

This e-newsletter provides the community of the Northern Rivers Catchment Management Authority (NRCMA) with current information about funding, training and learning opportunities in natural resource management across the NRCMA region. Training and learning opportunities are supported by the NRCMA through Australian Government Caring for our Country and NLP funding.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Funding body	Closing Date	Description	Further Information
Department of Community Services (NSW)	10 October 2008	The Area Assistance Scheme (AAS) is a regional community development program run by the Department of Community Services. It provides grants to local councils and non-government organisations for projects that improve community well being and how communities function. The AAS works within a whole-of-government framework to deliver its outcomes.	fiona.woodward@community.nsw.gov.au
Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation	15 October 2008	RIRDC Rural Women's Award - Nominations open annually on 1 August for a period of eleven weeks and close on 15 October. The Award provides a Bursary of \$10,000 for each of the seven State and Territory winners and the opportunity for the winner AND runner up in each State and Territory to attend the Australian Institute of Company Directors Course.	Ms Allison Priest Department of Primary Industries Rural Industries Research and Development Phone: 02 6391 3620 allison.priest@dpi.nsw.gov.au http://www.agric.nsw.gov.au/rwn/rirdc-about-the-award.htm
Law Foundation	31 October 2008	The Law and Justice Foundation's grants program supports projects that meet the Foundation's objectives of improving access to justice, particularly for socially and economically disadvantaged people of NSW. Grants: General grants Small grants (always open) In-kind grants	jleggo@lawfoundation.net.au www.lawfoundation.net.au
Department of Tourism, Sport and Recreation (NSW)	31 December 2008	Country Coaches and Officials Travel Scheme - The scheme is designed to assist coaches and officials from country areas of NSW access opportunities to participate in educational courses that assist them gain or maintain required accreditation.	NSW Sport and Recreation Department of Tourism, Sport and Recreation (NSW) Phone: 02 9006 3700 Fax: 02 9006 3888 info@dsr.nsw.gov.au www.dsr.nsw.gov.au

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Northern Rivers Catchment Management Authority	1 December 2008	The river Reach Program aims to assist groups of landholders undertake rehabilitation projects along their rivers. A Target Condition is defined during the Plan Development stage and is based on works including; eradication and management of weeds, eliminating barriers to fish passage, restoring continuous native vegetation, managing stock access to rivers via water points, and improving bank and channel degradation and erosion. The NRCMA are calling for Expression of Interest (EOI) for Plan Development. Interested landholders for the 2008-09- River Health Plan Development Component can download the <i>Guidelines for Applicants and Plan Development EOI form</i> from our website www.northern.cma.nsw.gov.au	For further information contact the relevant project officer for your area : Richmond, Brunswick & Tweed Catchments Amalia Short 02 6676 7392 amalia.short@cma.nsw.gov.au Clarence, Bellinger & Coffs Coastal Catchments Peter Menzies 02 6642 0612 peter.menzies@cma.nsw.gov.au Nambucca, Macleay & Hastings Catchments Laurence Radin 02 65614966 laurence.radin@cma.nsw.gov.au
Macquarie Bank Foundation	Ongoing	The Macquarie Bank Foundation funds programs benefiting the communities in which Macquarie has a presence, in the areas of education, the arts, health care and research, welfare and the environment.	Sally.sheperd@macquarie.com http://www.macquarie.com/au/about_macquarie/acrobat/application_guidelines.pdf
Community Support and Development Support Expenditure Scheme	Various	The Community Development and Support Expenditure (CDSE) Scheme is designed to ensure that larger registered clubs in NSW contribute to the provision of front-line services to their local communities; and to ensure that the disadvantaged in the community are better positioned to benefit from the substantial contributions made by those clubs.	CDSE Funding Clubs NSW Phone: +61 02 9268 3000 enquiries@clubsnsw.com.au http://www.clubsnsw.com.au
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations (Aust Govt)	Various closing dates or always open - see website	Indigenous Small Business Fund - The Indigenous Small Business Fund (ISBF) offers funding to Indigenous community based organisations to assist Indigenous people to learn about business, develop good business skills and expand their businesses. Available funding \$5,000 - \$100,000	Indigenous Small Business Fund Department of Employment and Workplace Relations (Aust Govt) Postal Address: GPO Box 9879 your Capital City NSW http://www.workplace.gov.au/workplace/Individual/IndigenousAustralians
The Myer Foundation	Various closing dates or always open	The Myer Foundation Grants. The Myer Foundation and the Sidney Myer Fund make grants across Australia for general charitable purposes in accordance with our vision to improve peoples' lives in lasting and positive ways.	Administration Assistant The Myer Foundation Phone: 03 9207 3040 Fax: 03 9207 3070 enquiries@myerfoundation.org.au http://www.myerfoundation.org.au

