

# Network Notes

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## Update from the Chairman

Hello all

The last few weeks since the last Network Notes has been an even busier time than before - if that's possible.

I mentioned last time that NRMB and the Regional Facilitators are undertaking the challenging task of attempting to design and develop potential future large-scale NRM programs for the NT in anticipation of the Caring for our Country program business plan and call for proposals. This work has continued to occupy us.

There have been two exciting developments on the program development front involving collaborations with other regional NRM bodies across State and Territory borders.

1. The regional NRM bodies in 'northern Australia', including

- Western Australia's Rangelands;
- NRMB (NT);
- Queensland's Southern Gulf Catchments;
- Queensland's Northern Gulf;
- Queensland's Burdekin Dry Tropics;
- Queensland's Wet Tropics;
- Queensland's Cape York Peninsula;
- Queensland's Torres Strait.

have got together to work out how best we can take a partnership-based approach to planning together for our common priorities across borders. Other key partners will be indigenous, professional, academic, industry and non profit NRM organisations. The common outcomes we are likely to pursue collectively include:

- integrated knowledge management
- provision of ecosystem services
- indigenous land and sea institutions
- coastal and marine and rivers
- strategic pests
- regional governance and sustainability

## Update from the Chairman cont.

2. The regional NRM bodies working across the Rangelands, in WA, SA, NSW Qld and NT have similarly started talking about joint program development across the issues of:

- large feral herbivore control
- provision of Ecosystem Services
- a National Sustainability Trust across the Rangelands
- Arid Rivers and Wetlands
- Community skills, knowledge and engagement
- Soil condition and Water Quality Targets.

Now for news on another one of NRMB's Strategic Reserve projects;  
"Scoping a Feral Animal Control Program"

NRMB are undertaking a project to Scope a Feral Animal Control Program. The project will produce a scoping report that will be invaluable for NRMB in providing investors with confidence to fund large scale feral animal control in the Northern Territory. The project will identify coordinated, partnership-based control programs which will have an enduring impact on target species. There are two components: (1) Northern Region NT - pigs; (2) Southern Region NT - camels. These feral species are widely accepted as being high priority threats to the biodiversity, production and cultural assets in the two respective regions.

Desert Wildlife Services has successfully tendered for the camel component, and are ideally situated in Alice Springs to undertake this for the NRMB. The key objectives they will be endeavouring to scope out in the report are:

- To identify the key principles and factors critical to the success of a large feral animal control program;
- Develop a short-term partnership-based operational control plan for feral camels in southern Northern Territory; and
- Develop agreed cooperative approaches to post-control management, including the monitoring of asset (biodiversity, cultural and production capacity) recovery.

Last but not least, this is my last Chairman's Update to you all.

As you all maybe aware I am retiring on 30th June 2008 as I have sold my business, it also appears to be an appropriate date to resign from the NRMB as we are entering a new phase in the Board's development.

We are well on the way to securing funding for the next year and as I said above are working hard to fashion the strategic direction of the Board to encompass the Caring for our Country funding. The time required by the Chairman is quite intensive and I will be out of circulation for a minimum of 4 months this financial year, at a most critical stage in the life of the Board. It is with this in mind that I have offered my resignation to the Chief Executive of NRETA after discussion with the Minister.

Mike Clark, the Deputy Chairman has now taken over and we are working in parallel to ensure a smooth transition before the next Chairman is appointed. In closing I would like to thank all of you for your support and dedication through both smooth and incredibly trying times. Like the stock market I do not perceive it to be without perturbation until next year and I wish you all well in the next very exciting phase.

As I said last time the Executive Officer Adrienne Farago will not be renewing her contract, so from 1 July please welcome the new leadership team of Mike Clark and Kevin Williams and I am sure you will give them all your support.

## General News

# Caring For Our Country Open Grants

Open Grants is a transitional component of the Australian Government's new \$2.25 billion Caring for our Country initiative. Applications are being sought now for funding in 2008-2009. Future opportunities for funding to contribute to the priority outcomes will be included in the annual Caring for our Country Business Plan.

