

April, 2013

## AROUND THE RIDGES

### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

Draft Australian Animal welfare standards and guidelines for cattle and sheep.

A 60 day public consultation for the draft began on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2013.

Submissions on the draft must receive by COB 6<sup>th</sup> May 2013. Further details and documents can be found at [www.animalwelfarestandards.net.au](http://www.animalwelfarestandards.net.au)



### **“Healthy Soils healthy food” –The next step**

Dr Maarten Stapper and Hugh Lovel presented a workshop and field

day on the 19<sup>th</sup> March. The workshop was held at the Maclagan Hall in the morning and in the afternoon we visited two farms in the Quinalow area. While they were in the area Dr Stapper and Hugh Lovel visited Oakey State High to talk to the Ag students.

### **Improving soils, pasture and profitability in the NED area.**

Ian Moss has been facilitating three discussion groups in the NED area. Moola Creek, Gromaren-Doctors Creek and South Myall landholders have been involved



in the discussion groups. Funding for the project was received from Condamine Alliance as part of their Sustainable Ag Program. Discussions have been covering many different aspects of land management. Our groups have been firing heaps of questions at the presenters and lots of times this leads to even more questions and debates as to what is good or bad for your soil, pasture and crops.

## Out of the Office

*I hope that everyone had a relaxing Easter break. I will be out of the office from the 18<sup>th</sup> April for 2 weeks leave. Owena*

## Date Claimers

- **16th April 2013** Bus trip - Peranga and surrounding areas
- **18th April 2013** Free Biodiversity Forum -Dalby
- **26th April 2013** Free Governance workshop - Dalby
- **27th-29th September 2013** Queensland State Landcare Conference - Warwick

For more information on any of the coming events contact the NED office

# Notice Board

The workshops are not just for landcare groups, other community groups are very welcome to attend the free workshops

**Invitation**  
**Governance Training Workshop**  
**Dalby**

**Free Governance Training Workshop | Friday 26th April 2013**  
 9.00am - 12.00pm

If you've ever wondered if there is a better way run your community group, if you are fulfilling your roles the best way possible or if you are in fact meeting current legislation, this free workshop is for you!

Landcare Queensland together with the Darling Downs Regional Landcare Group, proudly supported by the Queensland Murray Darling Committee invite you to attend a free Governance Training Workshop.

This training delivered by Wombat Creative covers topics such as:

- What is governance and why is good governance important
- Setting up an Incorporated Association
- Roles and Responsibilities

By lunch time you'll have:

- Gained an understanding of legislation and how it applies to you
- Learnt what good governance means
- Gained an understanding of difference governance models and the positives and negatives of each.
- Gained knowledge on how to set up an incorporated association
- Learned to understand roles and responsibilities.

**Venue**  
 Dalby RSL  
 69 Drayton St  
 Dalby QLD 4405

**RSVP**  
 Friday 19th April 2013  
 Please RSVP to ensure adequate catering is provided.

**Time**  
 9.00am - 12.00pm

**Cost**  
 Free of charge

How to RSVP  
 Please contact Kevin Charlesworth on 0487 385 032 or email at [cklandcare@cfcl.org.au](mailto:cklandcare@cfcl.org.au)

As part of the South Myall Catchment Landcare Group's "Increasing soil organic matter with improved management practices" (CC12-00012) and North East Downs Landcare Group's "Designing Sustainable farm landscapes in the North East Darling Downs" (CAG12-00038) projects you are invited to view the results by joining our:

**Catchment Bus Tour**  
 Tuesday 16 April 2013

Departure: 16/04/13  
 8.30 am Quinalow Hall

Morning Tea:  
 Muntapa Tunnel

Lunch BBQ:  
 Peranga Bowls Club

Return:  
 3 pm Quinalow Hall  
 Cost \$11 per person.

Come along and join our Specialists  
**Brian Johnson D.A.F.F**  
**Dr. John Standley**—soil scientist  
**Mark Genrich**—soil conservationist to view and experience  
 Rotational Grazing – Thornville,  
 Fencing and Erosion—Highgrove,  
 Composted Chicken Manure/green urea  
 Trials at Evergreen.  
 Fertilizer Application – Peranga  
 Pasture Planting – Mt.Dairy .

RSVP by the 8th April 2013  
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**BIODIVERSITY FORUM 2013**

Thursday 18 April 2013  
 9.15 am – 2.00 pm  
 RSL Dalby Old

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Find out how Biodiversity is faring in the Northern Murray Darling Basin. Participate in an informed discussion.

Speakers and topics include:

- MC Deputy Mayor George Moore** Western Downs Regional Council
- Current Federal Policy **Des Boyland** Wildlife Preservation Society
- State of Biodiversity **Dr Geoff Lundie-Jenkins** EHP
- Local govt planning **Western Downs Regional Council**
- Regional Bodies **Jayne Thorpe** CA  
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- Govt Incentives **Dr Geoff Lundie-Jenkins** EHP
- Eco Fund **Kevin Charlesworth** RLF
- Land for Wildlife **Sandy Robertson** QMDC

*This programme is correct at the time of publication, but changes may occur. The forum is enabled by the generous support of the speakers and groups. We thank them for their valuable time and resources.*

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