

## **Binalong Landcare Group**

Annual General Meeting      Monday 24 April, 2006

Binalong Hall commencing 7.30pm

Speaker: **Katherine Boddy**, Councillor of Greater Southern Area Health

Topic: Stress Awareness and management in relation to Agriculture

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## **Harden Murrumburrah Landcare Group**

Annual General Meeting      Thursday 20 April, 2006

Carrington Hotel, Harden  
commencing at 8.00pm

**Topic:** Global Warming & Climate Change

**Speaker: Matthew Walker,**

*Project Officer, Jugiong Salinity & Water Quality Project  
Formerly with Australian Greenhouse Office  
'impact and adaptation section'*

What is it all about?

How will it effect us?

How Global Warming/climate change is impacting on agricultural practices  
in southern NSW now and in the future.

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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.

**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.

**Jugiong Creek Salinity & Water Quality Project**

The Murrumbidgee Catchment Management Authority has received funding from the National Action Plan for Salinity & Water Quality program (NAP) to encourage landholders to implement best management practises to reduce salinity and sediment entering the Murrumbidgee River. Funding has been targeted towards the three subcatchments of the Murrumbidgee delivering the highest salt loads to the River, Jugiong Creek catchment being one of these.

The HMLG will manage the project. A Project Management Committee, made up of representatives from the previously targeted catchments plus two independent representatives of HMLG, utilises local knowledge to manage the project. Two representatives from these new catchments need to be nominated for the Committee from this meeting. Within the Jugiong Creek catchment the sub-catchment areas targeted will be Category A Douglas, Boorowa Flats, Corcorans, Five Mile, Four Mile, Rocky Ponds, Limestone, Well Sinkers & Six Mile Creeks. Category B: Trench, Moppity, Riley's, Irish Jacks, Barwang, Bobbora Flat, Bobbora, Stony, Cunningham Creek, Category C: Blind, Currawang, Paddy's Doyle Gully, Cunningham Plains, Walls, Rocky Ponds & Illalong Creek.

**What Are the Project Outcomes?**

The project will be aimed at improving water quality in the catchment and subsequently Murrumbidgee River through

**REDUCING:**

- In-stream sediment
- Salt loads
- Groundwater recharge

**IMPROVING**

- Water quality
- River & stream bank condition
- Biodiversity
- Management practices in grazing & cropping enterprises

**Incentives available for possible on-ground works include:**

- Revegetation of groundwater recharge sites
- Structural works to manage gully and stream bank erosion
- Rehabilitation of saline discharge sites
- Fencing to manage stock access and revegetation on riparian land
- Provision of alternative watering points
- Fencing and enhancement of remnant vegetation
- Strategic perennial pasture establishment
- Fencing and alternative watering points to improve grazing management of perennial pastures
- Training opportunities for landholders in best land management practices to reduce salinity.

\* maps are on display at CMA office within the Harden Shire Council to confirm if you are within the targeted area, it is essential that you contact Louise Hufton 63863954 or 0428 863954 if you are unable to attend but would like to participate in this project.

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