### National priorities

Caring for our Country Open Grants funding will provide up to \$25 million in 2008-2009. This funding is targeted to the following Caring for our Country priority areas:

- biodiversity and natural icons
- coastal environments and critical aquatic habitats
- sustainable farm practices

Projects that address environmental and sustainable land management outcomes in remote and northern Australia, improvements to the national reserve system or community skills, knowledge and engagement issues can also be addressed within these priority areas.

### Who can apply?

Anyone can apply as long as you are a legal entity. For example:

- Regional/Catchment natural resource management bodies
- Non-government incorporated organisations
- Incorporated community, industry and Indigenous groups
- Individuals, trusts or partnerships
- Universities and cooperative research centres
- Businesses
- Commonwealth Government agencies
- State and Territory Government agencies
- Local Government

### Questions?

Web: [www.nrm.gov.au](http://www.nrm.gov.au)  
 Email: [opengrants@nrm.gov.au](mailto:opengrants@nrm.gov.au)  
 Phone Caring for our Country Open  
 Grants: **1800 065 823**

### When is the closing date?

Applications must be received by **5.00 pm (AEST) Friday 1 August 2008**.

### What size are the grants?

Competitive grants will fund projects costing from \$80 000 to \$400 000.

### What can be funded?

During 2008-2009 Caring for our Country will support

- larger scale projects which have the capacity to achieve significant outcomes
- projects that involve consortiums of key interest groups; are multi-regional or multi-jurisdictional and that leverage additional investment from other sources
- projects that target significant outcomes in at least one of the Caring for our Country national priority areas targeted for 2008 -2009
- projects that can be delivered in a timely manner with measurable outcomes by 30 June 2009, but we will also accept projects that can be completed within 12 months

Projects should engage key stakeholders and must demonstrate how the project outcomes will be communicated and promoted to other natural resource management stakeholders. You are still encouraged to apply through this process if you are seeking a smaller amount of funding but have leveraged considerable investment from other sources.

## General News

### Banksia's People's Choice Award

Here is your chance to show your support for Indigenous communities and their dedicated efforts to manage their lands and seas by voting online for the NAILMSA Dugong and Marine Turtle Project in the People's Choice Awards for the Banksia Environmental Awards.

The NAILMSA project is an Indigenous-led project that is empowering Indigenous Australians to identify the issues, and to develop and implement the solutions, for sustainable management of marine turtle and dugong. The project spans the northern coast of Australia—from the Kimberley coast of Western Australia across to Cape York Peninsula in the east and the Torres Strait—an area that is one of the last great strongholds in the world for these iconic and threatened species.

The work by Indigenous communities in managing dugong and marine turtle has been recognised by the Banksia Environmental Foundation with the nomination of our project as a finalist in the 2008 Banksia Environmental Award in the category 2008 Indigenous Award. These are prestigious awards with the Prime Minister of Australia, Kevin Rudd, as their patron.

The NAILMSA project is also one of nine projects to be selected from this year's list of 45 finalists to be nominated for a People's Choice Award by the Foundation—and we need your help and your vote!

To register your support for Indigenous communities working for better management of Australia's iconic and threatened marine species please go to

[http://www.banksiafdn.com/peopleschoice/2008\\_peoples\\_choice.php](http://www.banksiafdn.com/peopleschoice/2008_peoples_choice.php)

And vote for the NAILMSA Dugong and Marine Turtle Project in the People's Choice Awards!

Some reasons for voting

The NAILMSA Dugong and Marine Turtle Project;

is the only Indigenous run Natural Resource Management (NRM) project to be nominated for a People's Choice Award,

- is the only NRM project from north of the New South Wales border to be nominated for a People's Choice Award,

- is the only NRM project representing WA, NT, QLD and the Torres Strait to be nominated for a People's Choice Award,

- is currently in the top 5 for the People's Choice Award along with tough competition from a 'green' beer, and

- is also nominated for a Banksia Category Award (2008 Indigenous Award)—with the winner to be announced 18th July 2008

Please take a moment to visit the Banksia Environmental Foundation website to register your vote and show your support. To vote, visit: [http://www.banksiafdn.com/peopleschoice/2008\\_peoples\\_choice.php](http://www.banksiafdn.com/peopleschoice/2008_peoples_choice.php)

And vote for the NAILMSA Dugong and Marine Turtle Project in the People's Choice Awards!