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Australian Taxation Office (ATO)	On-going	Fuel schemes provide credits and grants to reduce the costs of some fuels or to provide a benefit to encourage the recycling of waste oils	132866 ATO PO Box 900 Civic Square ACT 2608
Holden	Various closing dates or always open	Holden Community Support Program. Support may consist of a partnership, cash donation, or a donation 'in kind'. Donations 'in kind' include materials for fund raising events such as stickers for showbags and items for raffle prizes, one-off donations of larger objects to assist education and technological innovation. Projects that have a national focus and seek to educate and involve the Australian community in: :Restoring and preserving Australia's natural environment, Developing energy efficient strategies and alternative energy options, Applying technologies to achieve environmental gains	Holden Postal Address: GPO Box 1714 Melbourne VIC 3001 communitysupport.holden@gm.com
Country Support	Various	'Country Support' is an innovative assistance program to provide household, customers with long-term account payment solutions, not just short-term fixes. The program provides a lifeline to customers struggling to pay their energy accounts due to drought, unemployment, illness, family changes or other circumstances	Country Support Team Phone: 13 23 56 countrysupport@countryenergy.com.au http://www.countryenergy.com.au
Westpac Operation Backyard	On-going	Westpac Operation Backyard is a Westpac employee grant program which provides funding for environmental projects that Westpac employees are involved in as volunteers	David Hehir david@landcareaustralia.com.au 03 9662 9977
Clubs NSW	Various	The Community Development and Support Expenditure (CDSE) Scheme is designed to ensure that larger registered clubs in NSW contribute to the provision of front-line services to their local communities; and to ensure that the disadvantaged in the community are better positioned to benefit from the substantial contributions made by those clubs.	http://www.clubsnsw.com.au
Regional Events Live	Various closing dates or always open	Regional Events Live - Event Funding. A sponsorship program that provides in-kind promotions for Events and Activities in Regional NSW. What will be funded? Organisations holding Events and Activities in Regional NSW	Mr Glen Dunkley Phone: +61 02 68844654 Fax: +61 02 68844350 glen@regionaleventslive.com.au RegionalEventsLive.com.au

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Centrelink	On-going from 1 July 2008	Climate Change Adjustment Program The Climate Change Adjustment Program is aimed at assisting primary producers who are likely to be affected by climate change, including those experiencing hardship caused by drought. The program assists farmers in obtaining professional advice, training and re-establishment assistance, and provides support to farmers to adjust their businesses to manage the impacts of climate change. Targeted training activities focus on areas such as whole farm planning, business and risk management, and understanding the implications of climate change. An advice and training grant of up to \$5500 is available to eligible farmers and their partners, and may be used to receive advice and training from recognised professional advisers, registered training organisations, TAFE and universities. Grants of up to \$150000, are available to eligible farmers who have considered their options and have made the decision to sell the farm and leave farming.	Advice and Training Grant contact number: 1800 050 585. Targeted training activities number: 1800 638 746 Organisation Phone: 1800 050 585 Website Climate Change Adjustment Program
NSW Office of Fair Trading	Various closing dates or always open	Co-operatives Development Grants Program. The Co-operatives Development Grants Program provides funding for research projects, education and feasibility studies that assist the NSW co-operative sector to grow and remain a viable sector of our economy	Principal Development Officer Development Unit NSW Office of Fair Trading Phone: 02 6333 1400 Fax: 02 6333 1444 registryinquiries@fairtrading.nsw.gov.au http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au
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NSW Heritage	Late 2008	Applications will open in late 2008 for the Works, Interpretation and Community Strategic Projects. Works projects for the conservation, maintenance and adaptive reuse of heritage items listed on the State Heritage Register and state significant heritage items. Minimum project value of \$25,000 with maximum funding of \$75,000 per project. On ground interpretation works eg signage etc, for major tourism focussed state significant heritage items with funding up to \$20,000 per project. Community strategic projects for the delivery of state significant or state-wide heritage products and services with funding up to \$30,000 per project.	http://www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/02_subnav_01.htm

