

NATIONAL LANDCARE FACILITATOR eNEWSLETTER

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Publications, Reports, Information

1. **2010 National Landcare Forum registrations**
The Australian Government invites community groups, farmers, Indigenous land managers, researchers and interested individuals to attend the National Landcare Forum. Information including the program, accommodation, field trips and registration forms for the Forum to be held from the 23-25 March can be accessed on the web. Visit www.nationallandcareforum.com.au
2. **Australian Landcare Council reinstated**
The Australian Government recently announced the reinstatement of the Australian Landcare Council, appointing former Western Australian Minister Kim Chance as Chair. See media release at www.maff.gov.au or visit www.daff.gov.au/natural-resources/landcare/council
3. **New National Landcare Facilitator**
The Australian Government recently announced the appointment of Mr Brett de Hayr as the new National Landcare Facilitator. For further information on the National Landcare Facilitator Project contact 1800 552 008. See media release at www.maff.gov.au
4. **Australian Framework for Landcare**
The Hon. Tony Burke MP, Minister for Agriculture Fisheries & Forestry is supporting the Landcare community to develop an Australian Framework for Landcare to guide Landcare for the next 20 years. The development phase of the framework is your opportunity to have a say about the way forward for Landcare. In December 2009 the National Landcare Facilitator (NLF) and the Australian Government conducted extensive consultation with the Landcare community including workshops designed to facilitate discussion on the framework held in

each state and territory. Extensive input has also been received from the community by written and email comments as well as submissions to an internet blog hosted by the NLF.

The framework will be introduced for discussion at the National Landcare Forum being held in Adelaide on 23-24 March 2010. Following the forum, the Australian Landcare Council will take responsibility of the framework and together with the new NLF, Brett de Hayr, will lead the further development and implementation of the framework.

In the interim period the recently appointed Reference Group for the Australian Framework for Landcare will guide and help refine its development.

For further information about the framework see www.landcarefacilitator.com.au or to provide input please contact landcareframework@daff.gov.au

5. National Landcare Facilitator Project Final Report 2005-2009

The National Landcare Facilitator Final Report for Jul 2005 to Jun 2009, together with a farewell message from Coral Love who recently stepped down from the National Landcare Facilitator role, can be accessed at www.landcarefacilitator.com.au

6. 2010-2011 Caring for our Country Business Plan

The Australian Government recently announced the 2010-2011 Business Plan and accompanying information such as eligibility, information sessions and closing dates which can be accessed at www.nrm.gov.au/business-plan/10-11/index.html For Frequently Asked Questions on the 1020-11 Business Plan visit www.nrm.gov.au/business-plan/10-11/faq.html For media release visit www.environment.gov.au/minister/garrett/2010/index.html

7. CSIRO Sustainable Agriculture Flagship

CSIRO has launched a new National Research Flagship focusing research onto agricultural sustainability, looking at ways of increasing agricultural productivity whilst maintaining environmental health together with building global solutions for food security and greenhouse gas emissions. Visit www.csiro.au/org/SAF-overview.html

8. Coastcare Group Google map

Landcare Australia Ltd has developed a google map for Coastcare groups. The map allows you to search by postcode or simply zoom into an area and see where groups are located. It also gives contact details for local council or CMA/NRM offices for information on Landcare, Bushcare and Coastcare groups in the area. Visit www.coastcare.com.au/FindGroupMap.aspx

9. Holden Habitats program

Landcare Australia and a pilot group of Holden dealers are working together to support a series of important environmental repair projects around Australia. The project, Holden Habitats, will include creek restorations, weed control and more. For further information visit <http://svc018.wic008tv.server-web.com/partner.asp?partnerid=25>

10. New Future Farm Industries CRC website

The new website for the Future Farm Industries CRC can be accessed at www.futurefarmonline.com.au

11. Natural Edge Project

The Natural Edge Project is an engineering for sustainable development and climate change working group based in Australia. It operates as a collaborative partnership for research, education and policy development on innovation for sustainable development. The website includes online textbooks with free access to education and training such as *Energy Transformed: Sustainable Energy Solutions for Climate Change Mitigation* and *Water Transformed: Sustainable Water Solutions for Climate Change Adaptation*. Visit www.naturaledgeproject.net

12. Australian Water Education Toolkit for schools

The Toolkit will assist teachers and schools across Australia to access national, state, territory, regional and urban water resources. Visit www.environment.gov.au/water/education/index.html

Awards & Training

13. 2010 Banksia Awards now open

The 2010 Banksia Awards are open for entry. For information on awards categories, contacts or to download a kit visit www.banksiafdn.com

Funding

14. 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. Visit www.frrr.org.au/programsDetails.asp?ProgramID=4

15. 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

16. Energy Efficient Homes Package

The Australian Government Energy Efficient Homes Package includes ceiling insulation to the value of \$1,200 and solar hot water system rebates. To learn more about the non means tested package visit www.environment.gov.au/energyefficiency/index.html

17. Junior Landcare Grants Program

Information on the 2010 Junior Landcare Grants Program (1st round closes Fri 5 Mar) can be accessed at the Junior Landcare website www.juniorlandcare.com.au

18. Living Greener initiative

A range of opportunities are available under the Dept Environment Water Heritage & Arts *Living Greener* initiative. These include assistance for ceiling insulation, solar hot water and rainwater & greywater usage. Further details can be accessed at www.livinggreener.gov.au

19. 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

20. 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

21. 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

22. 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

Green Cities 2010 will be held from the 21-23 Feb in Melbourne. Visit www.greencities.org.au

Global Biosecurity 2010 will be held from the 28 Feb to the 3 Mar in Brisbane. Visit www.globalbiosecurity2010.com

Outlook 2010 will be held on the 2-3 Mar in Canberra. Visit www.abare.gov.au/outlook OR contact Maree Finnegan, Marketing and Events Manager Ph: 02 6272 2260 or email mfinnegan@abare.gov.au

Aligning Indigenous Land Management with Economic Development conference will be held on the 24-25 Mar in Darwin. Visit www.thewebconsole.com/process/viewEmail.php?id=E0220091113105004SbYyrnPukBw%3D&cld=248641&r=74526

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 to be held from the 1-6 Aug 2010 at Brisbane. Visit www.19wcsc.org.au

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

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