Your vote will be greatly appreciated. Please pass on to your contacts and get them involved—every vote counts!

To find out more about the NAILMSA Dugong and Marine Turtle Project, visit [http://www.nailsma.org.au/projects/dugong\\_turtle.html](http://www.nailsma.org.au/projects/dugong_turtle.html)

## General News



Australian Government  
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry  
National Landcare Program



### ***Best Practice for Sustainable Land Use in the Northern Territory Project*** *A Northern Territory Horticultural Association and Northern Territory Agricultural Association Joint Venture*

The NT Horticultural and Agricultural associations launched the major output of their three year NLP project, 'Best Practice for Sustainable Land Use in the NT', at the Freds Pass Show recently. The NT Sustainable Land Use guidelines were officially launched by Warren Snowden, the Federal Minister for Defence, Science and Personnel.

The project was developed by forward thinking industry stakeholders in 2004 with funding approved by the National Landcare Program (NLP) in 2005. The primary aim of the project was to increase the uptake of sustainable agricultural practices through the adoption of environmental management planning. This was to be achieved through the development of best practice guidelines to provide existing and impending agriculturalists with a practical tool to review practices, assess performance, and implement strategies to improve natural resource management and farming techniques.



The guidelines were developed with a strong consultative focus which endeavoured to engage all relevant stakeholders within the agricultural sector of the NT. Approximately 120 participants have contributed to the guidelines development through a framework comprising of an Industry Liaison Group (ILG) and a Technical Liaison Group (TLG). The ILG comprised primarily of growers representing the varied sector groups within the industry. The TLG contained technical and professional representatives from DPIFM, NRETA, CSIRO, CDU, WWF, DAFF, AGO, Greening Australia and the environment centres - ALEC and ECNT. Acknowledgement of these contributors has been made in the guidelines.

The projects consultative phases involved a baseline survey of stakeholders to gauge the industries performance and views. This assisted in developing a framework for the initial consultation which involved interviews with stakeholders on the relevance of the 13 identified key areas and their content. Feedback was then utilised to develop the key area frameworks that guided the research and data collection phase of the project. Sustainable agriculture / sustainable land use (SLU) programs and formats were sourced locally, nationally and internationally which assisted in developing guidelines relevant to the Territory.

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### *Best Practice for Sustainable Land Use in the Northern Territory Project cont.....*

Apart from the standard eight sections that are normally incorporated in such guidelines our stakeholders identified another five 'key area' sections that they wished to have incorporated in the guidelines. These were the Territory relevant areas of Fire and Weeds; the others included Climate, Biosecurity and Carbon. This broader framework provided the project officer with the ability to develop a comprehensive (holistic) set of SLU guidelines that encompassed environmental issues that may arise, rather than the standard format of only addressing the issues at hand. The guidelines have also been designed as an evolving document that will necessitate updating as new practice and technology come to light.

A preliminary draft of the guidelines was circulated in late 2006 and a series of workshops were conducted in Darwin, Katherine and Alice Springs as the second consultative phase of the project. The aim of the regional workshops was to capture feedback on the current recommended practices (CRPs) listed in the guidelines and the technical accuracy of the guidelines content. This feedback was collated and utilised to further develop and enhance the guidelines. Input was also sought on the format and design of the guidelines during this phase.

The final phase of the project involved trialling or ground-truthing the guidelines with producers to ensure that the system could be easily understood and was useable and valuable in assisting environmental planning. Producers undertook the self-assessment checklists contained within the 13 key areas of the guidelines and then transferred any issues they identified to their EMP.

Overall the guidelines have been well received by industry and other NRM stakeholders. The guidelines have achieved the main aim of the project, which was to produce a basic under-pinning system that would facilitate the uptake of sustainable agriculture and environmental management planning in the NT. This product has also assisted the NTHA in accessing RIS funding to undertake 12 pilot EMPs within the NT agricultural industry.



