



2011 NSW LANDCARE

CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT FORUM

incorporating the 2011 NSW Landcare Awards

Thinking differently: New solutions for old issues



5 - 7 September

PARKES NSW

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ABOUT THE *forum*



The 2011 NSW Landcare and Catchment Management Forum will be held in the progressive regional centre of Parkes, well known for its diversity in industry and agriculture as well as for the adoption of sustainable natural resource management practices.

The forum will address a variety of environmental issues facing landholders, government and industry proponents, education institutions and urban communities. It represents a must-attend for practitioners across all of these sectors and will provide a forum for extensive interaction.

The forum will offer presentations, field trips, discussions and case studies with the aim of building knowledge and partnerships in the Landcare and Catchment Management community and to create a way forward.

The theme Thinking Differently will underpin conference sessions, highlighting the fact that the natural resource management world is changing and the time for action is now.

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CONFERENCE PROGRAM

(Please note that the conference program is subject to change)

Monday 5th September

9.00AM **REGISTRATIONS COMMENCE**
PARKES LEAGUES CLUB & SERVICES CLUB

12.30PM **LANDCARE NSW INC MUSTER**
PARKES SERVICES CLUB

Meet with other Landcarers and help determine the actions that Landcare should take over the next twelve months. The Muster gives a chance for discussion and hearing what other like minded people are doing. Meet friends and connect with your grass roots landcare mates.

6.00PM **WELCOME RECEPTION**
PARKES LEAGUES CLUB (AUDITORIUM)

Tuesday 6th September

8.00AM **BREAKFAST & WELCOME CEREMONY**
COOKE PARK

9.25AM **FIELD TRIPS COMMENCE**
DEPART COOKE PARK

THE FIELD TRIPS

Alternatives to Traditional Farming Systems

Tropical grasses addressing climate variability, a project managed by Cooks Myall Landcare group. Mallee trees - reforestation projects for generating carbon credits with discussion from Mark Ritchie, Manager Land Acquisition for CO2 Australia.

Whole Farm Approaches to Sustainable Farming & Biodiversity

A look from two perspectives, a family business run by Bernie and Liz Dwyer. A corporate operation managed by Northparkes Mine.

Urban Landcare

Forbes Urban Landcare, Winner of the Urban Landcare category in 2009. Showcasing projects that combat salinity, reduce erosion, and improve habitat.

Forbes North Public School. Showcasing their Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program. Children from Years 1 to 6 learn to grow fruit and vegetables. They are then able to harvest the food they produce and cook it in a special purpose kitchen.

The Dish

One for your partner - an interesting visit to "the Dish" (Parkes Telescope) with morning tea at the Dish Café. Also included is a visit to various Parkes home gardens.



9.25AM **WORKSHOPS**
PARKES SERVICES CLUB

WORKSHOPS

Art exhibition

A collection of art displays including botanical drawings, sculptors, and basket weaving.

Soil Health to Human Health

Carole Hungerford has dedicated her career to an understanding of soil health and its links to human health. Come along and hear the latest from this passionate soil scientist.

Finding and Working with sponsors

Landcarers need to become more entrepreneurial, and attract business and corporate partners who share common aims for community and environmental action. Well known consultant Jen Quedly will present and workshop the issues along side Sponsor representative Kath Logan.

FORUM SESSIONS

1.15PM - 5.30PM FORUM COMMENCES
PARKES LEAGUES CLUB AUDITORIUM

MC SARINA LOCKE was born into a farming family at Holbrook and grew up around cattle, sheep and horses. She's been with the ABC since 1991 as a roving rural/environment reporter. Sarina also won the international Star prize in 2010.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER MAJOR GENERAL MICHAEL JEFFERY AC, AO (Mil), and CVO, MC Retired from the Army in 1993 and was appointed Governor of Western Australia until 2000. From 2003 to 2008 he served as Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia where his key interests were in youth, education and landscape regeneration matters. Currently he is Chairman of Outcomes Australia and a patron of some 16 other charitable organisations. Outcomes Australia brings Australians together to create more sustainable outcomes for our environment.



PANEL SESSION "THINKING DIFFERENTLY"

We reap what we sow - body, mind and soil.

DR MAARTEN STAPPER PhD University of New England (Armidale) -Advocate of biological-organic farming systems. Dr. Stapper is a farming systems agronomist whose main focus is helping farmers improve the profitability of their operations by harnessing the power of natural healthy soil processes.

