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AUSTRALIAN FRAMEWORK FOR LANDCARE - HAVE YOUR SAY

The Framework Reference Group has completed a [draft Australian Framework for Landcare](#) and the framework is now available for public comment. The development of the Australian Framework for Landcare is your opportunity to have a say about the way forward for Landcare. You can make your submission online by going to www.landcarefacilitator.com.au. Submissions will close on 30 July 2010.

More information on the Australian Framework for Landcare, including input from all state and territory conferences, is available from the www.landcarefacilitator.com.au

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

\$8 million Community Action Grants for community groups

The Australian Government has announced up to \$8 million in additional funds to help community groups protect the environment and support sustainable farming through its 2010-11 Caring for our Country Community Action Grants program. Small community groups nationwide are encouraged to apply for grants of \$5,000 to \$20,000 to help them take action to protect and revitalise the Australian landscape.



“The funding can be used for a range of purposes, including removing weeds, planting trees, controlling pests and field days”.

Eligible community groups may include:

- Community groups involved in coastal rehabilitation, restoration and conservation;
- Groups of farmers or land managers working on sustainable farming or improving natural resource management;
- Indigenous partnerships involved in protecting or improving the environment;
- Groups involved in biodiversity, environmental protection or managing natural resources.

The guidelines and hard copy application form will be available from the Caring for our Country website at www.nrm.gov.au or by calling 1800 552 008 from **Tuesday 6 July 2010. Applications will close in late August 31, 2010.**

Climate Change Adjustment Grant

The Climate Change Adjustment program is part of Australia's Farming Future and assists primary producers manage the impacts of climate change. **Closing date 30 June 2010.** For further details visit <http://www.daff.gov.au/climatechange/australias-farming-future/climate-change-adjustment-assistance>

Junior Landcare Grants Program

Information on the 2010 Junior Landcare Grants Program can be accessed at the Junior Landcare website www.juniorlandcare.com.au. Through the Junior Landcare Grants Program, any school or organisation that would like to involve their students in landcare projects, in conjunction with local landcare groups, can apply for grants to assist them with the cost of their projects. **2010 Closing Dates:** Round 3: 5pm **Friday 6th August** (Yates and Coles), Round 4: **Friday 22nd October** (Yates and Melbourne Water only - Please note there are NO COLES grants available this round).

Small Grants for Small Rural Communities Program

Current Round

A small grants program for small rural Australian communities will offer about \$900,000 a year in grants to benefit people in rural and remote communities.

What can be funded?

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.

Applications from communities with a population of 10,000 or less will receive priority. Grants will be made in amounts up to \$5,000. To be eligible, projects must be for a charitable purpose (benefit the whole community). Organisations should have an ABN or Incorporation Certificate.

Organisations demonstrating community partnerships will be preferred to multiple applications from one community group.

Preference will be given to projects that support:

- Community Infrastructure
- Community Development involving Disadvantaged Children or Young People
- Resettlement of Immigrants in rural Australia
- Drought affected areas (Exceptional Circumstances Declared)

How to Apply?

Application can be made to Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal (FRRR) by post only and need to be posted no later than 5pm on the closing date 30 September, 2010. For more info use a free call 1800 170 020 or email info@frrr.org.au

INCENTIVES - EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

NACC Wind erosion incentives

Farmers in the Northern Agricultural Region are being encouraged to apply for wind erosion incentives to help ameliorate the effects of wind erosion in the region.

The incentives funded through the Australian Government's CFOC Program, will be offered on first come first served basis. Sites will be assessed against specific guidelines and criteria to ensure that on-ground works funded through the project deliver landscape-scale change and value for money.

Farmers and land managers undertaking on-ground works will also be offered 12 months membership to appropriate industry groups to enable them to access the latest technology and management information available. In addition to offering incentives, the project will also provide training and information dissemination opportunities to farmers and land managers involved in the project.

For more information regarding NACC's wind erosion incentives contact your local NRMO or phone NACC on 9938 0100.

