

NSLA Groundcover Update

May 2015



Welcome to

Northern Slopes Landcare Association Inc ***(formerly Upper Gwydir Landcare Association Inc)***

Over the last few months we have been morphing into Northern Slopes Landcare Association Inc. This change came from feedback from our strategic planning process late last year, it is the opinion of those who participated in the planning and results from the survey, that a name change was required.

Things that will change

There are still things that we need to do before we can say that we have achieved an across the board change, these things are

- *our website will have a new web address,*
- *our facebook page will also require a new name*

.....however for now we are still www.ugla.com.au and our facebook page is the same.....

We ask for your patience.

Things that won't change

- *Our support to our members and community will not change*
 - *Our email addresses will not change*
 - *Our phone numbers will not change*
 - *Our location will not change*
 - *Our leadership has not changed*





Healthy Soils Toolbox

A series of field days, seminars and workshops.

For the first event in our **Healthy Soils Toolbox** series we are delighted to have **Dr. Judi Earl** coming to “Dunbeacon”, Upper Horton next week, May 7th.

This will be a day for all those graziers out there who would like to see more grass, more kilos, and healthier soils. Judi Earl an experienced educator and consultant with AIMS, is also a landholder in the Coolatai area. She will spend the day at the McDouall family property “Dunbeacon” exploring the concepts behind, and the management strategies involved, in Holistic Soil Health systems.

The program for the day will start at 9.30.

- Pasture & grazing management,
- the key to soil health,
- building soil carbon,
- enhancing soil biology and nutrient cycling,
- diversity of soil organisms and their function and interpretation of chemistry analyses.



soil

We will be looking at a native grass pasture site and a tropical grass pasture site. Soil testing was done on 10th April from both sites and will be available.

You will be hosted by Ian and Ali McDouall of Dunbeacon , morning tea and lunch included. IF you have not booked please do ASAP as we have only a few vacancies.

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The second event in our **Healthy Soils Toolbox** series -

Banking on Biology with Graeme Sait, May 20th & 21st @ The Living Classroom, Bingara.

Don't miss this two-day seminar led by internationally acclaimed nutrition specialist, Graeme Sait to take us through **Profit Building Strategies - Improving Your Farm and Your Life**

Learn cutting-edge strategies to improve the health of your farm, your garden, your planet and yourself.

Graeme Sait of Nutritech Solutions will present this two day workshop covering many aspects of Plant and Soil Health. Graeme's reputation precedes him and the heavily discounted price of this workshop make it a must attend event. Limited bunk style accommodation is available for up to 20 people at the Living Classroom so be quick and get in early to secure your place



The program includes

- Soil and plant health
- Planetary health
- Human health

Bookings are essential, register today - Cost \$20.00 (Normally \$100.00) - 8am—5pm.

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The third event in our **Healthy Soils Toolbox** series

Rapid Assessment of Soil Health with David Hardwick @ Warialda 17th June

“Soil is the most valuable natural asset on your property. Without a well functioning soil farm productivity will not be optimal. Monitoring the condition of your soil can help you make decisions for better soil fertility and paddock management.”

We have the author of the **RASH** manual, David Hardwick coming to Ben & Wendy Mayne’s Texas Angus, Warialda on the 17th of June to take Landholders through the **RASH** process, and to discuss the implications of their findings. Landholders will be encouraged to bring a sample of their own soils for the ‘hands on session’. This will be a back to basics, day focussing on demystifying the subject of soil health. For all those Landholders out there who are interested in protecting one of their most valuable assets, this is the chance to gain an insight into what your soils are telling you.

When: 17th June

Where: Ben and Wendy Mayne’s Texas Angus Warialda

Time: 8.30 to 1.30

Bookings essential E: ugla@gwydir.nsw.gov.au - P: 02 67242052



2015 Landcare Adventure

The Annual Landcare Adventure is being hosted by Tamworth Regional Landcare in 2015. The program for the two day event is focussed on Healthy Farms - Healthy People—Healthy Soils. Bus trips include 2014 NSW Farmer of the Year, Derek and Kirrily Blomfield property Colarodo Matt Carter—Myall Springs, organic Beef and Lamb enterprises.

For further information or registration please call Paul Moxon @ Tamworth Regional Landcare
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THE 17TH ANNUAL LANDCARE ADVENTURE
27TH 28TH MAY 2015
Hosted by Tamworth Regional Landcare Association
HEALTHY FARMS HEALTHY PEOPLE HEALTHY SOILS
Celebrating 2015 International Year of Soils
SPECIAL GUESTS
RONNI KAHN
CEO and Founder OzHarvest
DEREK & KIRRILY BLOMFIELD
The Concious Farmer Grassfed Beef
2014 NSW Farmers of the Year
And more!

FIELD TRIPS:
There will be a choice of three field trips on the 28th May, please indicate your preference upon registering:
HEALTHY FARMS
The Concious Farmer Grass-fed Beef and Myall Springs Organic Beef and Lamb are just two of the wonderful properties participants will have the opportunity to visit. Learn about regenerative farming, water conservation and organic farming practices and much more.
HEALTHY SOILS
The Healthy Soils Field Trip will visit a purpose built Soil Pit on a local property as well as spend time with soil experts. Topics such as Agro Forestry, Carbon sequestration, Nitrous Oxide Emissions, Water use efficiency of Pastures and Bio Char.
HEALTHY PEOPLE CULTURE AND COUNTRY
This field trip will visit a variety of culturally significant sites as well as hear from experts about different natural resource management. Learn about local culture and people in a natural resource context.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT TAMWORTH REGIONAL LANDCARE ASSOCIATION
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EVENT PARTNERS:
NSW GOVERNMENT | Local Land Services North West
TAMWORTH REGIONAL LANDCARE ASSOCIATION | FRRR (Federation for Rural & Regional Renewal)
NSW GOVERNMENT | Department of Primary Industries

We have had some changes to our membership. The cost for a family or business is now \$25.00 per year, single membership remains the same \$10.00. For those that have paid there membership in 2015 thank you, for others that are new members or existing member that are yet to renew their membership, the new Membership fee structure will apply.



Application for Membership

Membership can be for a family, business, or individual
One membership, One Vote

Membership \$25.00 Business/Family
\$10.00 Individual

Date: _____

Type of Membership required: (Circle one) Family /Business/Property Individual

Name of Membership: _____
(eg family name, property name)

Name of people included in membership: (maximum 6)

Membership address:

Telephone: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____

What is your local Landcare group? _____

Please make cheques out to Northern Slopes Landcare Association or deposit to NAB Bingara
BSB:082454 ACC:825743714

(Please reference payment with surname/property name)

Paying by Direct Deposit Cheque Cash

Please return to NSLA
By Post – PO BOX 108, BINGARA NSW 2404
In Person – 35b Maitland St, Bingara



Don't forget to call into the office when you are in town. We have lots of resources available for loan and to give away and can access information for you from Local Land Services or other Natural Resource offices. If you have any ideas for projects or have issues that we may be able to assist with, call in or let us know via email or phone.