## Awards & Training

### Post graduate courses in Rangeland Management offered as Workshops

Rangeland Australia now offers rangeland management courses from the University of Queensland Rangeland Management postgraduate programs in regional areas. The courses, usually offered as distance education courses, are also being offered in a face-to-face, 5 day workshop format.

The workshop format requires students to undertake pre-reading before the workshop, attend the 5-day workshop covering course content and learning activities, and complete the final assignment after the workshop.

#### **This gives students opportunities**

- For face-to-face interaction with their peers and Learning Facilitators.
- To take advantage of 'on the spot learning support'
- To better manage the demands of study around your work and family life.

**Please note:** We bring the courses to you. Any Rangeland Australia developed course can be offered in any region provided a minimum number of students are interested in attending.

#### **Interested in enrolling in a course in 2009?**

Courses are arranged when students indicate a preference for a course in workshop mode. Please **indicate your preference early** to enable courses to be offered. Contact Elizabeth Wallis on [e.wallis@uq.edu.au](mailto:e.wallis@uq.edu.au) or tel. (07) 5460 1660.

Courses can be arranged for work groups and delivered in the workplace (subject to numbers), with learning activities and assignments relevant to the workplace or region.

### **Nuffield Australia 2008 Scholarships for Australian Primary Producers**

The objective of Nuffield Scholarships is to increase practical farming knowledge, management skills and general techniques. **Applications close 30 June.** Visit [www.nuffield.com.au](http://www.nuffield.com.au)

### **2008 Agricultural Industries Young Innovators and Scientists Awards**

The Science Awards are open to people aged 18 to 35 years who are working or studying in the agriculture, fisheries, forestry, food or natural resource industries. **Applications close 30 June.** Visit [www.brs.gov.au/scienceawards](http://www.brs.gov.au/scienceawards)

### **Tree Day competition**

The Australian Landcare magazine is holding a Tree Day competition to find out how much people in landcare know about the roles trees play in our environment. Seven multiple choice questions are in a survey on page 22 of the June edition of the Australian Farm Journal's Australian Landcare magazine. Answers can be emailed **by no later than 1 July** to [magazine@landcareaustralia.com.au](mailto:magazine@landcareaustralia.com.au)

## Awards & Training

### Extension of the application deadline to the Young Conservationist Award 2008

#### **Extension of the application deadline until Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup> 2008.**

The International Ranger Federation (IRF) and IUCN's World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA) calls on a yearly basis for nominations for the prestigious **YOUNG CONSERVATIONIST AWARD (YCA)**.

The award aims to recognize and raise awareness of the outstanding contributions made to the management of protected areas, and leadership shown, by young conservationists. It also seeks to encourage young professionals and help them develop networks by inviting winners to join WCPA.

A first round of submissions was registered until mid April. However, we are pleased to announce the extension of the application deadline until **Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup> 2008** to encourage deserving young professionals to raise awareness on their outstanding contribution in promoting effective protected area management.

In 2006, Christian Teran, a twenty eight year old Ecuadorian national, was awarded the Young Conservationist Award issued for the very first time by the joint initiative. He was particularly commended for his crucial role in creating and effectively managing the Gran Reserva Chachi, a community conserved area in northern Ecuador's Choco forest. Christian's dedication, innovation and capacity to deal with adversity have contributed to the success of the Gran Reserva Chachi, making it a model of effective community conservation both locally and internationally.

Like last YCA, in recognition of her/his valuable work, the winner will be given the opportunity to develop her/his network by joining WCPA, the world's premier network of protected area experts as a new member.

Applications should be sent preferably via e-mail to:

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## Events

### ***Managing Katherine's water***

A Draft Water Allocation Plan for the Tindall Limestone Aquifer has been developed by the Northern Territory Government in consultation with the **Katherine Water Advisory Committee (KWAC)**.

The community is now encouraged to provide feedback on the Draft Plan and attend an information session.

