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- Goonan Creek Rivercare Project
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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON ANYTHING MENTIONED PLEASE CONTACT:-

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BINALONG

LANDCARE FARM WALK

Michael Middleton's

"Lagoons", Binalong

Monday 21 August

9.00am – 11.00

Looking at management options for waterlogged areas & arresting potential salinity – tree planting and pasture establishment

Directions: Binalong/Boorowa Road, turn down Lagoons Road follow through to Woolshed.

Contact Mike: 6227 4347

BUS TRIP to Potter Farms
 8/11 October –

Cost \$280/\$320

Contact Libby Elliot

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ACID SOIL ACTION FUNDING

Acid Soil Action (ASA) has been funded for a further three years. Applications are now available closing 18 August, for funding for projects that enhance the knowledge and skills of farmers to better manage acid soils or develop strategies for managing acid soils that will give economic gain to farmers and the environment.

HMLG has decided to apply for funding to undertake a large scale soil testing program, similar to last year but will not involve the detailed analysis. Cost will be \$20 for 0-10 & 10-20 per test.

If you would like to be involved in this project please advise me ASAP, applications close 18 August, 2000

If you have any projects in mind, I have application forms. Some members involved in the PPP groups may like to further the work they are undertaking with funding in this area??

FUNDING – BIDGEE BANKS

Funding available to protect & improve vegetation along stream banks & stabilising eroding banks and creek lines along the Murrumbidgee River and its tributaries. Details at Goonan Creek field morning.

Fox baiting

HMLG together with the Rural Lands Protection Board are undertaking a coordinated fox baiting program across the Shire this September. You will be contacted by your footrot control group Coordinator with details.

This 'Outfox the Fox' is targeting foxes when they are most susceptible. September is the end of the mating season and vixens are actively seeking additional food prior to whelping & the time when the population is at its lowest. March targets juvenile foxes which are dispersing and seeking their own



GOONAN CREEK FIELD MORNING

31 August, 2000

9.00 – 11.00

Meet at Simon Pavitt's shed, Garratt Road off the McMahons Reef Road

Guest speakers & Topics

Bindi Vanzella, Greening Australia Fencing Incentives
 Ted O'Kane, Bidgee Banks

Inspection of areas on the Goonan Creek fenced out and stock removed for the past three years, native grass and tree revegetation, substantial tree plantings together with water quality issues.

Greg Summeral, Frank Harvey & Justin Nancarrow DLWC
 Explanation of the high salt loads and predicated increases in the Jugiong Creek Catchment – Murray Darling Basin Salinity Audit.

Participants in this Project
 J Middleton, S. Pavitt,
 C. Mann & M. Hufton.

territory. With the heavy impact of twice yearly baiting the fox population should not recover quickly as foxes only breed once a year. This is not to deter those of you already baiting at times suitable to you., just compliment.

HMLG urges your participation in this project and assist reduce the increasing numbers of foxes across the Harden Shire.

Further information please contact
 Ron Duggan 63821255

Farm Planning– Farming for the Future

For Australian agriculture to survive and prosper in the future, it is essential that we continue to commit ourselves to doing things better. Learning and planning are an integral part of managing change. Property Management Planning is focused on assisting landholders to manage natural resources and profit from their farm enterprises and an overall strategic approach to their business management.

Property Management Planning has helped farmers to shift their focus from an 'operational' approach to a more 'strategic' approach to farm management. Ability to change is one of the major features that sets apart producers who can grasp opportunities and succeed and those who cannot.

So that farmers can continue to expand their knowledge and build on their current skill

base Harden Murrumburrah Landcare Group is conducting Farm Planning workshops in September/October. Costs involved are \$255 per family plus an aerial photograph; the Farming for the Future program facilitates the workshops.

The objective of the entire workshop series is to demonstrate the benefits of thinking about the farm business, promote the value of long term planning and lay the foundations for a planning process which participants will be able to continually apply to your successful farm business.

The workshops cover farm planning, what is the farms' physical environment, assessing the natural resources, communication and farm transfer, enterprise evaluation, financial realities, making plans and making your plans happen.

Bookings essential, please call ASAP



'Managing Your Price Risk' Workshop

Learn the fundamentals of price risk management (Bookings essential by 18/8)

23 August, 2000 9am-3.30pm

Court House, Murrumburrah.

Cost \$ 40 (net of Farmbis)

Presenter: Brett Stevenson

Sponsored by Grain Growers Association

Further Info: Nick Edols 1800 620 519

HARDEN MURRUMBURRAH LANDCARE AWARD

Entries now open, forms available from Chandlers IAMA,

Winner will be announced at the Harden Show, 9 September and judging takes place in the week prior to .

Award is for farm owner or manager whose achievements in implementing farm management practices with a commercial primary production system, are judged to be a significant contribution to Landcare

Please consider either nominating yourself or someone you consider should be recognised for the work they are undertaking.

1999 Winner – Norman & Fling Boyer.
1998 – Ellis Murphy
1997 – Leon & Bubbles Gary
1996 – Henry & Annie Nation
1995 – Elliot family, Binalong
1994 – John & Marg Roles

CONTACT ME IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE PART OF ANY OF THESE:-

Biological Control Agents:-

- ◆ Any members who would like to collect some Stem Borers for scotch thistle control this year
- ◆ Patterson's Curse
- ◆ Holistic Management Training.
- ◆ Guest exhibitor at Harden Show (9/9) will be Riverina Farm Forestry, can you help on the stand