DR CAROLE HUNGERFORD B.A. M.B. B.S. F.A.C.N.E.M - Nutrition-based approach to wellness. Celebrated author of "Good Health in the 21st Century" – a monumental work which champions a nutrition-based approach to wellness.

DR JOHN HOSKIN Considers the mental wellbeing of rural Australia. Once introduced as "a Semiretired psychiatrist and cured farmer".

LANDCARE NSW INC MUSTER REPORT

MANDI STEVENSON is the chairperson of Landcare NSW Inc. Landcare NSW inc is a body that represents Landcare groups across NSW. It is made up of representatives from those groups, and is an advocate for what grass roots Landcare is all about.

NATIONAL LANDCARE NETWORK REPORT

DAVID WALKER Chairperson - An aim of the National Landcare Network is to speak as the national voice in the development of Landcare and broader natural resource management and environmental policy.

NSW STATE LANDCARE AWARD FINALISTS PRESENTATIONS,

Short presentations delivered by the NSW finalists according to category. See why they were nominated prior to the Awards Dinner and Presentation.

3.30PM GROUP 1

- Australian Government Individual Landcarer Award
- Australian Government Innovation in Sustainable Farm Practices Award
- Westpac Education Award
- Australian Government Natural Resource Management (NRM) Award
- Toshiba Community Group Award
- Coastcare Award

4.30PM GROUP 2

- Leighton Holdings Indigenous Award
- Rural Press Primary Producer Award
- Be Natural Young Leader Award
- Local Government Landcare Partnership Award
- Australian Government Local Landcare Facilitator/Coordinator Award
- Urban Landcare Award

2011 NSW LANDCARE AWARDS

6.30PM

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PARKES LEAGUES CLUB AUDITORIUM

- Dress: Smart Casual
- Dinner: 2 Course Meal
- Entertainment: Elvis Spectacular Show

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9AM - 5PM FORUM COMMENCES
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GUEST SPEAKER AND MC ROB GELL National President of Greening Australia Ltd, Chairman of the Mornington Peninsula and Westernport Biosphere Reserve Foundation Ltd. His communication skills have engaged government, business, and environmental groups for his approach to sustainable development.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER RICHARD NEVILLE Practicing futurist since 1963, author (central editor of Oz Magazine) and social commentator. "Accepting the future can no longer be taken for granted, it needs to be rescued. As the eco system falters and disasters escalate, how will people behave? While the road ahead is paved with perils and promise, we can often spot the footprints of the future and acquire the habit of "living in three time zones" – then, now, tomorrow. By cultivating foresight we can learn to decipher the patterns behind the blur and get a glimpse of things to come." Richard Neville



WHY SOCIAL RESEARCH IS CRITICAL FOR NRM

PROFESSOR ALLAN LINDSAY CURTIS BA (Melb), DipEd (Melb) PhD (CSU) Professor of Integrated Environmental Management Allan has an international reputation for research examining watershed organisations, the policy and institutional arrangements supporting catchment management, understanding rural landholder adoption of conservation practices, and the evaluation of natural resource management programs.

PERSPECTIVES ON THE AUSTRALIAN FRAMEWORK FOR LANDCARE

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DAVID WALKER National Landcare Network – Chairperson.

PANEL SESSION "THINKING DIFFERENTLY"

Carbon Farming Initiative or "Using our Initiative".

WALTER JEHNE Retired scientist with a specialist background in soil microbiology and plant ecology.

TERRY MCCOSKER Cell grazing founder and forward-thinking agriculturalist.

LOUISA KIELY Director of Carbon Farmers of Australia, offering services that aim to give the Grower a safe, ethical carbon trading experience.

TOM NICHOLAS Healthy Soils Chair. Supports a wide range of proven approaches to build healthy, carbon-rich soil.

AARON SOANES General Manger Operations for CO2 Australia. CO2 Australia is a market leader in the establishment of major commercial reforestation projects for the purpose of generating carbon credits.

"Benefits of Traditional Burning in the Lachlan" and "River Dreaming Canoe Tours"

RUSSELL HILL Lachlan CMA Catchment Officer-Aboriginal Communities, Cultural Heritage Program Manager

DR MILTON LEWIS BSc (Hons) PhD Ecologist

PANEL SESSION "THINKING DIFFERENTLY"

Sustainable LandcareLandcare's sustainability.

Capacity to achieve- funding, sponsorship, volunteers and partnerships.