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Department of Employment and Workplace Relations (Aust Govt)	Various	The Indigenous Small Business Fund (ISBF) offers funding to Indigenous community based organisations to assist Indigenous people to learn about business, develop good business skills and expand their businesses.	http://www.workplace.gov.au/workplace/Individual/IndigenousAustralians
APEC Education Foundation	Various	The Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Education Foundation awards grants to member countries in the following three broad areas - Educational co-operation; Research and scholarship; Community building.	secretariat@apecef.org http://www.apecef.org
Churchill Trust	28 February 2009	A Churchill Fellowship is the provision of financial support to enable ordinary Australians from all walks of life to undertake a period of overseas study, or an investigative project, that cannot be readily undertaken in Australia. There are no prescribed qualifications, academic or otherwise, for the award of most Churchill Fellowships. Merit is the primary test, whether based on past achievements or demonstrated ability for future achievement in any walk of life. Benefit to Australia is a significant factor.	Email: churchilltrust@bigpond.com Website: www.churchilltrust.com.au/

Learning & Training

Organisation	Date	Description	Further Information
Friends of Wollumbin Landcare	4 October 2008	Tree planting day. At the riverbank site, Kyogle Road Uki (opposite Boulder Close)	clairemasters@limpinwood.net
Southern New England Landcare	14 October 2008	Green Corps Team Launch Southern New England Landcare are once again hosting a Greencorps Team in the Uralla area. BBQ launch - details to be confirmed	Kath McLoughlin 6772 9123
Southern Cross University and Partners	16-19 October 2008	Sustainable Living Expo Lismore Show Grounds.	For more information & assistance please phone Leanne Clark on 6626 2004.
St. Bartholomew's Anglican Parish Centre	18 October 2008	St. Bartholomew's Anglican Parish Centre, Alstonville environmental roadshow "All Things Bright and Beautiful" The aim is to raise environmental awareness in the community and to identify deficiencies that might need attention. . As well as presentations there will also be stalls which will represent various aspects of the environmental landscape.	Barry Campey Phone 6628 0231 or email an-galst@nor.com.au open Mondays to Thursday 9.30am to 3pm and 9.00 am to 12pm on a Friday
(DPI)	21 October 2008	Farming in a Changing Climate Kyogle	Greg Reid DPI 02 6626 13213 Greg.reid@dpi.nsw.gov.au
Glenrac	23 October 2008	Ground Truths Field Day, Glen Innes 9:30 am – 12:00pm Discussion on the importance of ground cover and how to assess it on your property, in addition talks on soils and soil types and simple soil tests you can do yourself at home.	For more details contact Glenrac 6732 3443
Granite Borders Landcare & Border Rivers - Gwydir CMA	23 & 24 October 2008	How the rivers run - river management training. Tenterfield Golf Club 9.00am to 4.00pm. This course is being offered to all landholder, priority will be given to those in Border Rivers and Gwydir Catchment areas. Cost \$35 per person for two days training, includes course materials, filed trips, lunch, morning and afternoon teas.	Booking essential. Phone Granite Borders Landcare 67363500 or Border Rivers-Gwydir CMA 67288038
BVL	25 October 2008	Workshop on lizards and snakes and their habitat needs. Location to be advised	http://www.brunswickvalleylandcare.org.au/ brunsvaley@optusnet.com.au Judy on 6684 5390

