</sup> prize an \$100 open order from Thompson's Rural Supplies, Harden. We are very grateful for these donations as the funds raised will contribute to the cost of mailing the Newsletter, funding no longer supplied by drum recycling and thank the sponsors.

## **NATIVE VEGETATION LEGISLATION - 17 September, 7.30 Murrumburrah Court House**

This is to be a joint NSW Farmers/HMLG meeting, all interested are most welcome to attend. This Act (aiming for ongoing sustainable management of native vegetation through the Native Vegetation Conservation Act, 1997) has caused a great deal of angst for the farming community, Mike Dunn will outline the Act and be available to answer any questions you may have.

## **SUPERB PARROT VEGETATION PROJECT**

A small amount of funding is available for a project that will promote community education habitat protection and restoration in areas identified as significant to the Superb Parrot.

**RAS Field Wheat Competition** - Entry forms available from Thomson's Rural Services, Wesfarmers/Dalgety-Kennett and Chandlers IAMA, judging late September, please contact M. Hufton for further information.

**Saline Bus Trips** - 17/9/98 Departs Cowra for Wellington 8.00 looking at Mumbil Study Site (Agroforestry), Dripstone Study Site (Redgum), Burrendong Arboretum and Suntop Study Site (Saltbush), Cost \$15. 8/10/98 Departs Cowra for Queanbeyan via Allendale (Alley farming, salt tolerant trees) Kowen (Acacia species selection trials) and CSIRO Native seed centre). Cost \$15 Further information on either of the above contact Andrew Wooldridge 02 6941 1600

**HOLISTIC MANAGEMENT**- if you would like to participate in the next course please let me know

Further information on any of the above please do not hesitate to contact me.

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