

# Bidgee Round Up

4<sup>th</sup> May 2010

The Bidgee Round Up is an information service – to keep you up to date with what is happening in our area with regard to upcoming events, resources and funding opportunities. If you are compiling a Landcare newsletter or sending an email update, feel free to include any of this information. If you would like to contribute, please email [rachel.eats@cma.nsw.gov.au](mailto:rachel.eats@cma.nsw.gov.au).

## upcoming events

May	
*NEW* 6 May	<p><b>Murrumbidgee Community Partnerships Meeting</b> The Murrumbidgee Catchment Management Authority invites you to participate in the Murrumbidgee Community Partnerships project. Come along and hear how your community group can get involved. <b>Where:</b> Griffith Ex-Servicemen's Club <b>Time:</b> 10am <b>Contact:</b> Anna Wilson – 6954 4650</p>
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*NEW* 11 May	<p><b>Paddock Plants Field Day - Adelong</b> Learn to identify and recognise common paddock plants <b>Where:</b> "Yavendale" Adelong <b>Time:</b> 9:30am <b>Cost:</b> nil <b>RSVP:</b> by 10<sup>th</sup> May to Nathan Ferguson – 0419 616 154, <a href="mailto:nathan.ferguson@industry.nsw.gov.au">nathan.ferguson@industry.nsw.gov.au</a></p>
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*NEW* 12 May	<p><b>Paddock Plants Field Day - Gundagai</b> Learn to identify and recognise common paddock plants</p>

	<p><b>Where:</b> "Tarada", Gundagai  <b>Time:</b> 9:30am  <b>Cost:</b> nil  <b>RSVP:</b> by 10<sup>th</sup> May to Nathan Ferguson – 0419 616 154,  nathan.ferguson@industry.nsw.gov.au</p>
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<p><b>*NEW*</b>  12 May</p>	<p><b>Native Tree Seed Workshop – Tumut</b>  Where: Landcare Nursery Tumut  Time: 10am  Contact: Cherie White 6941 2253</p>
<p><b>*NEW*</b>  13 May</p>	<p>Harden Murrumburrah Landcare Group &amp; Harden Shire Council in conjunction with the Environmental Defenders office invite you to:  <b>The Rural Landholder's Guide to Environmental Law Workshop</b>  <b>Time:</b> 9am – 12:30pm  <b>Venue:</b> The Kruger Medical Center, 10 East Street, Harden  Lunch and light refreshments will be provided.  For more information or to RSVP, please contact the EDO on (02) 9262 6989 or email education@edo.org.au</p>
<p><b>*NEW*</b>  13 May</p>	<p><b>Paddock Plants Field Day - Humula</b>  Learn to identify and recognise common paddock plants  <b>Where:</b> "Jilliby", Humula  <b>Time:</b> 9:30am  <b>Cost:</b> nil  <b>RSVP:</b> by 10<sup>th</sup> May to Nathan Ferguson – 0419 616 154,  nathan.ferguson@industry.nsw.gov.au</p>
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<p><b>*NEW*</b>  14 May</p>	<p><b>Paddock Plants Field Day - Tooma</b>  Learn to identify and recognise common paddock plants  <b>Where:</b> "Carinya", Tooma  <b>Time:</b> 9:30am  <b>Cost:</b> nil  <b>RSVP:</b> by 10<sup>th</sup> May to Nathan Ferguson – 0419 616 154,  nathan.ferguson@industry.nsw.gov.au</p>
<p><b>*NEW*</b>  19 May</p>	<p><b>Murray Seedbank Open Day</b>  <b>Time:</b> 10am – 3:30pm  <b>Where:</b> Murray CMA Seedbank, Todd's Road, Deniliquin  <b>RSVP:</b> by Friday 14 May, 2010  <b>Contact:</b> Murray CMA Deniliquin Office – (03) 5880 1400</p>
<p>25 May</p>	<p><b>Tarcutta Valley Landcare Group – Meeting</b>  Where: Tarcutta RSL  Contact: Cherie White, 6941 2253</p>
<p>29 – 30 May</p>	<p><b>Farm Day 2010</b>  Farm Day is when a farm family hosts a city family for a day of real hands-on experiences and a greater understanding of the day-to-day life of the farming family.  Farm Day weekend is to be held this year on 29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> May. Farming families are able to help city families understand the business of farming, showcase their farm and the work they do, and enjoy the pleasure of seeing a city family discover the world of farming. So why not consider being a host family - you can nominate your preferred day to participate. For more information visit. <a href="http://www.farmday.com.au">www.farmday.com.au</a></p>
<p>30 May</p>	<p><b>Wagga Urban Landcare Group – Revegetation Day</b></p>

