

NATIONAL LANDCARE FACILITATOR eNEWSLETTER

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1. **Acid Sulphate Soils newsletter**
ASSAY is a free national quarterly electronic newsletter about current acid sulfate soil issues. The newsletter is funded by the Australian Government and is available on the Industry & Investment NSW website. Visit www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/aboutus/resources/periodicals/newsletters/assay
2. **A Farmer's Guide to Increasing Soil Organic Carbon Under Pastures**
The guide is based on findings from a three year project investigating soil carbon levels in pastures under different management systems in south east NSW. To download a free PDF version visit www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/agriculture/resources/soils/soil-carbon/increasing-soil-organic-carbon-farmers-guide
3. **Bush Book: A Manual for Managing Native Vegetation Across the Northern Territory**
Greening Australia has published *Bush Book*. Copies are available for purchase at www.greeningaustralia.org.au
4. **Subscribe to free updates from Landcare Australia Ltd**
To receive Landlink, The Junior Landcarer, The Coastcarer and other updates from Landcare Australia Ltd, register your details online at www.landcareonline.com.au by filling out the "Subscribe with us" section on the home page
5. **2010 Mobile Muster Schools Recycling Challenge**
Registrations are now open for the 2010 Mobile Muster Schools Recycling Challenge, an initiative of the Australian Mobile Telecommunications Association. For further information and to register visit www.mobilemuster.com.au/school_challenge
6. **CVA Green Schools Connect**
Green Schools Connect is a partnership between Conservation Volunteers Australia and the Vodafone Australia Foundation. It enables schools to get the extra hands for their environmental projects such as creating a native bush food garden or monitoring frog

populations. **Closing date 30 June 2010.** For further information and application details visit www.conservationvolunteers.com.au/greenschoolsconnect OR Freecall 1800 032 501

7. Australian Rural Leadership Program

The Australian Rural Leadership Foundation develops and supports leaders to advance the viability and sustainability of rural Australia. Applications are now open for Course 18 of the Program. **Applications close 31 July 2010.** Visit www.rural-leaders.com.au

Awards & Training

8. 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

9. 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

10. 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

11. 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

12. 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

13. 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

14. 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

15. 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

16. 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/index.html

2010 is the **International Year of Biodiversity**, a celebration of life on earth and biodiversity in our lives, visit www.cbd.int/2010/welcome

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

7th National Wildlife Rehabilitation Conference will be held from the 22-24 June at Adelaide. Visit <http://nwrc.com.au/nwrcsa/index.html>

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

Healthy Cities Conference will be held on the 12-13 July at Brisbane. Visit www.healthycities.com.au

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

National Farmers Federation Congress will be held from the 5-7 Sep at Melbourne. Visit <http://congress.nff.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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