



Harden Murrumburrah Landcare Group Newsletter - 11 April, 2005

## Binalong Landcare Group

Annual General Meeting      Monday 18 April, 2005

Binalong Hall commencing 7.30pm

Speaker: David Marsh, Allendale, Boorowa

Topic: The way we make decisions

## **Harden Murrumburrah Landcare Group**

**Annual General Meeting    Thursday 21 April, 2005**

**Carrington Hotel, Harden  
commencing at 8.00pm**

**Speaker: Ian Packer Department of Primary Industries,  
Cowra**

**Topic: Stubble management and options**

### **PROGRAZE**

This has been set for  
21 June, 2005 in the  
Bookham/Berramangra  
area. Cost \$50/farm

### **REMINDER:**

**PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO COMPLETE YOUR  
STUBBLE MANAGEMENT SURVEYS ASAP:**

This is important survey to gauge your thoughts and the need  
for further research in this area, if no interest is shown it is  
hard to justify money being spent, if misplaced I can mail or  
fax another—

Many thanks for your support, this is part of the "Profitable Farmers,  
Sustainable Systems, Healthy Landscapes" MCMC Project



**Sources of Climate & Weather Information:**

Following a very successful annual dinner please find some weather links that readily supply relevant information. The challenge is in using the information to be clear about the uncertainty of short term forecasts and seasonal outlooks, use these as risk assessments, thanks to Paul Carberry, NSW DPI Tamworth for providing this information.

**Short Term Weather:**

- ❖ Bureau of Meteorology 4 day forecast – the hashed areas only indicate a chance of rain not an expectation.  
<http://www.bom.gov.au/products/IDG00074.shtml> also available as text  
<http://www.bom.gov.au/weather/nsw/forecasts.shtml>
- ❖ Weatherzone –type in town & gives 4 day forecast <http://weatherzone.com.au/>
- ❖ IGES COLA forecast for Australia, indicates where and the amount of rain that could fall in 2 5 day blocks  
<http://grads.iges.org/pix/prec7.html> or 6 days individually <http://grads.iges.org/pix/aus.vv.html>

**Seasonal Climate Outlook** – seasonal climate risk assessment give the change of the next 3 months being wetter or drier than the long term average

- ❖ Bureau of Meteorology Seasonal Outlook – middle of each month, outlook shows the probability of exceeding the median rainfall for the next three months, derived from Indian & Pacific Oceans  
[http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/ahead/rain\\_ahead.shtml](http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/ahead/rain_ahead.shtml)
- ❖ Qld Centre for Climate Application – uses historical rainfall records and SOI, scroll down to Australia  
<http://www.longpaddock.qld.gov.au/SeasonalClimateOutlook/RainfallProbability/>
- ❖ El/Nino/La Nina summary and background – worth a look to see what impact ElNino can have and the variability as well as the current risk <http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/enso/>
- ❖ Current NSW conditions – report of current conditions available from NSW Agriculture  
<http://www.agric.nsw.gov.au/reader/rr2003>

Seasonal out looks on fax - 3 month climate outlook –	1902935251
SOI and Sea surface Temperature update	1902935432
Australian Drought Statement (BoM)	1902935259
1 & 3 month Australian Rainfall maps	1902935262

**Binalong AGM – David Marsh**  
**Topic: The way we make decisions**  
 “through our invention and use of tools we have been able to play outside the immutable laws of nature. The ability to alter our environment confers on us an obligation to carefully consider the environmental as well as the social and economic consequences of our actions. If it is possible to be profitable by treading more lightly on the landscape, if we can harvest the interest and not delve into the capital in the landscape and even reinvest in the future, just be virtue of managing differently, surely that is exciting. The health of the ecosystems in which we live and of which we are a part, will determine whether the experiment of agriculture in Australia can be viewed as a success”

***Remember to check soil moisture:***  
[www.clw.csiro.au/fenceline](http://www.clw.csiro.au/fenceline)  
***Any planting planned for 2005 orders must be placed asap, suitable species list available at***  
[www.anbg.gov.au/greening-grainbelt](http://www.anbg.gov.au/greening-grainbelt)

**Leaving Smaller Footprints**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Landcare/Catchment Management Forum**  
**Wagga 18 – 20 August, 2005**  
 HMLG has some funds available to assist members attend this conference,  
 if you would like to please contact Louise.

Thanks to Harden Shire council for their continuing support of Harden Murrumburrah Landcare Group