

## NATIONAL LANDCARE FACILITATOR eNEWSLETTER

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1. **New-look Landcare brands**  
Landcare Australia Ltd has released the new-look Landcare brands for Landcare, Coastcare and Junior Landcare. If you would like a new-look custom made logo kit with your group name email Melissa Ho at Landcare Australia Ltd [melissa.ho@landcareaustralia.com.au](mailto:melissa.ho@landcareaustralia.com.au)
2. **Australian Landcare Council update**  
On the 16 Dec 2009 the Hon. Tony burke MP, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry announced the reactivation of the Australian Landcare Council by appointing the Hon. Kim Chance as Chair of the Council. Mr. Chance, a former minister for agriculture in Western Australia, brings a wealth of agricultural experience and a passion for community Landcare. An announcement on the appointment of new members to the Council is expected shortly and information will be available at [www.daff.gov.au/natural-resources/landcare/council](http://www.daff.gov.au/natural-resources/landcare/council)
3. **Australian Framework for Landcare update**  
The Framework Reference Group has completed a draft of the Australian Framework for Landcare and expects to make it available for public consultation in the coming weeks, once the layout is finalized. The development of the Framework is a two stage process. The second stage involves the development of a national action plan for Landcare to be overseen by the Australian Landcare Council.
4. **Bush Blitz project**  
The Bush Blitz project on nature discovery across many Australian properties under the National Reserve System is expected to uncover hundreds of new species of plants and animals still to be discovered by science. For more information on the project and new

species that have been discovered to date visit [www.bushblitz.org.au](http://www.bushblitz.org.au)

**5. Landcare Week – 6-13 September 2010**

Thinking about running an activity? Landcare Australia Ltd is encouraging everyone to become a citizen scientist during Landcare Week. Register with ClimateWatch to monitor, collect and record data and help shape the country's scientific response to climate change. To register for a **Landcare Week activity kit** visit [www.landcareonline.com.au](http://www.landcareonline.com.au) and click on the Landcare Week icon

**6. Soil Carbon Management & Carbon Trading – fact sheet**

A Bureau of Rural Sciences publication, the *Science for Decision Makers: Soil Carbon Management & Carbon Trading* fact sheet shows the important role that soils can play in reducing carbon dioxide in the atmosphere and it is accompanied by the technical report – *Soil carbon for carbon sequestration and trading: a review of issues for agriculture and forestry*. The publication can be accessed for free at [http://adl.brs.gov.au/anrdl/metadata\\_files/pe\\_brs90000004182.xml](http://adl.brs.gov.au/anrdl/metadata_files/pe_brs90000004182.xml)

**7. Biosecurity engagement guidelines**

A Bureau of Rural Sciences publication, *Biosecurity engagement guidelines: practical advice for involving communities 2010* explains how effective engagement in biosecurity can be undertaken and is based on practical experiences within Australia. It offers a best practice approach to strategically plan and implement biosecurity engagement programs and projects. The publication can be accessed for free at [http://adl.brs.gov.au/anrdl/metadata\\_files/pe\\_brs90000004183.xml](http://adl.brs.gov.au/anrdl/metadata_files/pe_brs90000004183.xml)

**8. Future Farm Industries Cooperative Research Centre newsletter**

The May edition of the Future Farm Industries CRC newsletter is now available on the Future Farm Online website. Visit [www.futurefarmonline.com.au](http://www.futurefarmonline.com.au)

**Awards & Training**

**9. People's Choice Award – ordinary people making an extraordinary difference**

Don't forget to register your vote online for the People's Choice Award at the National Landcare Awards which will be celebrating 20 years of community environmental volunteering in Australia. Register your vote and leave a message of support. The winner will be announced at the awards ceremony at Canberra on Thu 24 Jun 2010 and on the website after the ceremony. For details on categories and finalists and to register, visit [www.landcareonline.com.au](http://www.landcareonline.com.au)

**10. 2010 Banksia Awards**

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](http://www.banksiafdn.com)

**11. Peter Cullen Trust**

The Peter Cullen Trust is a charitable organisation set up to support research programs that continue the work of the late Professor Peter Cullen. Applications are open for the Trust's 2010 Leadership program, designed to train a small group of water scientists and policy experts to work together and achieve measurable outcomes bridging water science and policy. **Applications close 1 July 2010.** Information packs are available from [office@petercullentrust.com.au](mailto:office@petercullentrust.com.au)

**Funding**

**12. Community Action Grants**

The Community Action Grants are a small grants component of Caring for our Country. These grants aim to assist community groups take action to conserve and protect their natural environment. **The announcement for the new 2010-2011 funding round is expected shortly.** Visit [www.nrm.gov.au](http://www.nrm.gov.au)

