

# Little River BIG PICTURE

*"The warnings about global warming have been extremely clear for a long time. We are facing a global climate crisis. It is deepening. We are entering a period of consequences."*

– Al Gore

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## Fodder Drop



LRLG in conjunction with AGnVET Yeoval undertook a fodder drop to the fire devastated farmers of Dunedoo and surrounds. Over six trucks loads were received and delivered straight to fire affected farmers and their stock on Saturday 18th February, with another six loads going over in two weeks' time. Along with the monetary donations which covered the fuel for the trucks, several local transport companies donated their trucks and time to get the hay to the very grateful farmers! It was a tremendous effort and showed great community spirit!



The Fodder Drop being prepared and delivered to farmers impacted by the Sir Ivan Fire at Dunedoo.

## Produce More. Plan More. Profit More.

LRLG in partnership with AGnVET Yeoval had a very successful workshop in Cumnock on Thursday 2nd February, "Produce More. Plan More. Profit More." Speakers included Ben Thomas from MLA on market trends, Rob Bell from Formula AG talking all things nutrition and local grazier, Nigel Kerin, spoke about his business management strategies in the current market. With over 50 people in attendance the afternoon was finished off with a light dinner and drinks. Everybody thoroughly enjoying

Ben Thomas presenting market trends at the "Produce More. Plan More. Profit More." workshop held at Cumnock Showground.



the networking and catch up with others from around the catchment.

## Lining the banks of the Buckinbah

LRLG has been successful in receiving a small *Fish Habitat Action Grant* through NSW DPI.

The project "Lining the banks of the Buckinbah" has been supported by the Yeoval Fishing Club and Dubbo Department of Fisheries. The project's aim is to reintroduce native understorey species to 1.7km of banks lining the Buckinbah Creek running through Yeoval.

The project will add to a suite of past projects already contributing to the improvement of aquatic habitat and native fish populations in the Little River catchment.

Volunteers including local school children will plant 2000 trees and shrubs. Planting will take place later in the year when conditions are favourable.



## DATA REQUEST

Request for rainfall data from landholders across catchment monthly, and anyone with historical data to please contact the LRLG office or email [projects@littleriverlandcare.com.au](mailto:projects@littleriverlandcare.com.au)

## 2017 DIARY DATES

### HGL Training

Hydrogeological Landscapes Training

▶ 7 March 2017

### Cumnock Show

▶ 25 March 2017

### Yeoval Show

▶ 16 May 2017

For more information about any of these events contact the office on 6846 4569 or [projects@littleriverlandcare.com.au](mailto:projects@littleriverlandcare.com.au)

## Environmental Awards

Staff from LRLG attended the three local schools – Cumnock PS, Yeoval CS and St Columba's Award and Presentation Nights. LRLG donated and presented several educational books that were used for specific environmental awards.

LRLG Projects Officer, Mel Kiel presenting an award to Rose Flick from Cumnock Public School.



## Hydrogeological Landscapes (HGL) Training

Little River Landcare is embarking on a project which aims to provide Hydrogeological Landscapes (HGL) training to members and we would love for you to be involved.

Understanding the way that water moves through the landscape and how that drives land degradation is essential for improved land management. These processes are quite technical and highly variable across local conditions. A poor understanding of landscapes will lead to poor targeting of the most appropriate land management action. Hydrological information is presented to stakeholders in various forms such as maps, landscape descriptions, GIS layers and technical reports. These describe all forms of water flow at a paddock, sub-catchment and catchment scale.

The training will develop your ability to understand how the landscape works, how water moves through it and how to be effective in your management by "putting the right actions in the right place at the right time".

The HGL training commences with a 1 day workshop (morning theory session and a field trip afternoon session) followed by monthly monitoring, which will require consistency from you to gain the best results. Changes will be monitored and mapped over time to create valuable data for the landholder and LRLG.



### HGL TRAINING WORKSHOP

WHEN: Tuesday March 7th

TIME: 9am-3:30pm

VENUE: Yeoval Bowling Club.

COURSE COST: Members \$30  
Non-members \$50  
includes morning tea, lunch & course notes.

At the conclusion, you will have a detailed and highly referenced map of your property, course notes/booklet, education and advanced learning on HGL.

To secure your spot, please email [projects@littleriverlandcare.com.au](mailto:projects@littleriverlandcare.com.au) or call the LRLG office on 68 464569, to book in for this terrific opportunity as places are limited.

## Progression through Succession

The Progression through Succession Workshop was held on Friday 10th February at the Lazy River Estate, Dubbo. There was a good turnout of people from across the catchment along with those from Macquarie 2100 Landcare Group.

Speakers on the day included Alison O'Brien an accountant from Crowe Howarth, James Hamilton a facilitator with Cultivate Advisory and Claire Booth a solicitor with Booth Brown Legal; talking all things succession and how it can actually be a positive and successful process. Those that attended were highly



Alison O'Brien, James Hamilton and Claire Booth fronting the discussion panel at the "Progression through Succession" workshop.

impressed and placed substantial value on the workshop.

