



Harden Murrumburrah Group Landcare Newsletter No. 41 6 June, 2005

BOBBARA HILL FIELD DAY

REGENERATING AND RESTORING NATIVE GRASSLANDS

The Murrumbidgee Catchment Management Authority (MCMA) is holding a field day at Bobbara Hill Galong to demonstrate the benefits of restoring native grasslands.

The field day offers a perfect opportunity to find out more about gaining productivity from native grasslands. Research indicates that grassy box woodlands have an important role to play in assisting production and environmental services for our catchments.

Speakers include: Dr Jim Virgona, Charles Sturt University; Dr David Freudenberger, CSIRO; Nicki Taws, Greening Australia ACT; and Owen Whitaker, NaturalCapital. The speakers will provide information based on research and the success that is being achieved by landholders who have recognised the value of such native systems.

The following questions will be addressed:

- What is the production and ecological value of native grasslands?
- How can native grasslands be managed to best provide livestock nutrition?
- Rotational grazing vs set stocking, is it that simple?
- Are native grasslands more drought resilient than other pastures?
- Is it cost effective to restore native grasslands?
- Can well managed native grasslands be a strategic part of your production system?

The field day promises to be full of interesting information on the role that native grasslands can play in building resilience into our grazing production systems and the landscape we live in.

Office Bearers for 2005

HMLG

Chair – David Cusack
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Secretary – Sue Bradford
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Binalong

Chair – Geoff Henderson
Secretary/Treasurer – Glenyse Ings.

Auditors: Twomey Patterson

Thanks to Don Constable for many years as Secretary of HMLG and Shaun Robinson retiring Chair of Binalong for a terrific job.

Date: Wednesday 22 June 2005

Time: 10.00 for 10.30am start. Finish 1:30pm

Catering: Morning tea and sausage sizzle is provided by the Binalong Landcare Group.

Place: Meeting point – 2km from Binalong towards Galong, take Bobbara Road (dirt) travel approximately 2km gate into the site on the left. Please follow the signs.

Please RSVP by Monday 20 June (for catering purposes) to: Gus Sharpe, NaturalCapital Ph: 02 6227 1393 or MCMA Community Support Officer, Louise Hufton Ph: 02 63863954.

Stubble Trials

The survey and trials sites are currently being analysed and it is anticipated that results will be forwarded in July/August. Funding has been secured to replicate these trials in 2006

Prograze Course commences 21 June, 2005
Cost \$50/farm
Bookings essential



Successful Envirofund 2005

With assistance from the Murrumbidgee Catchment Management Authority (MCMA) seven applicants in the Harden area were successful in receiving Round 6 Envirofund grants for a total of \$46,400 to carry out on-ground activities that target local environmental issues. Projects include the Rejuvenating Woodstock, Headwaters of the Rileys Creek, Futter Park Gully Stabilisation, The Elms Gully Restoration, Coorabin Salinity, Erosion & Quarry Rehabilitation, Boundary Creek Revegetation and Bobbara Gully Wildlife Corridor & Remnant Enclosure. All seven projects involve fencing out areas that are actively eroding or exhibiting signs of dryland salinity and plant local native tree and shrub species to improve or add to existing remnant vegetation.

Round 7 applications for Envirofund Grants of up to \$50,000 will be open in September/October

Leaving smaller footprints

The 5th NSW Landcare/Catchment Management Forum is the conference of the year for landholders, land managers, all landcarers and those who support work in sustaining and improving our natural resources. The Forum theme 'leaving smaller footprints' focuses our attention on sustaining and even increasing our economic activity while treading lightly on the environment – balancing the economic social and environmental aspects of our business.

Presenters include people who are recognised by landholders and land managers as making a significant contribution in their primary production business or supporting those who do. The forum also provides an opportunity to reflect on the challenges and opportunities apparent by recent changes in natural resource management.

Where and when?

- Pre–forum tours across the Murrumbidgee Catchment on **Thursday 18th August 2005**
- The Forum proper commences with a **welcome reception** on Thursday evening, 18th August 2005
- Forum activities continue on **Friday 19th to Saturday 20th August 2005**
- A dinner to celebrate the **NSW Landcare Awards** is on Friday 19th August 2005 at Kyeamba Smith Hall, Wagga Wagga.

For more information, or to register to attend, visit the website <http://www.murrumbidgee.cma.nsw.gov.au/footprints> or

call the Forum Coordinator on 02 69 230570

You can also contact Louise Hufton,

MCMA Community Support Officer, HMLG

has funds available to assist members attend

Communication is far more efficient and cheaper if I have your email details please take the time to send them in and ensure that you receive the most current information.

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PROGRAZE course

this course is conducted by Phil Graham, DPI, Yass

This course is designed to help producers:

- ❖ develop practical and relevant pasture and livestock assessment skills
- ❖ utilise these skills to improve the profitability and sustainability of grazing systems on their farms.
- ❖ understand the interactions between pasture & grazing animals and the requirements of both.

You can expect to learn

- # to visually assess pasture quality and quantity
- # to understand how pasture quality and quantity impact on animal production
- # to assess livestock fat scores
- # to use these assessments as a basis for matching pastures to livestock requirements & targeted outcomes
- # use grazing management to improve the productivity & sustainability of your pastures
- # pasture species identification
- # fodder budgeting
- # pasture assessment as the basis for supplementary feeding decisions
- # grazing management as a means of worm control & other health issues.

Course commencing on 21 June, 2005 at Westbourne shed, Berramangra Road, cost \$50/farm commitment eight 1/2 days over the next six months.

This is a very useful course for younger farmers recently returned to the district as provides an opportunity to localise your knowledge or as staff training.

Bookings essential with Louise Hufton - 63863954

Succession Planning Seminar

Lyn Sykes is recognised as Australia's leading succession planner, having successfully facilitated hundreds of meetings for families in all states. Lyn has also trained many people in the art of facilitating family business meetings, has produced several videos on family communication and is a highly sought after keynote speaker / trainer at conferences and workshops, including leadership programs such as the Australian Rural Woman of the Year, South Australian Rural Leadership Program and West 2000 Rural Leadership Program.

Date: Friday 24th June 2005

Where: White Ibis Function Room

Wallendoon St, Cootamundra

Time: 9am — 3pm

Cost: \$20 per person

Includes lunch, morning and afternoon tea

Please RSVP to Carolyn Woods, MCMA Community Support Officer

Ph: 02 69424977 by Monday 17th June 2005

Seminar host: Murrumbidgee CMA & Cootamundra Landcare Network & supported by National Landcare Program & National Action Plan for Salinity & Water Quality.



YOUNG RURAL LANDS
PROTECTION BOARD



Drought Meetings

Thursday 16th June 2005

TIME AND PLACE

9.30 am – Galong Hall, Galong

1.30 pm – Boorowa Ex-Services Club

(Each meeting will be approximately 2.5 hours)

SPEAKERS

John Evers - Young RLPB Veterinarian
Phil Graham - NSW DPI Livestock Officer
Paul Parker - NSW DPI District Agronomist
Lloyd Garratt – Rural Financial Counsellor

TOPICS

- **Your questions**
- **Quantity and cost to get 1,000 ewes to September**
 - **Destocking Strategies**
 - **Calcium / Vitamins and Minerals**
- **2004 Lambing Ewe Problems – What did we Learn?**

**Meetings Supported by: NSW Department of Primary Industries
and Young Rural Lands Protection Board**

For more information contact NSW DPI on 6226 2199