

# ANNUAL DINNER & AGM

**When:** *Thursday 15 MARCH, 2001*

**Where:** *Harden Country Club*

**Time:** *7.00pm*

**AGM** – *Annual report from Binalong & Harden Groups*

- *Tabling of accounts*
- **Nominations** *for the 2001 committee*
- **Election of office bearers** *will take place at a meeting to be held on 19 April, 2001, Carrington Hotel, Harden.*

**Cost:** *\$20/head*

**GUEST SPEAKER: Lynne Sykes.**

Lynne is Australia's leading Family Business Meeting Facilitator who has been working with rural Australian families for the past eight years. She has a wealth of knowledge about communicating, mother of five teenage sons, with many humorous stories about working with farming families which guarantees an entertaining and enjoyable evening

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL BY MONDAY 12 MARCH, 2001

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DrumMuster happening soon – delays have been caused by DrumMuster site restrictions and containers at the depot have to be constructed.

### **Natural Heritage Trust Funding**

For your general information your Committee has submitted two applications for funding.

#### **Reaching for Salinity Target – Jugiong Creek & Yass River (Greening the Grainbelt)**

This is again a large scale tree planting project aiming to assist members address a multiple of issues with support for fencing and tree planting. The cost of the project were 54.5km of fencing material , 80km of direct seeding and 28,000 trees equating to \$107,500 in NHT moneys and \$144,400 from members giving the project a total value of \$ 251,900

#### **The impact of land management practices on deep drainage and dryland salinity.**

In this project we address the problem of managing dryland salinity by a combination of monitoring and community education. New instruments for monitoring deep drainage, recently developed by CSIRO, will be deployed at strategic location within the catchment. In the short term these sites will be visited frequently by the farmers and advisers and will be focus-point for discussions with researchers on the impacts of land management practices on deep drainage and dryland salinity.

In the long term these sites will be used to provide data so that farmers & advisers evaluate the effects of their land and crop management practices on the natural resource. This in turn will allow landholders to more strategically change their land management with less risk of failure and thus faster implementation. Costs involved with this project are NHT \$104,610 with com-



- \* ChemCert courses: \*
- \* Refresher: Monday 2 April, 2001 – \*
- \* Cost: approx \$30 \*
- \* New Course: Thursday 21 & Friday \*
- \* 22 June, 2001 \*
- \* Cost: approx \$50.00 \*
- \* Bookings are essential to ensure FarmBis \*
- \* funding \*



#### **'GREENING THE GRAIN-BELT' SPECIES LIST**

We have been advised that this project has been completed and copies are available to members. The final format is on disc, due to amount of information with the data in EXCEL This will enable you to sort according to the particular site you are planting ie rocky outcrop etc. If you do not have Excel I will sort for you on land type requested.



The **Murrumbidgee Landcare Association** will be holding their annual Forum entitled "Ripples of Change - Landcare in an irrigated environment" at the Regional Theatre, Griffith, NSW on 15-16th June 2001. Registration is at 8am at the Theatre. The fee for the day is \$25 which includes morning and afternoon tea and lunch.

There will be a dinner at the Gemini Hotel, Griffith commencing 7 for 7.30pm and the fee is \$35. We shall be joined at dinner by ABC Talkback co-host and media naturalist, John Dengate, Hugely entertaining, John is Burke's Backyard's expert on the environment and writer of natural history books. Guest speakers during the day include Leith Boully, Alistar Robertson, John Blackwell and Neil Druce. For information contact Anna Wilson 6 962

**SGS Farm Walk – details in mail drop this week**  
 5/3/01 MASTER Acid soils, - Wagga  
 6/3/01 Enterprise Profitability through PPP, Holbrook  
 8/3/01 Rotation Grazing & Pasture Composition – Harden  
 Pm at Bookham Liming & Phosphorous site

For those of you traveling along the Bouyeo Road, an exciting project is underway between Steve & Liz Phillips, Oscar & Sandra Smith and Saltgrow . They are undertaking to plant some 14,000 trees at 'Washpool'. These trees are trialling a variety of salt tolerant hybrids of E. camaldulensis, grandis & globulus delivering fast growing salt tolerant eucalyptus with commercial timber characteristics.

**REMINDER: Tree Orders for 2001 delivery need to be placed now.**