

# WHAT'S ON...SEPTEMBER 2010

The monthly bulletin of the Upper Barwon Landcare Network

**EverGraze Field Day** — at Peter and Regina Dooley's property 'Brolga' 500 NDennis Road, Irrewarra on Wednesday 15th September. Start time is 9:00am. Theme for the day is 'How to best manage Phalaris for persistence and ground cover'. Program includes an overview of 'Brolga' by Peter, monitoring and plant counts by Linda Murray from DPI, and an address by Lisa Warne from the MacKinnon project. A paddock walk will take place after the presentations. Lunch is provided. **Irrewarra Farmcare Group** will be holding a brief meeting at the conclusion of the field day.

**Perennial Pasture Establishment Grants**— The Department of Primary Industries in partnership with the Corangamite Catchment Management Authority invites eligible farmers to apply for perennial pasture establishment grants in 2010—11. These grants are funded through the Federal Government program, 'Caring for Our Country.' This project aims to improve soil organic matter through the establishment of deep rooted perennial pastures. The grant will provide up to 50% of the costs of establishing a new perennial pasture, including all activities necessary to ensure successful pasture establishment. The funding is capped per farming enterprise and will be allocated to eligible priority projects. For enquiries or Expression of Interest forms contact the UBLN office or Linda Murray from DPI on 5233 5518 or [linda.murray@dpi.vic.gov.au](mailto:linda.murray@dpi.vic.gov.au)

Expressions of Interest are to be submitted to 'Soil Carbon Project', Department of Primary Industries, 83 Gellibrand St Colac by the 24<sup>th</sup> of September 2010. Eligibility requirements:

Properties to be located in the volcanic plains priority area

Projects can be used as a demonstration site or for farm walks by local groups of landholders

Suitable deep rooted perennial pasture species include: phalaris, tall fescue, cocksfoot, Lucerne and kikuyu. Perennial ryegrass projects are not eligible

Projects to be managed to maximise the useful life of the deep rooted perennial pasture

Perennial pastures to be established as part of a cropping rotation can not be considered.

**Paddy Swamp Community Tree Planting Day**— a tree planting day has been organized for Thursday 2nd September between 10:00am—4:00pm. Meet at the corner of Gum Flats Road & Breakfast Creek Road. Lunch will be provided. Bring gloves and sturdy shoes. RSVP to Craig Clifford from Department of Sustainability and Environment on 0458 397 307 by Monday 30th August.

**Murroon Landcare Group**— next meeting will be held at 12:30 pm on Friday 24th September at the Pennyroyal Raspberry Farm. BYO lunch. At the conclusion of the meeting Mike and Katrine will be talking about their farm and hosting a walk through the vines.

**Wurdale Landcare Group**— next meeting will be held at 7:30pm on Wednesday 29th September in the Wurdale Hall. Daryl Hoffmann will lead a discussion on Animal Health.

**Wildflower Walk**— Murroon Landcare Group are hosting a wildflower walk along Wickhams Track on Sunday 17th October. Meet at Lorraine Cosgriff's property, 200 Wickhams Road at 9:00am. Car pool to Benwerrin Road and walk down to Lorraine's for a BBQ lunch. BYO food and drinks.

**Landcare Week is 6th— 13th September.** This year Landcare Australia are appealing to all Australians to get their hands dirty and volunteer to register as a 'Citizen Scientist' and become involved in ClimateWatch. Participants will observe and record what is happening in their own environment such as when frogs are calling, what birds are migrating and what plants are flowering. The data gathered will then help scientists understand what seasonal variations are occurring around Australia with our animals and plants. ClimateWatch is a community monitoring program that allows every Australian to be involved in collecting and recording data that will help shape the country's scientific response to climate change. The information collected through Climate Watch will build an important picture of events that occur in the natural world every year, how these vary and what the implications are. The result is an online database available to scientists studying the impact of climate on ecosystems. Register at [http://svc009.wic050p.server-web.com/?page\\_id=269](http://svc009.wic050p.server-web.com/?page_id=269)

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