The Tindall Limestone Aquifer is vital to the existence and growth of the Katherine Community, and there is increasing competition for this water resource among the many users. The Water Allocation Plan aims to achieve sustainable use and development of this resource by ensuring water is shared equitably between the many environmental, social, cultural and economic factors.

For further information, to get a copy of the Draft Plan or to register for the information session:

**Phone: 8973 8115    Email: [water.nreta@nt.gov.au](mailto:water.nreta@nt.gov.au)    Website: [www.nt.gov.au/kwac](http://www.nt.gov.au/kwac)**

#### ***Attend***

Community Information Session

Time: 5.30 to 7.30pm

Date: Wednesday 16 July 2008

Location: Katherine Civic Centre

#### ***Read***

Background Document to the Draft Plan

Guide to the Draft Plan

Draft Water Allocation Plan

#### ***Submit***

Feedback Form



## Weedbuster Week

Weedbuster Week will be held on 1-7 September 2008 under the *Grow me Instead* theme. Events conducted by individuals, schools, community groups and local and state governments help raise awareness of the damaging effects of weeds, provide hands-on experience or recognised the efforts of many of Australia's volunteers. It would be appreciated if you could advise your networks, and encourage them to register their activities and events.

For further information, please go to <http://www.weedbusters.info> or contact Jenny Deveraux.

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## Conferences/Seminars

### QLD Pest Animal Symposium

#### About the Symposium

The Queensland Pest Animal Symposium will be held at the Hilton Hotel, Cairns from Sunday 19 to Wednesday 22 October 2008. An attendance of 150 - 250 delegates is anticipated over the two days of the Symposium. The Symposium program will consist of presentations on community initiatives, policy matters, new innovations, the latest research and harvesting techniques. Field trips will also be held. Trade displays will be exhibited throughout the two day symposium, including a specific trade session to show off products and the latest technologies.

#### Who will be attending?

The symposium is targeted at all people involved in pest animal management, including:

- Local government
- Landowners
- Government agency staff
- Landcare and Community Project Officers
- Agribusiness
- Pest animal researchers
- Contractors
- University and high school Students

Ample time will be scheduled for networking and discussion during breaks in the program and during the social program, which will consist of a Welcome Reception and Symposium Dinner.

Go to [www.pestanimalsymposium.com.au](http://www.pestanimalsymposium.com.au)

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### Different Solutions for Regional Australia

Regional Australia is encountering a time of significant challenges: climate change, declining population, rising petrol prices, drought. Now, more than ever regional Australia must rise to the challenges of change at local, national and global levels. The solutions will need to be creative, innovative, adaptive and flexible – in short they must be different.

*Creative solutions – expect them to be different* is the focus of discussion at the twelfth **Sustainable Economic Growth for Regional Australia (SEGRA)** being conducted in Albury from 18 to 20 August 2008.

"**SEGRA** is the meeting post for some of the nations best thinkers and practitioners on issues affecting regional Australia. Three hundred plus delegates will gather in Albury to share their original, diverse and valuable experiences and elaborate on ideas to foster new and valuable responses to the challenges facing regional Australia."

"**SEGRA** will bring together 20 national and international keynote speakers to put forward their ideas on the creative responses regional Australia can take to improve the prospects and opportunities for regional Australia," says **SEGRA** Planning Committee Chair, Ms Kate Charters. "There sill also be case studies from more than 50 practitioner experts in the field." [Read More](#) [Register Now](#) or [Contact SEGRA](#)

## Funding

### Working on Country

Working on Country applications are now being sought for 2008-09. A total of up to \$6 million will be available for on-ground work in 2008-2009, and funding for up to five years can be sought.

Applications will close **5pm EST Monday 11 August 2008**.

#### Funding information

For information about this funding round, including guidelines, please go to:

<http://www.nrm.gov.au/funding/woc.html>

Please note that interested applicants must contact the Working on Country team to obtain an Application Form. Staff will discuss your project with you, provide any advice that you need and send you an Application Form. Contact us on 1800 552 008 (freecall).

