

NATIONAL LANDCARE FACILITATOR eNEWSLETTER

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Publications, Reports, Information

1. Moving forward with Landcare

In his address at the recent National Landcare Forum held in Adelaide, Minister Burke welcomed the opportunity for the Landcare community to celebrate its success and explore how it can continue to play a vital role in land management in the years ahead. See media release at www.maff.gov.au

2. Discussion Paper for the Australian Framework for Landcare – reminder

A further stage of consultation to guide the development of the Australian Framework for Landcare is now underway to allow the broader Landcare community to comment on developments to date including the initial conclusions reached by the Reference Group.

The *Discussion Paper* can be accessed at www.landcarefacilitator.com.au and click on the Framework webpage. Landcarers are asked to provide any comments to landcareframework@nm.gov.au by **Friday, 9 April 2010**.

Following this consultation period, the Reference Group plans to have a draft Framework for consideration by the Landcare community by May 2010 and to complete its work by 30 June 2010. It is expected that the Australian Landcare Council would take responsibility for the completion of the Framework and arrange for its final approval by the Landcare community.

The *Summary of Community Feedback on the Australian Framework for Landcare* document, compiled from community feedback to the *Landcare Speaks* paper, can also be accessed at the above website.

3. Australia's Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry at a glance 2010

The Australia's Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry at a glance 2010 publication provides easy-to-read information on the key features of Australian agriculture, fisheries and forestry industries including size, location, contribution to the economy, export standing and major markets for the various industries. To download a PDF of the publication visit www.daff.gov.au/about/publications/australias_agriculture_fisheries_and_forestry_at_a_glan

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4. Australia's Forest's at a glance 2010

Australia's Forests at a glance 2010 is a pocket-sized publication, updated annually, providing a snapshot of our forests and their management, including their size, location, and their contribution to the economy and export markets. To download a PDF of the publication visit www.daff.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0007/1536253/forests-at-a-glance-2010.pdf

5. Free native plant guide

The Australian Native Plant Guide is ideal for home and landscape gardeners, farmers, government departments, councils, Landcare groups, students and anyone interested in Australian Native plants. The new version has over 500 photographs of native plants and includes a filter to select species that meet your requirements. You can download a free copy of the Australian Native Plant Guide from the Native Shop website. Visit <http://nativegrowth.com.au/nativeguide>

Awards & Training

6. 2010 Riverprize awards now open

The 2010 Riverprize awards are open for entry. **Entries close 14 May 2010.** Further information can be accessed at www.riverfoundation.org.au

7. 2010 Banksia Awards now open

The 2010 Banksia Awards are open for entry. **All entries close on the 2 Aug 2010.** For information on awards categories, contacts or to download a kit visit www.banksiafdn.com

Funding

8. National Landcare Facilitator Initiative

The Australian Government recently announced the National Landcare Facilitator Initiative for organisations to employ a Landcare facilitator within each of the 56 Natural Resource Management regions across Australia. Eligible host organisations must be engaged in natural resource management and promoting the uptake of sustainable farm and land management practices. **Closing date Thursday 15 April 2010.** Further details including application form and guidelines can be accessed at www.nrm.gov.au/nrm/facilitators/index.html

9. FRRR Small Grants for Rural Communities

The Small Grants for Rural Communities program benefits people in rural and remote communities. Not for profit organisations can apply for projects and activities that offer clear public benefit for communities living in small rural and remote locations in Australia, contributing to their development in social and community welfare, economic, environmental, health, education or cultural areas. **Closing date 30 Sep 2010.** Visit www.frrr.org.au/programsDetails.asp?ProgramID=4

10. Irrigation Modernisation Planning Assistance

This assistance helps irrigation water providers to develop modernisation plans for their districts that identify ways to upgrade irrigation infrastructure and assess options to adapt to a future with less water. **The program will remain open to receive and assess applications until 29 Oct 2012,** unless all available funds are committed earlier. Visit www.environment.gov.au/water/programs/srwui/impa.html

11. Junior Landcare Grants Program

Information on the 2010 Junior Landcare Grants Program (**2nd round closes Fri 14 May**) can be accessed at the Junior Landcare website www.juniorlandcare.com.au

12. FarmReady Reimbursement Grants

FarmReady Reimbursement Grants, **for courses completed prior to 30 May 2012,** assist primary producers and Indigenous land managers to attend approved training courses aimed at improving their capacity to adapt to climate change and increase self reliance and preparedness. Reimbursements of up to \$1500 per year are available. Applications forms

need to be lodged and approved prior to attending approved courses, followed by submitting the claim for reimbursement (up to 30 days after the completion of the course). Managed by the department of Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry, further information and application/claim forms can be accessed at www.farmready.gov.au OR ring 1800 087 670

13. Water for the Future funding

Through *Water for the Future*, the Australian Government is investing in a range of programs over 10 years to address four key priorities – taking action on climate change, using water wisely, securing water supplies and healthy river waterways. Further details can be accessed at www.environment.gov.au/water/programs/index.html

14. Grants & Funding websites

- Grantslink www.grantslink.gov.au/
- DAFF grants & assistance www.daffa.gov.au/about/grants_and_assistance
- DEWHA grants & funding www.environment.gov.au/about/programs/index.html
- FRRR grants www.frrr.org.au/currentprojects.asp
- Caring for our Country funding www.nrm.gov.au/funding/index.html

Environmental Events

15. Forthcoming Environmental Events for 2010

A comprehensive list of 2010 environmental dates, events & conferences for community groups involved in landcare and sustainable resource management can be accessed: www.environment.gov.au/about/media/events/events-2010.html

2010 is the **International Year of Biodiversity**, visit www.cbd.int/2010/welcome

National NRM Chairs Forum and 3rd biennial National NRM Knowledge Conference will be held on 19-21 Apr at Darwin. It will be hosted by the NT NRM Board. Visit www.agentur.com.au/NRM/N_R_M/home.html

Australian Irrigation Conference & Exhibition will be held from the 8-10 June at Sydney. Visit www.irrigationaustralia.com.au

2010 International Climate Change Adaptation Conference will be held on the 29 Jun-1 Jul at the Gold Coast. Visit www.nccarf.edu.au/conference2010

Enviro 2010 will be held from the 21-23 Jul at Sydney. Visit www.nccarf.edu.au/conference2010

19th World Congress on Soil Science will be held from the 1-6 Aug 2010 at Brisbane. Visit www.19wcso.org.au

5th Lake Eyre Basin Biennial Conference will be held from the 13-15 Sep 2010 at Alice Springs. Visit www.lebmf.gov.au

Australian Forest Growers National Conference 2010 will be held from the 10-13 Oct at Mt Gambier SA. Visit www.afg.asn.au

3rd National Indigenous Land & Sea Management Conference will be held from 19-22 Oct at Broken Hill, NSW. Contact Mark Sutton on 0432 293 445 or email mutawintjimurdi@yahoo.com.au

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