GARRY REYNOLDS Caring for our Country National Coordinator - Business and Industry.

HEATHER CAMPBELL Landcare Australia Limited - Chief Executive Officer.

DAVID WALKER National Landcare Network – Chairperson.

MANDI STEVENSON Landcare NSW Inc – Chairperson.

KIDS LANDCARE CARNIVAL

A report and video presentation from the Kids Landcare Carnival giving us the ideal perspective "The Kids Perspective"

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE LOCATION FOR 2013 FORUM

2011 FORUM CONCLUDES

DAVID WALKER National Landcare Network Chairperson closes event

Tuesday 6th September

KIDS LANDCARE CARNIVAL AT KELLY RESERVE.



Hundreds of kids will converge for a hands-on Landcare experience with exciting environmental education including; Targonga Western Plains Zoo's Zoomobile, Enviro Craft and a Waste-Less School Lunch Competition

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THE VENUES

2011 NSW Landcare and Catchment Management Forum will be held at Parkes Leagues Club with some concurrent sessions taking place at the Parkes Services Club, Coachman Hotel/Motel and Parkes Shire Council. All venues are located in the heart of the Central Business District.

2011 NSW LANDCARE AWARDS

With Parkes dubbed the 'Elvis Capital of Australia' in recognition of the now famous annual festival....you can't visit Parkes without a hip experience. Following the prestigious NSW Landcare Awards Dinner, the evening will conclude with an "Elvis Spectacular" show. Parkes Elvis festival-goers rave about this performer, so we are all in for a great night.

TRANSPORT

Parkes can be directly accessed from Sydney via the Regional Express (REX) airline service, with several services each day, www.rex.com.au. The airport is located approximately 5km east of Parkes. Parkes also offers Country Link services by way of rail and bus. Alternatively, due to our central location, Parkes is an easy distance for those people who choose to drive.

ACCOMMODATION

Parkes has a range of quality, comfortable accommodation offerings with 13 motels and 7 pubs offering accommodation plus 4 caravan parks and 4 bed and breakfasts, all of an exceptional standard.



Preferred Accommodation

1. Coachman Hotel/Motel
Dalton Street Parkes NSW 2870
P: 02 6862 2622 E: bookings@coachman.com.au



2. Golden Chain Clarinda Motel
72 Clarinda Street Parkes NSW 2870
P: 02 6862 1655 E: clarinda@westserv.net.au



3. The Spanish Lantern Motor Inn
62 Peak Hill Rd Parkes NSW 2870
P: 02 6862 3388 F: 02 6862 5121



4. Hamilton Henry Parkes Motor Inn
25 Welcome St, Parkes NSW 2870
P: 02 68624644 E: info@henryparkesmotorinn.com



5. Moonraker Motor Inn
444 Clarinda Parkes NSW 2870 Street
P: 02 6862 2355 E: info@moonrakermotorinn.com.au

Host a Coasty

Home Hosting is also an available option. For more information contact Helen; Phone: 0467 621 900 Email: kadinabb@bigpond.net.au.



For a full list of accommodation to suit all budgets, please contact Parkes Visitor Information Centre Newell Highway, Parkes
Phone: 02 6862 6000 Email: tourism@parkes.nsw.gov.au

Sunday 4th September

9.00AM KALARI-LACHLAN RIVER ARTS FESTIVAL FORBES



The inaugural Kalari-Lachlan River Arts Festival, a community celebration of country creativity and resilience, will be held in Forbes on Sunday 4 September, as the opening event for the NSW Landcare & Catchment Management Forum. The festival will commence at 9.00am and gold coin donation is appreciated. It will feature the world premiere of the Kate Kelly Song Cycle, a new musical composition about the life and times of Ned Kelly's sister Kate, whose body was found in the Forbes Lagoon in 1898.

Other Festival events will include a Welcome To Wiradjuri Country, a Lantern Parade around the Lagoon in honour of the region's nineteenth century Chinese migrants, a Beyond Blue bowls tournament, Dragon Boat races, music, theatre, poetry, arts and craft exhibitions, wine tastings, demonstrations and other activities reflecting the cultural diversity and creativity of communities within the catchments of the Lachlan and other rivers in Central New South Wales, transport must be arranged by attendees. For more information go to www.merrillfindlay.com

SPONSORSHIPS AND PARTNERSHIPS

If you are interested in sponsoring the Forum, giving support or taking part in our trade displays, please contact Forum Coordinator, Sarah Gillogly
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