

Harden Murrumburrah Landcare Group



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Annual Dinner Thursday 18 March, 2004

Where: Binalong Hotel
When: Thursday 18 March, 2004
Time: 7.00 for 7.30pm
Cost: \$15.00 BBQ meal
RSVP: 16 March, 2004

Shaun Robinson 6227 4199 or 0429 981 087

Glenyse Ings 6227 4445

Guest Speaker: Sarah Ryan

What are the silent footprints padding along behind the products we make from the earth's resources? This is the story about the triple bottom line benefits and costs of gold expressed in every day terms. It is as much about how we communicate about sustainability as it is about gold itself. Be warned, previous listeners have said they will never look at a gold ring in quite the same way again. An entertaining speaker.

I have had a computer change and in the process lost my email contact list:

Would be great if you could find the time to email me at

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AGDATA—Phoenix

Courses to be in Harden, dates organised according to demand, Bookings & Information call

Julia Brown 63862570

Training Course in fundamentals or Advanced, mastering all features of Phoenix will help you unlock the full management potential of the program.

Cost \$143/ pp or grain growers/\$44.00

Bird Routes of SW NSW

Forum 23 March, 2004 in Cootamundra

Targeting: Community groups that may be interested in developing this as a tourist attraction in our area.

Further information and bookings

Toni McLeish 6298 9709

Envirofunds

Another round of funding as recently closed and HMLG has submitted applications to the value of \$128,795 with a landholder contribution of \$212,744

I will be contacting landholders involved in the 2002 round of enviro funding to ensure that your works are now completed. A final report is due at the end of March or monies will have to be returned.

It is anticipated at audits will be carried out within six months of this date

These projects include:

Moppity Road Revegetation

Revegetation of Connaughtman's Creek

Lower Jugiong Creek Revegetation

Well Sinkers Creek Water Quality & Salinity Project

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Meeting will be addressed by Leah Moore & Steve Commens, University of Canberra.

Steve is reporting on the regolith mapping he undertook in the Moppity area last and presenting the maps he has prepared. The map will allow identification of similarities and differences of land surface characteristics within the mapped area.

Thursday 18 April, 2004— 8.00pm

NSW Agriculture are looking for suitable sites for evaluating new serradella lines. They are long season compared to those currently available. The site would need to be acid to depth (pH 4 to 4.5) and reasonable clean of background legumes, preferable coming out of crop this year.. Area of 50m x 50m for approximately 3 years.

If you have a suitable site and would be happy to be part of this project please give Belinda Hackney, NSW Agriculture 6938 1858 a call.

MURRUMBIDGEE CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

Natural Resources Minister Craig Knowles today announced that Lee O'Brien will Chair the Murrumbidgee Catchment Management Authority. The principal office for the Murrumbidgee Catchment Management Authority (CMA) will be in Wagga Wagga.

"Lee was appointed on merit, based on individual skills and experience, not on his representation from a particular interest group. Lee operates a successful cropping and merino sheep business at Henty. Through his involvement in the Murrumbidgee Regional Assessment Panel he is fully conversant with funding requirements of the NHT/NAP funding programs. Lee was an active member of the former Murrumbidgee Catchment Management Board for over 4 years. "He will work on behalf of the catchment community in managing natural resources. While reporting directly to me, he will provide leadership and strategic direction to the CMA Board. "The CMA is the primary vehicle for the delivery of simpler and more efficient land management practices. "Funded by the State and Commonwealth Governments, the CMA will strive to meet the needs of the catchment community to achieve the best natural resource outcomes.

"Wagga Wagga is the logical choice to base the Murrumbidgee Catchment Management Authority as it is central to the catchment, has access to infrastructure networks, is within close proximity to other major Government departments and uses existing Government accommodation" Mr Knowles said.

It is anticipated that the Wagga Wagga office will be open by the end of March 2004, following the appointment of the CMA Board members and General Manager.

"Close collaboration with catchment communities will be fundamental to the success of the CMAs.

"The next stage in setting up the CMAs is the selection of CMA Board Members and General Manager. Short listing of candidates will occur immediately with interviews to be held in upcoming weeks.

"The Local CMA Establishment Team will continue to support the CMA Chair during this 'start up' phase" Mr Knowles said. The Murrumbidgee Catchment Management Authority has been allocated \$13.4 million to spend on priority natural resource management projects in their area during the remainder of 2003/2004 financial year.

"The funds, provided by the State and Federal Governments, will be allocated on the basis of the Investment Strategies submitted by the Local CMA Establishment Team," Mr Knowles said.

OH& S for Farmers

Workshop contents:

- Identify OH&S hazards on the farm, Assessing the risks, Implementing management solutions, accessing rebates & incentives

Workshop Costs \$ 190

Date: 10 March, 2004 9-4pm

Bookings : Riverina Community College 6942 4355

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