#### Existing Working on Country projects

For information about previous projects that have been funded under Working on Country, please go to:

<http://www.environment.gov.au/indigenous/workingoncountry/index.html>

## Research funding

Marine mammals interact with humans in a diverse manner. In order to identify and effectively manage the interactions that might require some alteration to human activities the Australian Government requires an understanding of the status of the marine mammal species (population structure, distribution, abundance and trend), the nature and extent of the interaction and the options for, and likely effectiveness of, mitigation strategies.

In this third funding round the Australian Marine Mammal Centre (AMMC) seeks proposals that deliver the highest quality science outcomes to address the most pressing marine mammal management needs. Priority will be given to those proposals that address the three **key needs**.

Applications that demonstrate broad collaboration and maximise co-investment opportunities will be given favourable consideration.

To accommodate Australia's national and international obligations, and to reflect the large-scale movements of many marine mammal species, the funding priorities will focus on the whales, dolphins, seals, sea lions and dugongs of the Australasian region, including the waters of the Indian, Southern and South Pacific Oceans.

For more info go to <http://www.aad.gov.au/acamms>

## Funding

### Community Coastcare - grants now open

Community Coastcare grants, part of the Caring for our Country Program, target increasing community participation in coastal restoration and environmental management activities. **Applications close 25 July.** Visit [www.nrm.gov.au/funding/coast\\_care.html](http://www.nrm.gov.au/funding/coast_care.html)

### National Reserve System - funding available

Applications are now being sought through the Caring for our Country Program for activities that contribute to the National Reserve System (including Australia's network of parks, reserves and other protected areas). **Applications close 27 June.** Visit [www.nrm.gov.au/funding/nrs.html](http://www.nrm.gov.au/funding/nrs.html)

### Junior Landcare Grants Program - now open

Landcare Australia Ltd's Junior Landcare Grants Program is available to any school or organisation that would like to involve their students in landcare projects, in conjunction with local landcare groups. **Closing dates - 1 Aug and 24 Oct.** Visit [www.landcareonline.com/funding\\_opportunity\\_details.asp?fo\\_id=6](http://www.landcareonline.com/funding_opportunity_details.asp?fo_id=6)

### Green Schools Connect - nominations invited

Green Schools Connect is a partnership between Conservation Volunteers Australia and the Vodafone Australia Foundation to assist schools with their environmental projects. **Closing date for nominations is 30 June.** Visit [www.conservationvolunteers.com.au/greenschoolsconnect](http://www.conservationvolunteers.com.au/greenschoolsconnect)

### Land & Water Australia Innovation Call

Land & Water Australia's Innovation Call targets research projects to achieve the more sustainable use and management of Australia's natural resources. **Applications close 27 June.** Visit [www.lwa.gov.au/Apply\\_for\\_Funding/Innovation\\_Call/indexdl\\_8805.aspx](http://www.lwa.gov.au/Apply_for_Funding/Innovation_Call/indexdl_8805.aspx)

### Landcare Australia Ltd grants

Details of grants to groups registered on the landcareonline directory can be accessed at [www.landcareonline.com](http://www.landcareonline.com)

- **Australia Post Community Development Grants** - closes 19 Sep 2008
- **Dilmah Water Quality Funding** - closes 31 Oct 2008
- **Westpac Operation Backyard** employee grant program- no closing date applies
- **Citipower/Powercor Junior Landcare Re-vegetation Grant** - closes 27 June 2008
- **Junior Landcare Grants Program** - closes 1 Aug & 24 Oct 2008
- **VISY Junior Landcare Recycling Grant**
  - Coles Junior Landcare School Garden Grant
  - Australia Post Junior Landcare Biodiversity Grant
  - Melbourne Water Young Watercare Grant
- **Special offers** - [www.landcareonline.com/resource.asp?rcID=15](http://www.landcareonline.com/resource.asp?rcID=15)

### Grants & funding websites

- Grantslink [www.grantslink.gov.au/](http://www.grantslink.gov.au/)
- DAFF grants & assistance [www.daffa.gov.au/about/grants\\_and\\_assistance](http://www.daffa.gov.au/about/grants_and_assistance)
- DEWHA grants & funding [www.environment.gov.au/programs/index.html](http://www.environment.gov.au/programs/index.html)

