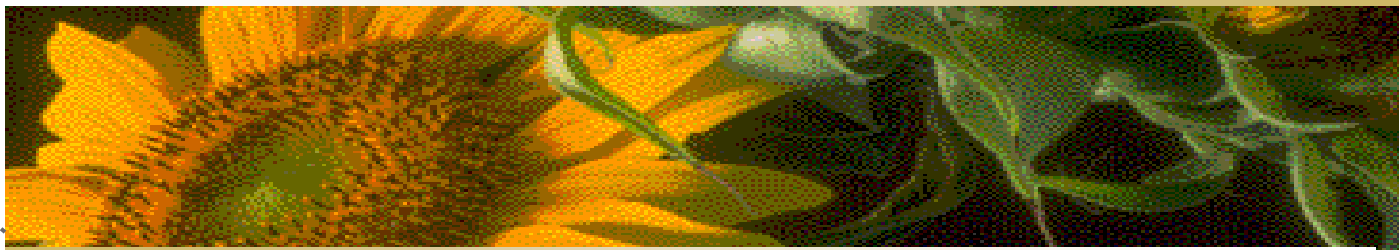


NORTH EAST DOWNS NEWS



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Spring, 2012

“EVERYONE’S ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTS”

Application close **Friday, 28th September 2012** for the new Department of Environment and Heritage Protection grant aimed at community groups. With 12 million being offered over 3 years, there is the potential for this Grant to fund some exciting projects. The application for this grant is simple and straightforward and the final reporting will follow the same lines.

CONDAMINE ALLIANCE “ADOPT A PATCH” PROGRAM

Round 2 of the Condamine Alliance “**Adopt a Patch**” program is now open for applications. Groups and landholders who are keen to protect a patch of bushland are invited to apply, with application forms available on the Condamine Alliance website: www.condaminealliance.com.au/AdoptaPatch or contact Dawn Heath, “*Adopt a Patch*” Project Coordinator by phone: 0459 133 132 or email: dawnheath@bigpond.com

“GAMBLING COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND”

This Fund caters to a range of community projects with wide-reaching public benefit. Applications for the Gambling Community Benefit Fund, as well as associated Casino Community Benefit Funds (Jupiters, Breakwater Island and Reef) closes on **30 November**.

“SMALL GRANTS FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES”

Funding of \$5,000 is available to benefit people in rural and remote communities of 10,000 people or less. Preference is given to projects that support education and youth, culture, arts, tourism and community heritage and community infrastructure such as halls. Applications close COB **30 September** and further information is available from Foundation for Regional and Rural Renewal, info@frrr.org.au or 1800 170 020.

2012— YEAR OF THE FARMER

Did you know that 2012 is *The Australian Year of the Farmer*? This initiative is seeking to celebrate, promote and support the hardworking Aussie farmers who supply the premium quality products that satisfy so many of our daily needs and contribute so significantly to our country’s export earnings.

SPECIAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE GRANTS

Special Disaster Assistance Grants have been extended until 31st October 2012. The extension applies for Qld floods (Nov 2010—Jan 2011), Tropical cyclone Yasi and Western Qld Tropical Low. For further information, ring QRRA on Freecall 1800 623 946 or visit www.graa.qld.gov.au

DATE CLAIMERS FOR COMING EVENTS

September is “Save the Koala” month. For details visit: <https://www.savethekoala.com/how-to-help/save-koala-month>

Thursday, 27th September 2012. North East Downs Landcare Annual General Meeting is being held at 6.30pm at the Oakey Community Centre (for more information, see the enclosed flyer).

Saturday, 29th September - Public Meeting “Impacts of Mining on the Darling Downs” from 2pm – 4pm in the Jacaranda Room, Grand Central, Toowoomba. Invited guest speakers include Ms Sarah Moles of “Lock the Gate Alliance”; Ruth Armstrong, a grain and cotton farmer from Cecil Plains; and Rob McCreath from “Friends of Felton”. **RSVP** to HOPE Office by phoning (07) 4639 2135 or emailing office@hopeaustralia.org.au

Saturday 29th September 2012 - Peranga Centenary Celebrations. South Myall Landcare is holding a photo completion, with entries closing **13th September 2012** For more information, contact **Glenys Bowtell**.

Tuesday, 9th October 2012 at 7.30 pm at the Biddeston Hall - the Aubigny Landcare Group is hosting an evening with Mark Reedy. Mark is the Principle Officer of **Conversation & Pest Management** for the **TRC Parks and Recreation Service**. All NED members and the community are welcome to attend the evening. There are lots of changes with the new Council and he looks forward to a large audience and is happy to answer lots of questions.

Wednesday, 24th October 2012 at 9.30am at the Maclagan Hall. Adam Willson - Soil Systems - “Weeds – understanding their control through sound ecological principles”.

OUT OF OFFICE

Owena will be out of the office from **11th-13th September 2012**, as she’s heading off on the NSW biological farming bus trip. You’ll be able to contact her on her mobile.

From **18th September to 24th September**, you can contact her by mobile or email.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Chair:	Graham Cooke
Vice Chair:	David Lange
Secretary:	Glenys Bowtell
Treasurer:	Diana Beal
Members:	Ashley Volz Margaret Fitzgerald

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

LOW RISK PRISON CREW

The low risk prison work crew is scheduled to finish on **Friday, 14th September**. After this date, South Myall Landcare will be retaining Peter Preston to continue to assist landholders with spraying weeds, fencing and tree planting. For more information, contact Glenys Bowtell.

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