

Upcoming events:

**HARDEN MURRUMBURRAH  
& BINALONG LANDCARE GROUP  
INVITE YOU TO THEIR  
ANNUAL DINNER**

**WHERE:** ROYAL TARA MOTEL, BINALONG  
**WHEN:** THURSDAY 23 MARCH, 2006  
**TIME:** 7.00 FOR 7.30PM  
**COST:** \$35.00 /PP – BYO ALL DRINKS  
**RSVP:** 17 MARCH, 2006

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**GUEST SPEAKER:** PENNIE SCOTT  
**TOPIC:** Love Intimacy & Agriculture

To bring about regeneration, the language we use will activate change..... new and other words will be the catalyst for challenging and renewing paradigms that reflect new levels of intimacy with those amazing elements and relationships that provide the basis for creating life and wealth of all varieties.

**Binalong AGM** 24 April, 2006 at Binalong Hall, 7.30pm Speaker to be advised.

**Harden Murrumburrah Landcare Group AGM** Thursday 20 April, 2006

**PROGRAZE course** -this course is conducted by Phil Graham, DPI,Yass, names are currently being taken for a course to commence in April,2006 .

Prograze is part of the Perennial Pastures project that is funded by the Commonwealth Government under National Action Plan for Salinity & Water Quality in conjunction with NSW Government & Murrumbidgee CMA and DPI has been contracted to deliver this project.

**HMLG Stubble Management Trial**

Stubble measurements have been taken on the Bobbara site by DPI including breakdown rate of stubble, changes in soil moisture, N surface soil structure and ground cover. A grazing stubble trial is being undertaken on D. Cusacks with similar measurements being recorded.

A field day is planned prior to sowing or burning. The results of the 2005 stubble trial are available at MCMA office, Harden

This project is supported by MCMA, National Landcare Program, Grain & Graze, Chandlers Landmark, HMLG & Department of Primary Industries.

**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.**

**Any further information on anything mentioned in this Newsletter & bookings please do not hesitate to contact**

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## Bureau of Rural Sciences Community Stream Sampling.

*This project aims to identify and rank the sub-catchments within the Jugiong Creek catchment with respect to basal water salinity outflows. This data will enable the Murrumbidgee Catchment Management Authority to better target future projects for salinity and water quality outcomes within Jugiong Creek catchment.*

*The "Community Stream Sampling Framework" project forms an essential component of the MCMA's landscape approach to natural resource management because of the nature and scope of the new data. The application of salinity data to rank the respective sub-catchments for the Jugiong Creek catchment will allow on-ground land management projects to be targeted effectively to where impact can be greatest. Ensuring that on-ground works occur in the highest salinity ranking sub-catchments will provide the greatest impact on the Murrumbidgee Catchment Action Plan's land and water targets aimed at reducing in-stream salinity in the Murrumbidgee River. This project will also aid in decision making with respect to on-ground works in order to ensure that there is not a reduction in dilution flows from the fresher sub-catchments within the Jugiong Creek catchment.*

*Forty points (intersections of small streams) across the catchment have been identified as monitoring points and landholders have been approached to monitor these points for the next 12 months. If you would like to monitor your own water courses or bores the project will provide you with an EC metre that will then require you to forward your monthly readings to Louise to assist get a clearer picture of the saline levels in our subcatchments.*

*Funding for this project has been obtained under the National Landcare Program, Natural Resource Management Australian government Department of Agriculture, Forestry & Fishery.*

**The Benchmarking and Understanding Soil Chemistry Project offers land-holders the opportunity to improve their soil management.** – bookings essential by 9 March, 2006  
**Course Commences in Harden on 13 March, 2006**

- ❖ Learn how to interpret soil tests -
- ❖ no longer rely on others to tell you what you need to spend!
- ❖ Match your production to your soils
- ❖ Improve productivity by understanding the influence of soils and matching your farming activity with soil and land capability
- ❖ Recognise soil health problems & get the skills and knowledge needed to deal with them.