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Richmond Landcare Services	30 October 2008	A Spotighting Excursion will be held at the Summerville property at Afterlee on Friday October 31st, starting at 4 pm. An opportunity to spot night time residents of the forest under the expert guidance of consultant Dave Charley. Overnight accommodation in a shared self contained house (for a small charge) and a camping area will be available, BYO everything. This event is funded by Northern Rivers CMA as the final part of the Hotspots program held recently at Findon Creek.	Numbers are limited and booking is essential, ph 66323722.
Liverpool Plains Land Management Committee	31 October 2008	Healthy Farmers Healthy Farms Bendemeer Hall. Forum featuring pasture & livestock management in a changing climate and farmer health & safety issues.	Carina Johnson 6772 9123
EDO	31 October 2008	Free talk on Water by Ilona Millar from Baker & McKenzie. At the Verandah Room (first floor) Byron Community Centre 69 Johnson St. Drinks and nibbles from 6 for 6.30 pm talk, followed by questions	For more information, please call Mark Byrne, Education Officer, Environmental Defenders Office Northern Rivers, on 66228470 or email edonr@edo.org.au
Granite Borders Landcare & Border Rivers - Gwydir CMA	30 & 31 October 2008	How the rivers run - river management training. Deepwater School of Arts 9.00am to 4.00pm. This course is being offered to all landholder, priority will be given to those in Border Rivers and Gwydir Catchment areas. Cost \$35 per person for two days training, includes course materials, filed trips, lunch, morning and afternoon teas.	Contact the landcare office 66550588 for details
Bellinger Landcare	6 November 2008	10.00am. Learn how to identify local gums using a simple field key.	Contact the landcare office 66550588 for details
17th NSW Coastal Conference	4 - 7 November 2008	Novatel Northbeach Wollongong. The NSW Coastal Conference Committee is calling for applications for Award Submissions. The NSW Coastal Conference Awards are presented to recognise and acknowledge the contributions of individuals, groups, organisations and agencies toward the ecologically sustainable management of the NSW coastal zone.	Please visit www.coastalconference.com for registration information, and program updates. For enquiries please contact us by email to coastal@eastcoastconference.com.au or by phoning 02 6650 9800

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EDO	28 November 2008	Free talk on Chemicals by Dr. Maryann Lloyd-Smith from National Toxics Network . At the Verandah Room (first floor) Byron Community Centre 69 Johnson St. Drinks and nibbles from 6 for 6.30 pm talk, followed by questions	For more information, please call Mark Byrne, Education Officer, Environmental Defenders Office Northern Rivers, on 66228470 or email edonr@edo.org.au
Glenrac	6 & 7 November 2008	River Management Training 2-day course to be held in Glen Glen Innes & District Services Club Costs \$35 per person. Supported by Border Rivers Gwydir CMA and presented by Red Frog Environmental Services	Must RSVP! Ph 02 6732 3443
International Sea Turtle Society	17 - 19 February 2009	The International Sea Turtle Society convenes an annual symposium to bring people together to promote the exchange of information that advances the global knowledge of sea turtle biology and conservation	http://www.turtlesbrisbane2009.org/

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-	Publication "Converting stands of Camphor Laurel to Rainforest" http://www.griffith.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0006/75786/Camphor-conversion-factsheet-NRCMA-Final.pdf
-	Best Farms Environmental Management Systems www.bestfarms.com.au
-	www.wildlifefriendlyfencing.com
-	Bugwise website www.bugwise.net.au
-	Sustainable Seafood Guide now available from Australian Marine Conservation Society http://www.marineconservation.org.au/
-	Capacity Tool Kit http://www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/Lawlink/DiversityServices/II_DiversitySrvces.nsf/pages/diversity_services_index
-	Safe Hands Tool Kit http://www.conservationvolunteers.com.au/assisting-projects/in-safe-hands-toolkit.htm
-	A handbook for managing land use conflict Issues on the NSW North Coast http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/research/alliances/centre_for_coastal_agricultural_landscapes/living-and-working-in-rural-areas
-	NSW Aboriginal Languages Research and Resource Centre - online language archive http://www.alrc.nsw.gov.au/pages.asp?page=&pubid=55&issid=50&artid=137&pgid=119
-	Australian Government Green Vehicle Guide Emissions Calculator and Fuel Guide http://www.greenvehicleguide.gov.au/GVGPublicUI/QuickCompareWebForm.aspx?CurrentTask=9c784cb2-e437-4702-b67f-c0ce79244a98
-	Ecocover Recycled Groundcover http://www.ecocover.com/
-	Do you love your seafood? Online survey www.oceanwatch.org.au
-	The Good Wood Guide - recycled and sustainable products http://www.greenpeace.org/australia/take-action/live-greener/shopping/goodwood-guide
-	Footprint calculator http://www.wwf.org.au/footprint/
-	Men's Shed providing nesting boxes and seedlings for reveg work email manager@aacnsw.com.au
-	http://catchmentdetox.net.au/
-	Murder Under the Microscope http://www.microscope.edu.au/
-	Recycling near you http://www.recyclingnearyou.com.au/
-	www.conservationvolunteers.com.au

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31 August to 31 October 2008	Cape York Turtle Rescue - Help us save the babies http://wwf.org.au/ourwork/species/tsnevents/cape-york-turtle-rescue---help-us-save-the-babies-qld-20080808/
10 - 16 November 2008	National Recycling week http://www.planetark.com/campaignspage.cfm/newsid/9/story.htm#top