NACC rabbit control incentives

NACC is offering farmers incentives to assist in controlling rabbit populations, aiming to integrate best practice rabbit control including rabbit baiting, warren fumigation, warren ripping and rabbit-proof fencing. Incentives, funded via Caring for Our Country, will be offered in accordance to set guidelines and minimum site criteria to ensure significant outcomes are achieved. The NACC's rabbit control incentives are in specifically targeted areas, in line with the CFOC targets. The incentives only cover five key habitat areas in the region.

For more information [contact](#) NACC on 9938 0100 .

Liebe group wind erosion project

Through the Australian Government's CFOC program, the Liebe Group is working closely with growers to develop innovative and improved management strategies to overcome wind erosion in areas in the east of the NAR.

This wind erosion project will run for four years and the group will conduct activities including on-farm demonstrations, workshops/events, field days and case studies to encourage growers to adopt improved land management practices in the region.

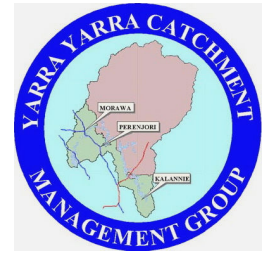
For more information on Liebe's wind erosion project contact Chris O'Callaghan at Liebe office Ph: 08 9664 2030, Mob: 0429446515, E: chris@liebegrup.asn.au.



UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS

Tree planting day around Yarra Yarra Catchment areas

If you have a few hours or the whole day to spare the Yarra Yarra group would love some help to plant around 12,000 trees as part of a revegetation project. The aim is to restore a degraded patch of bush to its former glory and create a wildlife corridor to improve biodiversity in the region.



When: Tuesday 6th July, 9.30am – 4.30pm, followed with a BBQ and drinks.

Where: Miljanna, Russel & Jan Macpherson's farm, on the corner of Wasley Road and Wilder Road (nr Wubin).

Info for volunteers: Please wear appropriate clothing (hat, covered shoes/boots, long sleeved shirt and long trousers recommended); bring your own sunscreen, gloves, drinking water, snacks & refreshments. There will be a BBQ in the late afternoon. If you have spare buckets please bring them too. There will be limited transport available from Wubin. All ages welcome!

Please RSVP if you wish to come and help. For more information or to register your interest please contact Dene Solomon or Lizzie King on 08 9973 1451 or 0408 934153.

50% Subsidy Available for Joining the Australian Sandalwood Network for farmers and community groups in the Northern Agricultural Region.

Thanks to the Woolworths Sustainable Farming Grant. The Yarra Yarra Catchment Management Group and the Australian Sandalwood Network (ASN) are able to offer you membership to the Australian Sandalwood Network for one year at a 50% discount. The other benefits related to this include: mentoring for setting up a sandalwood plantation on your property, newsletters and the latest research findings about sandalwood and reduced or free entry to various field days throughout the year.



There are limited numbers available, first in best dressed.

For more information please contact Lizzie King of the YYCMG on 9973 1451 or Bethan Lloyd of the ASN on 9574 5882

Oil Mallee seedlings still available – Get in quickly

It will not be news to many that the federal government has recently scrapped the notion of an emission trading scheme (ETS) for the next three years. Depending on how the ETS would have affected your operations, you may or may not be happy about the idea and this may have been expected to slow down the number of trees going in the ground. What is exciting about this is that growers are continuing to plant, which demonstrates confidence in the many other prospects that mallees have to offer. This includes the commercial possibilities of biomass, biochar, biofuels and crop and stock shelter. It also includes the substantial and many environmental benefits such as wind and water erosion abatement, salinity reduction and an increase in biodiversity. NACC has been observing this trend through their wind erosion incentive program that still has options for farmers wishing to partake in their mallee incentive. Whilst there are still subsidised seedlings available, the nurseries are beginning

to report reduced stocks. If you wish to take part in the program, get in quickly and contact the NACC or your regional catchment office.

For information and get your order, please contact [NACC](#) on 9938 0100.