	Revegetation project at the Travelling Stock Reserve on Coolamon Road, located less than 1km from the entry to the CSU winery gate. Contact: Jeanette Coventry – 0409 915 006
<b>June</b>	
<b>*NEW*</b> 8 & 9 June	<b>2010 UrbanSalt Conference</b> The 2010 UrbanSalt Conference "Dealing with Salinity in Urban Environments" will take place at The Sebel Parramatta. The conference will provide an opportunity to learn from the experts in urban salinity from around Australia. The conference will be attended by key decision makers from local government, state and federal government agencies, representatives of catchment management authorities, environmental scientists, geotechnical officers, landscape architects, builders and developers, engineers, damp proofing contractors and building repairers. For more information and to register for the conference visit: <a href="http://www.gemsevents.com.au/urbansalt/">http://www.gemsevents.com.au/urbansalt/</a>
24 June	<b>National Landcare Awards – Canberra</b> The Awards ceremony will be a dinner at Parliament House. Landcare Australia will also facilitate workshops for the finalists in all categories in the afternoon before the dinner. More information about the Awards Ceremony and the Landcare Awards Workshops will be circulated to the landcare community, the finalists and available on our web site in March. Heather Campbell CEO Landcare Australia
29 June	<b>Tarcutta Valley Landcare Group – Meeting</b> Where: Tarcutta RSL Contact: Cherie White, 6941 2253
<b>July</b>	
<b>*NEW*</b> 20 – 22 July	<b>Farmers ..Heroes of the Future Conference</b> Resource Consulting Services (RCS) are holding their 20 <sup>th</sup> anniversary international conference from 20 <sup>th</sup> to 22 <sup>nd</sup> July in Brisbane. Scientists, researchers and farmers are being drawn from 3 continents to discuss the scientific, environmental and nutritional challenges of the era -building profitable farming businesses that regenerate our landscape while feeding the world with nutritionally dense food. Day 1 - The Carbon Economy and Food Production Day 2 – Healthy Landscapes/Healthy Food/ Healthy People Day 3 – New Thoughts ... new pathways ... where to from here? The conference program and profile of speakers can be found on <a href="http://www.rcs.au.com">www.rcs.au.com</a> .
27 July	<b>Tarcutta Valley Landcare Group – Meeting</b> Where: Tarcutta RSL Contact: Cherie White, 6941 2253
28-29 July	<b>The Grasslands Society of NSW Annual Conference - Adapting Mixed Farms to Future Environments</b> 25th Annual Conference Where: Dubbo For more information phone conference secretary Toni George on 6880 8034 Email: <a href="mailto:toni.george@industry.nsw.gov.au">toni.george@industry.nsw.gov.au</a> <a href="http://www.grasslandnsw.com.au">www.grasslandnsw.com.au</a>
<b>*NEW*</b> 1 August	<b>Schools Tree Day</b>
<b>August</b>	
<b>*NEW*</b> 1 August	<b>National Tree Day</b>
14 – 29 August	<b>CANFA No-till Farming Tour</b> CANFA is hosting a no-till farming tour to Northern NSW and Central Queensland. The 16 day itinerary will travel from Dubbo to Brewarrina, Cunnamulla, Longreach, Emerald, Carnarvon Gorge, Builyan, Hervey Bay, Dalby, Toowoomba, Goondiwindi, Moree and back to Dubbo, with many stops in between. Just a few of the highlights include a tour of the property of 2008 Conservation Farmers of the Year at Coonamble, the date farm at Eulo, "Isis Downs" shearing shed, a two-day stay in Longreach, fossicking for gems at Emerald, bush walking around Carnarvon Gorge, a visit to a sugar mill tour at Bundaberg, two nights in Hervey Bay, including whale watching and a tour of Fraser Island, a tour of the no-till farming operation at "Jimbour Plains" at Jimbour, various no-till farm and machinery tours around Toowoomba with CFI's Michael Burgis, before heading back into NSW. For more information contact Anne Williams on (02) 6825 6212 or email

	<a href="mailto:magomadine@esat.net.au">magomadine@esat.net.au</a>
<b>September</b>	
8 September	<p><b>EH Graham Centre – Field Site Launch</b></p> <p>A field site has been established on the CSU farm, where conservation farming techniques used to enable stubble retention will be demonstrated. These techniques have environmental and human health benefits as well as greater water conservation and ground cover.</p> <p>Time: 9 am until midday.</p>

## funding

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### **Murrumbidgee Community Partnerships**

The Murrumbidgee Catchment Management Authority invites you to participate in the Murrumbidgee Community Partnerships project.