A series of 4 workshops that will be held for local small groups based on LANDSCANTM and PROGRAZETM learning formats. Workshops will be tailored to fit local soils and farming practices.

**What you can expect to learn:**

- ❖ How to sample paddocks for representative soil tests
- ❖ How to interpret soil tests
- ❖ Understand plant nutrition
- ❖ Understand the physical and chemical properties of soils
- ❖ The production limitations of soil health problems and how to manage them
- ❖ Understand how to prioritise expenditure on soil health activity to maximise return.

**What you can expect to gain:**

- ❖ Information booklet on how to interpret soil tests
- ❖ Up to 8 low cost dual depth soil tests.
- ❖ Up to 4 paddocks at \$35 per pasture paddock/\$40 per cropping paddock. An additional 4 paddocks can also be tested at a reduced cost of \$70 per pasture & \$80 per cropping paddock
- ❖ Soil test will be taken at 0-10cm and 10-20cm depths
- ❖ Benchmarking data to compare your paddock against other local paddocks
- ❖ Best Management Practice information to maximise soil health and production
- ❖ Information on how to best match fertiliser needs to production
- ❖ Information on soil problems on your farm and how to address them

The Healthy Soils for Healthy Landscapes project is funded by the Commonwealth Government under NHTII in conjunction with NSW government & Murrumbidgee CMA



The application period for Round 8 opened on Thursday 23 February 2006 & close on Friday 28 April 2006.  
Projects will be able to commence in August 2006 at the earliest.

Activities that are **eligible** for Round 8 include, but are not limited to:

1. Native vegetation planting or other works to:
  - stabilise soil or dunes;
  - manage groundwater recharge; or
  - control active erosion.
2. Native vegetation planting to:
  - conserve biodiversity or habitat; or
3. Controlling stock access to watercourses to protect streamside habitat and improve water quality,
  - such as by permanently protecting the area with fencing and installing piping and pumps to provide alternative stock watering points in the adjacent area.
4. Awareness-raising activities that directly lead to significant local on-ground benefits for biodiversity conservation or sustainable natural resource use..
5. Relevant skill and knowledge development for resource managers and users through education and training where this is required to achieve the local on-ground biodiversity conservation or sustainable natural resource use objectives of a project.
6. Demonstrations or trials of new techniques for:
  - sustainable farming, forestry or fishing practices or solutions to local problems; or
7. Monitoring of water quality, species, habitats, or other natural resources where this will:
8. Purchase of small equipment by community groups where such equipment is a legitimate part of a larger Envirofund project.



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The standard rate paid by the Envirofund for fencing has been increased to \$2,500 per kilometre

If you need support with your application please do not hesitate to contact me. Application forms can be downloaded from the web <http://www.nht.gov.au/envirofund> or call 1800 065 823 for hard copy

### **Mine project allocated \$38,000 to restoration projects.**

Blue Circle Southern & Bobbara Pastoral Company are pleased to announce that in conjunction with Harden Murrumburrah Landcare group, Binalong subgroup and the Murrumbidgee Catchment Management Authority \$30,000 has been allocated to projects around the Galong Mine.

After prioritising the environmental benefit of the works that were proposed under the Galong Mine Revegetation Project, the Committee has funded seven projects with an emphasis on repairing and protecting mostly actively eroding gullies and assisting farmers with the labour required to undertake large scale fencing projects. This should see a reduction in the amount of sediment leaving the Limestone & Balgalal Creek subcatchments whilst providing vital practical assistance and support to landholders that will make a real difference to the water quality in the Jugiong Creek.

Anthony Guinness, Bobbara Station said he is pleased to be part of a project that gives the local community benefits from the expansion of the Galong Mine by funding this extremely important local environmental project.

***Remember you can check soil moisture:*** [www.clw.csiro.au/fenceline](http://www.clw.csiro.au/fenceline)

Anyone planning to plant trees this Spring need to place their orders asap