



Catching Up

In the *Stanley & Upper Brisbane Catchments*

January 2012

LOCAL NEWS and EVENTS

DATE CLAIMER— Thursday 9th February 2012 Upper Brisbane Region Catchment Network General Meeting to be held at the RSL Rooms Kennedy Street, Kilcoy from 9am. Please RSVP to Ronda on 54220416 or email rwilliams@seqcatchments.com.au

Disaster Assistance Deadline Extended to 30 June 2012 for farmers seeking disaster assistance from last summer's floods and cyclones. The cut off had previously been January 31. To find out more about recovery grants and concessional loans contact QRAA on www.qraa.qld.gov.au

What's on at CREEC in January - Wild Night Spotlight Friday 13 January 2012, 7.00pm - 8.30pm Bring a torch and get wild outside at night. Walk some of our bushland trails for the chance of spotting mysterious nightlife of our region. \$2 per participant (paid on the night) Bring covered shoes, insect repellent and be prepared for mud if it has been raining—great for primary school aged children 5 to 11 years.
Contact : Kim Pantano, Moreton Bay Regional Council, Ph: 0417 627 039 or email kim.pantano@moretonbay.qld.gov.au
Seed Saving 28th January 2011-10am till 12pm for more information contact cabooltureseedsavers@gmail.com

18 Jan Sunshine Coast and 20 Jan 12 Toowoomba—Greening Australia - Regional Biodiversity Workshops covering outcomes of existing and new natural resource management and environmental programs such as the Clean Energy Future's Biodiversity Fund. further enquiries can be directed to Nikki Whelan: NWhelan@greeningaustralia.org.au

Expression of Interest for different funding sources has been released – all with response dates of late January/February 2012:

Carbon Farming Futures – Action on the Ground Grants the release of guidelines for the 'Action on the Ground' program, which is part of the Government's Carbon Farming Initiative. The program provides funding under a competitive grants scheme for on-farm projects that trial or demonstrate practices and technologies that reduce on-farm agricultural greenhouse gas emissions and / or increase soil carbon. The program offers \$99m over a 6 year period. The guidelines and supporting Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) are available on the DAFF website Application period closes at 5pm (AEST) Wednesday, 8 February 2012. For people seeking information on Action on the Ground they can either: email - aotg@daff.gov.au or visit www.daff.gov.au/climatechange/carbonfarmingfutures/action-on-the-ground or telephone - 1800 025 005

Fact Sheet : Clean Energy Future—Action on the Ground Round one 2011-12 is available from The Hub Kilcoy on request.

Caring for our Country Business Case 2012-13

Caring for Country - Open call funding The 2012–13 business plan highlights the types of applications needed to deliver against the outstanding targets of Caring for our Country. **Open call applications** In this business plan, applications are invited through the open call investment process for projects over \$20 000 (GST exclusive). As a guide, projects are not expected to exceed \$500 000 (GST exclusive). The open call investment process is the principal way in which funding for projects can be sought under this business plan. It provides the opportunity for diverse groups and organisations to obtain funding. Closing date 9th February <http://www.nrm.gov.au/funding/open-call/index.html>

Should your Group(s) have an interest in applying for this funding, please contact Bruce Lord at SEQ Catchments for assistance and to discuss your issues prior to submission of your application.

Carbon Farming Initiative (CFI) is a carbon offsets scheme that will provide new economic opportunities for farmers, forest growers and land managers while also helping the environment by reducing carbon pollution for more details view : www.climatechange.gov.au/cfi.

The Queensland State Government has recently released a booklet from the **Office of Climate Change** to communicate the Government's policies and actions designed to help the rural sector. Refer to website to download a copy of : **Carbon Farming in Rural Queensland**



RESOURCES - GRANTS - EVENTS

Building Supportive Communities. (QLD only). Funds are available to community organisations to enable them to host an event or project promoting a more inclusive community for Queenslanders with-a-disability. Maximum grant is \$5,000.00. Closing date 16 March 2012, for details phone the Disability Information Service 1800 177120

2012 Premier's Climate Smart Sustainability Awards Nominations are open for the 2012 Premier's ClimateSmart Sustainability Awards to showcase the work of Queenslanders achieving excellence in sustainable practices. DERM coordinates these prestigious awards on behalf of the Queensland Government. Entries are encouraged from Queensland business, industry, community groups, schools and individuals and relate to projects or initiatives that are Queensland-based and have potential to be adopted or adapted by other organisations. Applications for the 2012 Premier's ClimateSmart Sustainability Awards can be completed online at www.derm.qld.gov.au/premiersawards or call 3225 1764 for more information. Entries close on Friday, 16 March 2012.

ABC Rural Talks to Matt Kilby About Farm Restoration Through Installing Trees and Swales (Podcast) Matt Kilby, the 'man of a thousand trees', shares thoughts with ABC Rural on his work on a property in Gippsland, southern Victoria, Australia. "The first thing we did was put in a swale. A swale is a ditch which runs dead level to contour. The idea of the swale is more of a tree planting system." he said. "We plant all our trees on the top side of the swale. We plant fertility building trees and all the leaf mulch falls into the swale or ditch, and turns into humic acid when it fills up with water. So all the nutrients are then spread back onto the surface and spread completely around the landscape." he said, describing the swale as a natural way to irrigate. For details go to :<http://permaculture.org.au/2011/12/08/abc-rural-talks-to-matt-kilby-about-farm-restoration-through-installing-trees-and-swales/>

Rehydrating the Landscape View this pictorial tour of the degradation and dehydration process that the Australian landscape went through following post European settlement. One of the major aims of Peter Andrews' Natural Sequence Farming approach is the rehydration of the Australian landscape. For details go to : <http://permaculture.org.au/2011/11/23/the-dehydration-and-rehydration-of-the-australian-landscape/>

New **fact sheets** available on the **Urban Water Security Research Alliance website** : (<http://www.urbanwateralliance.org.au/publications.html>):

Factsheet 1: Rainwater tanks in SEQ

Factsheet 2: Impact of climate change on urban water security in SEQ

Factsheet 3: Water quality - treatment and management

Factsheet 4: Evaluation methods for total water cycle management plans

Factsheet 5: Stormwater harvesting

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BARUNG LANDCARE Ph: 5494 3151 The Barung Landcare Resource Centre is located at: Shop 3 Riverside Centre Maleny Qld 4552.
Barung Landcare Nursery
135 Forestry Road, Landsborough

BELLTHORPE PROGRESS ASSN/ENVIRO GROUP Ph: 5496 5002 Enquiries contact : bellthorpe@gmail.com

BRISBANE VALLEY-KILCOY LANDCARE Ph: 5497 1253. Next Meeting 7.30pm on Wed 8 Feb 12 at The Hub Kilcoy

CROWS NEST CREEK CATCHMENT GROUP Ph: Frank Burgess 4698 4161

EMU CREEK CATCHMENT LANDCARE GROUP Ph: 4698 4748.

FEAT (Friends of Earth, Animals & Trees) Ph: 4170 0555. FEAT now has 2 special interest groups: A Wildlife Carers' Network and a Bushcare Group.

RAVENSBORNE & DISTRICT LANDCARE GROUP Ph: 4697 8047.
ROSALIE NORTH LANDCARE GROUP Ph: 4170 0158.

UPPER BRISBANE REGION CATCHMENT NETWORK
Next Meeting : General Meeting 9th February 2012 commencing 9 am at the RSL Kilcoy .
To assist with catering, please RSVP Ronda at The Hub, Kilcoy, Ph: 54 220516 or email rwiliams@seqcatchments.com.au



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