



DRAINAGE PROJECT field morning

When: Monday: 8 December, 2003

Time: 8.30AM-10AM

Where: David & Carol Cusack's - drainage site

Directions: 6km down the Moppity Road from Boorowa/Harden Road, turn left at double gates just past Mount View house, morning tea after presentation

Speaker: Paul Hutchinson, CSIRO Land & Water

Topic: "Basic Guide to drainage meters" Looking at the actual site, surrounding land use, how to use the drainage data effectively, finalisation of the website Agronomists will be attending to answer questions

Apology: This field morning was planned when seasonal indicators where we'd be between windrowing & harvest!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

HMLG has been advised of successful applicants for funding in the current round of Envirofunding:

- Washpool Monitoring Project—installation of 6 piezometers to a depth of 3m to assist in understanding changes in soil characteristics as a result of salt movement through the profile.
- Bobbara Station Tree Replacement— Replace 18,200 trees that have been lost due to enduring drought
- Bushrangers Creek Rehabilitation—management of spiny rush, lower rising water table and effects of salinity
- Improving the Health of the Jugiong Creek Catchment— 13.15km of fencing, 5,600 trees & 12.5km direct seeding protecting 56ha in the Binalong area
- Jellamatong Rehabilitation-3.5km fence to protect actively eroding gullies, removal of livestock and protection of remnant gums & box allowing regeneration, 18.4ha protected
- Well Sinkers Creek (Galong area) 7.85km fencing and 5,850 trees to protect and enhance existing vegetation
- Enhancing the Stanley Park Flora Reserve 10km of fencing 13,500 trees & shrubs protecting 65ha
- Glenbrook Rehabilitation Project—rehabilitate active eroding gully together with earthworks to reduce sediment leaving the site

A total of \$115,975 has been allocated to these projects

2003-2004 Round Two of the Australian Government Envirofund:

2003-2004 Round Two applications close at **5pm on Wednesday, 28 January 2004.**

You are encouraged to submit project proposals relating to any of the [eligible activities](#) under the Envirofund. In this Round, preference will be given to:

- projects in coastal and marine areas;
- projects related to activities that benefit natural wetlands;
- projects in the rangelands; and
- projects that involve indigenous people.

Please note that the Guide and Application Form have changed since Round One 2003 - 2004 to clarify the eligibility for funding of some items and to seek more information about your project. Please read the Guide and Application Form carefully before starting your application, I have copies or available from the web at www.nht.gov.au.

Eligible Activities for Envirofund include, but are not limited to:

1. native vegetation planting or other works to stabilise soil, reduce groundwater recharge or prevent erosion;
2. fencing or other management techniques to protect and preserve habitat;
3. controlling stock access to watercourses to protect streamside habitat and improve water quality, such as by installing piping and pumps to locate stock watering points away from watercourses and permanently protecting the area with fencing;
4. native vegetation planting for biodiversity conservation, habitat purposes, or restoration of Indigenous cultural landscapes, community health (for example, dust suppression), bush food or medicine;
5. demonstrations or trials of new techniques for Indigenous hunting, gathering or fishing if this promotes sustainability (eg development of species monitoring and harvesting plans), or other sustainable farming, forestry or fishing practices or solutions to local problems;
6. awareness-raising activities that directly lead to local benefits for biodiversity conservation or sustainable natural resource use;
7. monitoring of water quality, species, habitats, or other resources where this will have a clear benefit for conservation or sustainable natural resource management.

If you would like to apply for funding please do not hesitate to contact me at the landcare office within Harden Shire Council 63863954. **Please call first** as I will be away from 3 January until 19 January, 2004

FarmLink committee is pleased to advise that Kirrily Condon has accepted the position as Communication and Extension Coordinator.

Kirrily has been working as the District Agronomist for NSW Agriculture based at Cootamundra since 1997 so joins FarmLink with a wealth of knowledge and understanding of the issues affecting our farming and grazing enterprises.

Kirrily will be responsible for organisation and management of the research and extension projects as determined by FarmLink and ensuring that results reach the community

Your local FarmLink representatives are Hugh Flanery (Research) Rob McColl & Tim Condon (OnFarm) Louise Hufton & John McGrath (Communications) Committees. Please do not hesitate to contact any of the above with suggestions for work to be undertaken in 2004

The Value of Seasonal Weather Forecasts for Farm Management

Date: 16 December 2003

Time: 1.30pm—5.00pm

Venue: CSIRO Plant Industry Lecture Theatre, Cr Clunies Ross St & Barry Dr, CSIRO laboratories, Black Mountain, Canberra

Cost: free

More info and agenda: Emma Bond, emma.bond@csiro.au

Nominations for Catchment Management Authority Board Members

Local people with real money making real decisions

Cooperation and collaboration -working with the community to get results

Each Catchment Management Authority will comprise a Chairperson, up to 7 Board Members, a General Manager and a small team of on-ground staff.

Reporting directly to the Minister for Infrastructure and Planning and Minister for Natural Resources, the Board is responsible and accountable for the creation and implementation of catchment action plans, associated investment strategies and corporate governance compliance. Board members will be appointed for a term of up to 3 years on a part-time basis and be eligible for reappointment.

Board Members should reside within the catchment area and must be able to demonstrate:

- An active community involvement and an appreciation of the diverse range of community values and sensitivities;
- Understanding of key environmental & natural resource management issues, including soils, water, vegetation bio-diversity,
- Working knowledge of land use systems and a capacity to encourage sustainable developments within the catchment;
- A proven track record in building relationships and working collaboratively with others; and
- Broad knowledge and practical skills in one or more of the following areas:
 - Primary production - Local Government
 - Natural resource management systems - Consultation, negotiation and facilitation
 - Social and economic analysis - Communication
 - Aboriginal cultural heritage - Community capacity building
 - Community education - Business administration or law
 - Conservation and the environment

HMLG thanks Harden Shire Council for its continuing support of our activities.