## Publications

### Department of Climate Change website

The Department of Climate Change has a range of information and tools including programs such as for Households and Communities. Visit [www.climatechange.gov.au/resources/community.html](http://www.climatechange.gov.au/resources/community.html)

### Farm Sustainability Dashboard

Developed by the SAGE Farmer Group for Land & Water Australia, the Farm Sustainability Dashboard is a farm-scale, interactive tool that encourages the user to think broadly about a farm business, its relationship with the environment and social values. It takes a triple bottom line approach that works through the economics of production, environmental factors and personal (social) needs, providing users with an innovative way of accessing ideas and information about the range of factors that impact on a farm enterprise. Free hardcopies are available from CanPrint on 1800 776 616 and quote product code PB071329

A trial version is available for download on the L&W Aust website if you agree to participate in a short survey on the Dashboard. Visit [www.lwa.gov.au/Programs/Other\\_RandD\\_Initiatives/The\\_Farm\\_Sustainability\\_Dashboard/index.aspx](http://www.lwa.gov.au/Programs/Other_RandD_Initiatives/The_Farm_Sustainability_Dashboard/index.aspx)

### Managing Weeds for Biodiversity - guides available

Up to date Guides are available on the Weeds CRC website. These include:

- African Boxthorn (*Lycium ferocissimum*)
- Coolatai grass (*Hyparrhenia hirta*)
- buffel grass (*Cenchrus ciliaris*)
- periwinkle (*Vinca major*)
- Spanish heath (*Erica lusitanica*) and other *Erica* spp.

Visit [www.weeds.crc.org.au/publications/weed\\_man\\_guides.html](http://www.weeds.crc.org.au/publications/weed_man_guides.html)

### Decision Support Tools

An alphabetical list of support tools for natural resource management can be accessed from the NRMtoolbar at [www.nrmtoolbar.net.au/dst](http://www.nrmtoolbar.net.au/dst)

## NRM Jobs/Volunteer Opportunities

### Charles Darwin University



An exciting new research opportunity is now available as part of the Tropical Rivers and Coastal Knowledge (TRaCK) Research Program ([www.track.gov.au](http://www.track.gov.au)) located at Charles Darwin University, Casuarina Campus, Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia.

The TRaCK Research Hub is hosted by CDU and is associated with the Aquatic Ecosystems and Water Resources Theme of the School for Environmental Research.

TRaCK has been engaged to develop a framework for water quality monitoring in the Katherine/Daly River catchment. The primary role is to develop and report on a water quality monitoring framework for the Katherine/Daly River catchment, in consultation with the community and stakeholders. The framework needs to address the key concerns of native vegetation clearing, agricultural development and consumptive water use. It will be based on the National Water Quality Management Strategy, and constitute an adaptive management system, which incorporates monitoring, reporting, and the use of decision support tools.

As part of the TRaCK initiative, the following research position is offered:

**Research Fellow Level B - Katherine/Daly Catchment Water Quality Monitoring Framework Project  
Vacancy # 6974/208**

**Contract asap to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009.**

**Fixed term full time appointment - Located in Darwin**

**Remuneration Package - Academic Level B - \$67,510 - \$80,170 per annum.**

**Applications Close: Thursday July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

**WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLE TO APPLY**

**For further information, please visit**

**[www.cdu.edu.au/jobs](http://www.cdu.edu.au/jobs) effective 26/6 or phone (08) 8946 7261.**

**Applicants should address the Selection Criteria.**



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This newsletter is prepared every three weeks by the Regional NRM facilitators in the Territory. It is prepared for distribution, in the first instance to the Local Level Facilitator network. The Local Level Facilitators can then forward this newsletter onto any groups, individuals that may benefit from the information contained within this publication. It is also hoped the newsletter will be a medium by which NRM information can be passed onto others in the network. SO if you have any concerns, articles, adverts or news that you wish to share, please send it into the Regional Facilitator who is listed on the newsletter roster.

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