Landcare Week 2010 (6th September – 13th September)

Landcare Australia is encouraging everyone to become a citizen scientist during Landcare Week. Every Australian can participate in this Landcare Week activity. Simply register with Climate Watch and you can monitor, collect and record data that will help shape the country's scientific response to climate change.

Our scientists need your data, become a Landcare Climate Watcher today and join landcare groups celebrate Landcare Week. <http://eepurl.com/z-Zr>.

OTHER INTERESTED NATIONAL EVENTS & NEWS

Bringing landcare groups and volunteers together- National Landcare Directory

The landcare Australia limited has built a new directory so that it is easier for groups to use. It will also capture the various project types that groups are working on all over Australia. You are encouraged to register if your group is involved in volunteer community environment projects including: landcare, coastcare, sustainable farming, friends of groups, bushcare, rivercare, Junior Landcare (e.g. schools, scouts and other youth groups).

For a limited time, Landcare Australia will offer 20 x \$1,000 grants to groups who register by September 6th - the first day of Landcare Week. The winning grant recipients will be selected at random from the database and announced on landcareonline.com.au. For more info contact 02 94121040 or landcareaustralia.com.au@mcsv77.net

8th National Conference - Planning conservation to achieving restoration

The Australian Network for Plant Conservation is inviting everyone involved in conserving Australia's unique flora and native vegetation to their 8th National conference to be held in Perth (Technology Park Precinct located in Dick Perry Ave, Kensington) on 28 September to 1 October 2010.h The aim of the conference is to provide updates on the latest, most relevant information, and opportunities to link up with other people working to conserve our native flora.

There will be one-day field trips during the conference and a three-day field trip after the conference. This will give you a chance to be guided by experts through one of the world's richest and most diverse floras in the international biodiversity hotspot of South-West Australia.

Conference themes include:

- Conservation planning
- Seeds and genes for restoration
- Engaging with industry
- The role of taxonomy
- Soil health and restoration
- Planning for climate change.



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Early bird registrations are open until 28 July 2010. Call for abstracts are open until 16 July 2010
Further information can be found on the ANPC website: <http://www.anpc.asn.au/conferences/2010>
or contact the ANPC office: 02 6250 9509.

Enviro 2010 Conference in Melbourne 21-23 July

The Enviro Conference and Exhibition is the premier national assembly of Australian environment and industry stakeholders. To be held in Melbourne from 21 to 23 July 2010, the Enviro 2010 Conference and Exhibition will be presented by 'Enviro Conventions' – a joint venture between the Australian Water Association and the Waste Management Association of Australia.

The primary objective of Enviro 2010 is to assemble the leaders of the Australian environment industry, business and policy makers to facilitate cross-fertilisation and networking opportunities. The breadth and diversity of contributors is expected to cover all aspects of sustainability. The Enviro Conference will be a collection of keynote addresses and workshops dealing with sustainability issues faced by governments, business and the public.

The conference will be run concurrently with the Enviro 2010 Exhibition where more than 100 exhibitors will display the latest in environmental and sustainability innovation. For more info please contact the Conference Secretariat at 1300 651 026; and for rego and payment contact Alison Bonanno T: 1300 651 026; E: registration@enviroconvention.com.au

19th World Congress on Soil Science – soil solutions for a changing world

The Officers of the International Union of Soil Science are delighted to extend their invitation to members of soil science community, and people with interest on soil solutions to join them in Brisbane, Queensland Australia for the 19th World Congress of Soil Science to be held 1-6 August 2010 at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre.

The conference theme Soil Solutions for a Changing World provides a tremendous opportunity for a broad range of presentations – you are urged to share your research, experiences and knowledge with members in Brisbane.

The Congress, held every four years, presents a global forum at which all those involved in Soil Science can meet with scientists, researchers, academics and professionals to discuss and find Soil Solutions for a Changing World.

Details of the 19th World Congress of Soil Science will be found at www.19wcsc.org.au or contact the conference manager at: info@19wcsc.org.au (general enquiry); program@19wcsc.org.au (program enquiries) and register@19wcsc.org.au (Registration and accommodation enquiries) or call 07 3368 2644.