This project will provide grants to community groups and not-for-profit organisations to enable them to undertake projects that deliver outcomes in alignment with Murrumbidgee Catchment Action Plan priorities. There are two categories of grants available:

Small scale: valued between \$1,000 - \$10,000 (GST exclusive)

Large scale: valued between \$10,001 - \$20,000 (GST exclusive)

**Applications close 5pm Monday 31 May, 2010.**

Further information regarding the Murrumbidgee Community Partnerships project is available in the Guidelines and Application form, both of which are available for download from the Murrumbidgee CMA website - [www.murrumbidgee.cma.nsw.gov.au](http://www.murrumbidgee.cma.nsw.gov.au)

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### **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](http://www.conservationvolunteers.com.au/greenschoolsconnect) OR Freecall 1800 032 501

### **Junior Landcare Grants**

Coles and Yates, through the Junior Landcare Grants Program, are offering funding to any school or organisation that would like to involve their students in landcare projects, in conjunction with local landcare groups. For more information visit <http://www.juniorlandcare.com/Grants.htm>  
 -> **2<sup>nd</sup> round closes 14<sup>th</sup> May 2010**

### **ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST GRANTS – now available...**

<b>Program</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Closing Date</b>	<b>Funding available 2010</b>
<p><b>Eco Schools</b></p> <p>Aim: to provide schools with the opportunity to involve their students &amp; community in developing &amp; implementing environmental management projects  <a href="http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/schools.htm">www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/schools.htm</a></p>	<p>Application            60 grants of \$2,500</p>	<p>5pm 21 May 2010</p>	<p>\$150,000</p>
<p><b>Restoration &amp; Rehabilitation (Community)</b></p> <p>Aim: to facilitate projects to prevent/reduce pollution, the waste stream or environmental degradation, run by community organisations. Also aim to improve the capacity of communities &amp; organisations to protect, restore and enhance the environment.  <a href="http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/restoration.htm">www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/restoration.htm</a></p>	<p>Application            \$5,000 to \$100,000</p>	<p>5pm 28 May 2010</p>	<p>\$1,500,000</p>

<p><b>Restoration &amp; Rehabilitation (State &amp; Local Government)</b>  Aim: to facilitate projects to prevent/reduce pollution, the waste stream or environmental degradation, run by state &amp; local organisations. Also aim to improve the capacity of communities &amp; organisations to protect, restore and enhance the environment.  <a href="http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/restoration.htm">www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/restoration.htm</a></p>	<p>Application  \$5,000 to \$100,000</p>	<p>5pm 28 May 2010</p>	<p>\$1,500,000</p>
<p><b>Protecting Our Places</b>  Aim: to protect land that is culturally significant to Aboriginal people and to support education projects about the environment and its importance in Aboriginal life.  <a href="http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/pop.htm">www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/pop.htm</a></p>	<p>Application  \$2,000 to \$35,000</p>	<p>5pm 4 June 2010</p>	<p>\$500,000</p>

#### *More Information*

Guidelines, application forms and more information is available on the Trust website: [www.environmentaltrust.nsw.gov.au](http://www.environmentaltrust.nsw.gov.au) or by phoning the Trust on (02) 8837 6093

#### **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](http://www.frrr.org.au/programsDetails.asp?ProgramID=4)

#### **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)

#### **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. 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](http://www.farmready.gov.au).

## awards & training

#### **\*NEW\***

#### **2010 NSW Farmer and Young Farmer of the Year**

NSW Farmers Association along with I&I NSW are calling for applications for the 2010 Farmer of the Year and Young Farmer of the Year. Prize money is \$10,000 and \$5,000 respectively. Young Farmers are classified as 16-35 years. Key judging criteria are:

- 1) Farm Management
- 2) Innovation
- 3) Financial Management and
- 4) Community Involvement.

For more information or to download an entry form visit [www.nswfarmers.org.au](http://www.nswfarmers.org.au) or [www.industry.nsw.gov.au](http://www.industry.nsw.gov.au).

**Entries close Thursday 10th June 2010.**

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#### **Funding for Diploma & Advanced Diploma in Rural Business Management or Agriculture**

Either of these would be an excellent introduction for farmers, their wives or family looking for an entry to learning and will be a solid base should they choose to go further. This training will be offered as self paced learning online and online interactive workshops.

LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE - REGISTER YOUR INTEREST NOW  
(training will commence in second half of July 2010 continuing to early 2012)  
For more information visit: [www.ruralbiztraining.com.au](http://www.ruralbiztraining.com.au) for more information

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### **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](http://www.rural-leaders.com.au)

### **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](http://www.riverfoundation.org.au)

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

### **2010 NSW Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities awards**

The NSW Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities awards provides an opportunity for your town to gain valuable media exposure for your town and community projects, and links your town to a network of experienced community volunteers, support and resources across NSW including funding opportunities. Celebrate your achievements and promote them to relevant stakeholders by entering the NSW Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities awards, welcoming projects big and small. For more information visit [www.kabnsw.org.au/OurPrograms/TidyTowns.aspx](http://www.kabnsw.org.au/OurPrograms/TidyTowns.aspx).

## publications & resources

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### **What bug is that?**

The guide to Australian insect families.

*What Bug Is That?* provides identification keys and information to the 600+ insect families of Australia.

<http://anic.ento.csiro.au/insectfamilies/>