- 13. Australian Centre for Ecological Analysis and Synthesis grant opportunity**  
ACEAS, a facility of the Terrestrial Ecosystem Research Network, is offering three teams up to \$50,000 to fund working groups of researchers and managers currently undertaking influential research in data management and analysis, biodiversity, land resources or water studies. **Closing date 21 Jun 2010.** For further details visit [www.aceas.org.au](http://www.aceas.org.au)
- 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. **Closing date 30 Sep 2010.** Visit [www.frrr.org.au/programsDetail.asp?ProgramID=4](http://www.frrr.org.au/programsDetail.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](http://www.environment.gov.au/water/programs/srwui/impa.html)
- 16. Junior Landcare Grants Program**  
Information on the 2010 Junior Landcare Grants Program (**2<sup>nd</sup> round closes Fri 6 Aug**) can be accessed at the Junior Landcare website [www.juniorlandcare.com.au](http://www.juniorlandcare.com.au)
- 17. Climate Change Adjustment**  
The Climate Change Adjustment program is part of Australia's Farming Future and assists primary producers manage the impacts of climate change. **Closing date 30 June 2010.** For further details visit [www.daff.gov.au/climatechange/australias-farming-future/climate-change-adjustment-assistance](http://www.daff.gov.au/climatechange/australias-farming-future/climate-change-adjustment-assistance)
- 18. Re-tooling for Climate Change**  
The Re-tooling for Climate Change program will help small and medium Australian manufacturers reduce their environmental footprint. **The program runs to 2011-2012.** For further information contact the AusIndustry hotline on 13 28 46 or email [hotline@ausindustry.gov.au](mailto:hotline@ausindustry.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. Managed by the department of Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry, further information and application/claim forms can be accessed at [www.farmready.gov.au](http://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](http://www.environment.gov.au/water/programs/index.html)
- 21. Grants & Funding websites**
- Grantslink [www.grantslink.gov.au/](http://www.grantslink.gov.au/)
  - DAFF grants & assistance [www.daffa.gov.au/about/grants\\_and\\_assistance](http://www.daffa.gov.au/about/grants_and_assistance)
  - DEWHA grants & funding [www.environment.gov.au/about/programs/index.html](http://www.environment.gov.au/about/programs/index.html)
  - FRRR grants [www.frrr.org.au/currentprojects.asp](http://www.frrr.org.au/currentprojects.asp)
  - Caring for our Country funding [www.nrm.gov.au/funding/index.html](http://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 at [www.environment.gov.au/about/media/events/index.html](http://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](http://www.cbd.int/2010/welcome)

**7<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.nccarf.edu.au/conference2010)

**2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Climate Change: Impacts and responses** will be held in Brisbane from the 8-10 July. Visit <http://on-climate.com/conference-2010>

**Healthy Cities Conference** will be held on the 12-13 July at Brisbane. Visit [www.healthycities.com.au](http://www.healthycities.com.au)

**Enviro 2010** will be held from the 21-23 Jul at Sydney. Visit [www.nccarf.edu.au/conference2010](http://www.nccarf.edu.au/conference2010)

**19th World Congress on Soil Science** will be held from the 1-6 Aug at Brisbane. Visit [www.19wcso.org.au](http://www.19wcso.org.au)

**2010 Local Government Sustainable Development conference** will be held on the 24-25 Aug at Sydney. Visit [www.halledit.com.au/lgsd2010](http://www.halledit.com.au/lgsd2010)

**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 at Alice Springs. Visit [www.lebmf.gov.au](http://www.lebmf.gov.au)

**Coast to Coast 2010** will be held from 20-24 Sep at Adelaide. Visit [www.coast2coast.org.au](http://www.coast2coast.org.au)

**Australian Association for Environmental Education 2010 Conference** will be held from the 26-30 Sep at Canberra. Visit [www.conferenceco.com.au/aaee](http://www.conferenceco.com.au/aaee)

**All-Energy Australia 2010** will be held on the 6-7 Oct at Melbourne. Visit [www.all-energy.com.au](http://www.all-energy.com.au)

**Australian Forest Growers National Conference 2010** will be held from the 10-13 Oct at Mt Gambier SA. Visit [www.afg.asn.au](http://www.afg.asn.au)

**2010 National EMS Conference** to be held on 12-13 Oct at Geelong. Visit [www.ems.asn.au/events/2010](http://www.ems.asn.au/events/2010)

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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 [mutawintjmurdi@yahoo.com.au](mailto:mutawintjmurdi@yahoo.com.au)

**Ecological Society of Australia 2010 Annual Conference: Sustaining Biodiversity – The Next 50 Years** will be held from the 6-10 Dec at Canberra. Visit [www.esa2010.org.au](http://www.esa2010.org.au)

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