



Landcare In Focus Update

Applications for 2011-12 Community Action Grants - close on August 1 - \$5 million is available for grants of between \$5,000 and \$20,000 to help local community, farming and indigenous groups undertake activities such as planting trees, revegetating landscapes, rehabilitating dunes, removing weeds, controlling pests, holding field days, recording traditional ecological knowledge and improving sustainable land management practices. For more information go to www.nrm.gov.au or call 1800 552 008.

Landcare - Delivering conservation agriculture messages: The Landcare approach, where individuals, groups and networks come together and take responsibility for solving environmental, production and other community issues provides a model for extension that is being used by practitioners of conservation agriculture worldwide. How Landcare works in a variety of countries and conditions to deliver on-ground solutions will be discussed at the 5th World Congress of Conservation Agriculture, 26 - 29 September in Brisbane.

Delivering the conservation agriculture message through Landcare has been a long time passion for conference key note speaker Dr. Dennis Garrity who has been involved in a global effort to examine ways of creating more productive and environmentally sound farming systems. For more information and to register go to: www.wcca2011.org

Carbon Farming Initiative (CFI) - There are a number of carbon offset methodologies currently under consideration and out for public comment such as savannah burning, environmental plantings, destruction of methane generated from manure in piggeries and capture and combustion of landfill gas. For more information on these or the CFI, go to: www.climatechange.gov.au/government/initiatives/carbon-farming-initiative.

Also more information on the land use sector initiatives under the recent Clean Energy Future PLAN announced by the Federal Government (which has linkages to the CFI) can be found at: www.cleanenergyfuture.gov.au/clean-energy-future/land-use.

Regional Landcare Facilitators (RLF's) - These are now in place in most NRM regions across the country and are hosted by a variety of organisations such as Landcare networks, CMA's/Regional Bodies and industry groups. Funding for one full time RLF (up to \$150 000 per year) has been allocated by the Federal Government to each region. The RLF's have an important role in supporting Landcare within each region so feel free to contact them. The RLF's are being provided specific training on the CFI. For the contact details of the RLF in your region go to : www.nrm.gov.au/contacts/landcare.html#regional

Draft Australian Framework for Landcare Action Plan - Submissions close 29 July. To make a submission or view the draft action plan go to: www.daff.gov.au/natural-resources/landcare.

Important Dates

- **WA NRM Conference:** Perth 23-25 August - <http://www.isde7.net>
- **NSW Landcare Conference:** Parkes 5-7th September - www.parkslandcare.org.au
- **Qld Landcare Conference:** Ayr 22-23rd September - www.landcare.org.au/CONFERENCE.htm
- **Tasmanian Landcare Conference:** Stanley 9-10th October - www.taslandcare.org.au/tlca.html

For more information or to sign up for the monthly e-newsletter go to: www.landcarefacilitator.com.au or call Brett de Hayr on 0457 750 815.

Other Contacts

- **Caring for Our Country Regional Offices, Weeds, Departmental Contacts:** www.nrm.gov.au/contacts
- **Landcare Australia Limited:** www.landcareonline.com.au

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