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Coordinator employment

The Murrumbidgee Catchment Management Board has advised HMLG that the employment of the Coordinator is to be transferred to DLWC from 30/12/02. They believe this is provide an opportunity to work with Landcare networks to enhance and refine the role of Coordinators in Blueprint implementation. Your Committee has tried hard to have this decision reversed without success. It is their concern that the Community will no longer determine the role and priorities of natural resource management within the Jugiong Creek Catchment.

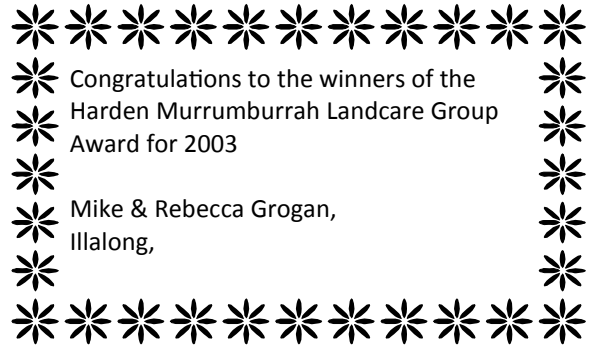
This arrangement is only until 30/6/03 when it is hoped HMLG maybe able to have the decision reversed. A large amount of support will be to be demonstrated by HMLG to this

change to occur.

In the interim it has been decided that it would be more appropriate for our Coordinator (Louise Hufton) to work from the Harden Shire Council offices for part of the week, at this stage the position will remain 3 days/week. Negotiations are under way for DLWC to provide the necessary equipment for the office.

Harden Shire council has been very supportive of the activities of HMLG and are happy to provide office space for the Coordinator position.

Please contact John McGrath 63821808 if you wish to discuss this further.



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Australian Government Envirofund Drought Recovery Round

The Commonwealth Government is inviting community groups to apply for funding for drought related environmental works. It targets works that protect our land, water and vegetation from drought induced environmental damage, a project that is best undertaken when water levels are low or protects the environment from degradation caused by severe drought. May include waterway protection, erosion control or fencing to protect habitat or endangered animals and vegetation. Funding may also be available to relocate watering points from fragile river frontage.

IF you have a project that you would like to apply for funding,

up to a maximum of \$30,000 please contact me I will forward an application form.

Hints:

- You are more likely to be successful if you can link your project with others in your sub-catchment.
- You must be ready to go & have the project completed within 12 months
- Your project will be audited
- Activity cannot be undertaken prior to receiving funds.
- You must match funding \$/\$ applied
- Further detail available at www.nht.gov.au or calling 1800 065 823
- Applications must be submitted

to me by 26/1/2003

- Be aware that I will be away from 11/1/03 until 18/1/03
- If you plan to apply for watering points it will be necessary for you to seek advice to ensure that you have the most effective system planned.

The committee of HMLG is happy to support applications made under this round of funding.

I am advised that another round of funding will be available through the Envirofund early in 2003.



FARMLINK

As you would be aware HMLG has been involved in the formation of the Farmlink project. This aims to develop a coordinated approach to cropping incorporating pasture rotations & livestock production research across southern NSW similar to that of a number of Farm Systems projects across Australia. There has been a concern expressed by a number of groups at the adhoc way research is conducted and the way results are communicated to the broader community. It is planned that research priorities will be determined by this projects management team drawn from a number of groups across the regions. To date Louise Hufton, John McGrath, Mark Barber & Tim Condon have been involved as the Steering Committee with a number of others across the region. Barry Alcorn represented HMLG at an initial development meeting in Temora. The inaugural Farmlink Research reference Group Meeting is to be held in Young on Monday 13 January, 2003 1.30pm – 5.30pm.

The Steering Committee has developed a plan for the group to follow which will be presented for discussion. Responsibility will then be handed to the Executive which is recommended to be 4 of the current Committee and 5 from a geographical spread of the region. The meeting will discuss research priorities as well as the possibility of supporting current initiatives of the farmer based groups. If you would like to attend this meeting and have a say on the direction of research across our region, please give me a call asap as we are restricted in the number of attendees.

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Investing in the Stock Exchange for the Long Term
 Thursday 6 February, 2003 in Harden.
 Cost \$90 after Farmbis
 Presenter: Sam Paradise
 Who writes for The Land.
 Bookings essential with Louise

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Accor Hotels recently formed a partnership with Landcare Australia which see the company offer a special room rate of 40% of the rack room rate at selected Accor hotels. As part of the deal they will contribute 5% of the room rate to Landcare Australia and promote environmental responsibility. Hotels participate are Sofitel, Novotel, All Season, Mercure, Ibis and Coralina. To Book call 1300 65 65 65 and identify yourself as a Landcare member and quote no. SC750830689

Thank you to everyone for their contributions to the Landcare Group throughout 2002. I am sure we will manage the many changes that 2003 looks like offering. I wish you all a very happy new year

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Drought Seminar

At the Drought Information Seminar held in Galong late November at follow up seminar was requested. It is anticipated it will be held late in January, not finalised yet. IF you have any topics you would like to see addressed please give me a call.

The seminar will be held jointly NSW Agriculture, Chandlers Landmark, Harden Advisory Service & DLWC.

Please keep an eye on local press, email, fax streams and local radio for date.

I hope you had a great start to the New Year receiving some of the 10mls we had in McMahons Reef



Remember please advise me your email address if you connect to the internet makes communication so much easier

Ripper

- If you are planting trees in the coming year.HMLG has purchased a three point linkage ripper to assist members with their tree planting success. The ripper is being stored at Alcorns Fertilizer

Cost \$22.00

Special points of interest:

- All Envirogrants applied for as advised in the last Newsletter where successful bringing approximately \$ 160,000 of funding to the Catchment in 2002