

September, 2011

NED AGM

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GROUP MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE NED ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING
AT OAKLEY COMMUNITY HALL
MONDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 7PM

7PM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, Minutes and election of officers.

7.30PM ROAST MEAT & VEGETABLES, Cheese and fruit platter

8pm GUEST SPEAKER: ANNA SMITH
How Peacehaven Park Highfields was established and developed.

8.20pm UPDATE OF PROJECTS by Community Support Officer
(Owena Reimers)

8.30pm GENERAL MEETING with reports from sub groups.

8.50pm Questions and discussions

Tea and coffee

COST \$10 per person for those who require a meal.

RSVP to Glenys Bowtell on glenysbowtell@bigpond.com

or 0428751070 or 45284518

By the 21st September for catering.

Special points of interest:

- Round The Ridges
- NED Landcare Contacts & General Information
- Coming Events
- From the acting NED Chair
- Funding Opportunities
- NED AGM

CONTRIBUTIONS

Do you have something you wish to contribute to the newsletter?

Any workshops or coming events?

Send articles to Owena:

Email: reimerso@bigpond.com

ROUND THE RIDGES

Ned has been delivering a project for Condamine Alliance's Sustainable Ag Project.

Interviews were conducted with ten young farmers in the NED area. The interviews identified what the young farmers would like more information about. From information gather it was decided to hold three information nights on the following subjects:

Cattle Health and Nutrition - Guest Speaker: Gary Zerner- Ag Solutions

Solar Power and Windfarms - Guest Speaker: David McEvoy- McEvoy Consulting

What is soil biology and what can it do for me for free? - Guest speaker: Sarah Fea

The three information evenings were a great success.

Three field walks were also held at Peranga, Quinalow and Kaimkillenbun



South Myall Catchment Landcare Group received funding under the Queensland State Government's "BUILDING RURAL COMMUNITIES" scheme which is commonly known as Blue Print for the Bush funding.

This funding has been used towards assisting the community in the North East Downs Landcare Group Catchment area to improve and learn new computer skills. There were 30 interested participants, and to enable the three courses to happen efficiently it was decided that two trainers and two groups were needed.

Fortunately we were able to obtain the services of Mary-Lou Gittins a school teacher from Allora, and Victoria Menkins, school teacher and local farmer from Brymaroo, to assist us with our project. Mary-Lou was in charge of the beginners group and Victoria the more advanced group. Not that it meant we were very advanced.



ROUND THE RIDGES

Thanks to the Quinalow State School who allowed us to conduct these courses in their two Computer labs. This has made the task of organizing computers for everyone so much easier.

All participants received a computer reference book to assist them with their three courses. The participants have come from a wide area of the community and districts covered were Kumbarilla, Cooyar, Goombungee, Evergreen, Kulpi, Kaimkillenbun, Quinalow, Brymaroo, Kleinton, Bunya Mountains, Square Top, Kingsthorpe and Maclagan. Participants have been late for morning tea and late for lunch because they have been so enthusiastic and so engrossed in what they were learning no one looked at the time. This shows the wonderful skills of our two trainers Victoria and Mary-Lou.



Notes from the acting NED chair

I extend my greetings to everyone as we enjoy the early spring weather, after an 'old fashion' type of winter. Though the major portion of the NED coverage area received magnificent rain recently, we pray that those members who received lighter falls receive good follow up rain in the near future. The weather outlook for the coming months appears to be very positive for rain.

The NED Committee continues to be active with a number of projects being progressed and or finalised. Though Peter Crawford has relocated to a new home inland from the Fraser Coast, he has been providing ongoing and invaluable support to NED with some of the projects. We are grateful to Peter for this involvement.

However, I also wish to acknowledge the many passionate 'Landcarers' across the NED area who are implementing and promoting the various projects. The quantity and quality of the on ground effort is commendable.

Though the Climate change and Carbon trading debate may be taking the limelight on the big stage, the practical stuff at the local level remains a key focus for the Landholders.

The NED Committee recently hosted the Darling Downs Regional Landcare quarterly meeting on 26th August at Oakey. The attendees come from the 7 member groups, eg Chinchilla, Brigalow Jimbour, NED, Toowoomba, Central Downs and Millmerran in addition to Condamine Alliance, Qld Murray Darling Commission, and the Regional Landcare Facilitator.

May I remind everyone that Springtime is also the season for the AGM's. I encourage all members to attend their local sub group AGM, and invite everyone to the NED AGM scheduled for the 26th September at Oakey, commencing with a meal at 7pm.

Further details are available from your respective sub group contacts or our Support Officer Owena at the Oakey Office.

Regards,
Graham Cooke.

NED LANDCARE INFORMATION

Management Committee:

Acting Chair: Graham Cooke

Vice Chair:

Secretary: Glenys Bowtell

Treasurer: Diana Beal

Members: David Lange

Ashley Volz

NED has publications and Fact Sheets for members, so call in to the office and have a browse.

WHERE IS THE OFFICE?

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COMING EVENTS

- Landcare Week: 5th – 11th September 2011
- Landcare Conference– Ayr -20 – 23 September 2011
- NED AGM– 7 p.m. -26th September 2011
- Infinity Solar Info Night– 27th September 2011– 6.00 p.m. Dalby RSL
- Stop the Cane Toad. - 4th October 2011. Workshop in the NED office, Oakey
- 15th annual Bush Christmas exhibition -Friday 18 November to Sunday 27 November 2011

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

30 September - Community Campaigns – healthy lifestyle grants

This funding supports chronic disease prevention and healthy lifestyle campaigns by funding projects which implement ideas for local awareness, particularly for Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders. Applications close 30 September and more information is available at

www.health.gov.au or by phoning 02 6289 7500. You can also email localcommunitycampaigns@health.gov.au.

10 October - Be Natural Landcare grants

Funding of up to \$5000 is available to support groups to tackle environmental issues or maintain existing projects. Applications close 10 October 2011 and further information is available by visiting www.landcareonline.com.au or by emailing Odessa.obrien@landcareaustralia.com.au.

30 November - Community Benefit Funds

The four funds administered by the Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation close to applications this month. Applications to Gambling Community Benefit Fund, Jupiters Casino Community Benefit Fund, Breakwater Island Community Benefit Fund and Reef Casino Community Benefit Fund close 30 November 2011