

2008 Queensland Landcare Conference Program

Sunday 21 September

- 0900 – 1200 Trade exhibition bump-in and registration
- 1200 – 1700 Registrations open
- 1300 – 1630 Pre-conference workshop | digital storytelling with Landcare Placestories, hosted by Landcare Queensland.
- 1800 – 2200 Welcome reception | Pavillion and marquee, Monto Showgrounds

Sponsored by North Burnett Regional Council. Entertainment by Rachel Koster, Gayndah.

- Welcome to delegates | Dr Peter Oliver, Conference MC
- Mayoral welcome to delegates | Joy Jensen, Mayor North Burnett Regional Cc
- Indigenous welcome to country | Phyllis Lea
- Opening of conference sculpture | Melissa Dowling, Artist



Monday 22 September

0630 – 0730 Tai chi – chi gong | with tai chi instructor Peter Jamieson. Free of charge. Meet at registration desk 0630 sharp.

0700 – 0830 Bush breakfast | Pavillion, Monto Showgrounds

0900 Official welcome

Sponsored by Queensland Wetlands Programme

- Master of Ceremonies | Dr Peter Oliver
- Welcome by Trevor Gleeson, Chair North Burnett Landcare Group
- Indigenous Welcome to Country, Steve Collins
- Product launch | Queensland Wetlands Programme



0940 – 1110 **Fay Jackson, CEO Vision in Mind**

Sustaining Mental Health in Australia's rural and remote communities

Question: what has few people, minimal health services, the highest suicide rate in the world and the greatest potential to build the capacity of its constituents into resilient, aware, supportive, mentally and physically healthy people? Answer: Rural and remote Australia and Torres Straight Islands. Fay's keynote address will talk about recognizing the early warning signs of mental illness; what it is like living with a mental illness in the country; how to deal with mental illnesses; and how to create a resilient, supported and supportive community which recognizes its abilities rather than being a victim to its shortcomings.

During the 1990s one farmer killed himself every four days on average and Aboriginal Australians suicide at a rate of almost twice that of other Australians. We have the ability within each one of us to save a life and to improve the quality of life without spending a cent but with minor changes in knowledge and attitudes. Accident rates in rural and remote Australia are far too high, cutting down men and women in their prime. Studies have found that 60-80% of all workplace accidents have mental illness or stress as the root cause.

1115 – 1145 Morning tea

Monday 22 September concurrent workshops

All speaker abstracts and biographies are available as a separate document in your delegate kits

1145 – 1300

1. Sustainability in agriculture

Challenges for integrating biodiversity goals into commercial grazing and mixed farming enterprises in Northern Australia | Neil McLeod, CSIRO

A new start for Landcare: adapting to a changing environment | Tony Gleeson, ALMS

2. Sustainability in urban and peri-urban catchments

Is there a sustainable future for agriculture in coastal peri-urban catchments? | Brian Stockwell, Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries

3. Sustainability through permaculture

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4. International landcare case studies

With thanks to the International Water Centre. Chaired by Peter Wegener.

Shafaq Masud, International Water Centre | Community Participation- Challenges and Opportunities in developing Countries

Maria Belen Andrade, International Water Centre | Rescuing genetic variability and achieving food security for the poor – an *Amaranthus* sp. case study from Ecuador

Peter Wegener, International Water Centre | Promoting linkages between Research, Extension and Farmer Organizations in developing countries.

5. Industry initiatives | sponsored by Energex

Murray Abel, Powerlink and Liz Gould, SEQ Catchments | Biodiversity offsets in Southeast Queensland

Offsetting emissions to increase biodiversity | Dr Jan Green, Energex



6. Land café | a facilitated session for Landcare groups to raise issues, build solutions and discuss the future

Join our Land Café, where Landcare groups and volunteers will have the opportunity to discuss successes, challenges and sustainability; and formulate action plans. Facilitated by Chris Rinehart, Rick Kowitz, Samantha Morris and Dr Peter Oliver.

1310 - 1410

Lunch

1415 - 1530

PLENARY SESSION, sponsored by Queensland's regional NRM groups

Stephen Davis | An Inconvenient Truth (25 minutes) - The An Inconvenient Truth presentation is a multi-media slideshow that investigates the science behind the predictions of Climate Change, evidence to show the current extent of the problem and how we need a change of mindset to tackle the issue.

Dr. Christine Jones | Amazing Carbon (35 minutes) - There is much that can be done 'on the farm' to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, sequester carbon and nitrogen, increase soil water-holding capacity and change the climate – rather than being changed by it! The growing movement for regenerative biology friendly agriculture is gaining momentum as rapidly as is the push for communities to be proactive about energy use and resource conservation. Landholders can benefit individually and collectively by positioning themselves for this vastly different new world perspective, in which farms can become net sequesters for greenhouse gases, rather than net emitters.



Mike Berwick, Chair RGC | How are Queensland's regions responding to climate change (15 minutes) - Climate change is one of the most prevalent issues affecting our natural resources today. Mike Berwick will provide an overview of how regional natural resource management bodies across Queensland are addressing climate change. Mike will discuss climate change from a state perspective and highlight regional efforts such as assessments of climate change adaptation, impacts, risks and modeling technologies.

1530 - 1600

Afternoon tea

1600 - 1700

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7. Soil carbon, Dr Christine Jones, Amazing Carbon

Dr Christine Jones is an internationally renowned and highly respected groundcover and soils ecologist. She has a wealth of experience working with innovative landholders to implement regenerative land management techniques that enhance biodiversity, increase biological activity, sequester carbon, activate soil nutrient cycles, restore water balance, improve productivity and create new topsoil. Christine has organised and participated in workshops, field days, seminars and conferences throughout Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Zimbabwe and the USA and has a strong publication and presentation record.

In March 2007, Christine launched the Australian Soil Carbon Accreditation Scheme, the first in the Southern Hemisphere - placing Australia among world leaders in the recognition of soils as a verifiable carbon sink. The ASCAS project rewards landholders for adopting innovative techniques designed to sequester soil carbon and improve soil water-holding capacity, thus reducing the atmospheric concentration of both carbon dioxide and water vapour, the major greenhouse gases contributing to global warming and climate change.

8. Wetlands and pollutants

Water borne pollutants – sources and pathways: how sediment, salt, nutrients and pesticides move through the hydrological cycle | Bruce Carey, NR&W

Wetland management and intensive industries | Ian Layden, DPI&F

9. Succession planning and off farm investments

Succession Planning | David Rees (Member, National Institute of Accountants), Accounting & You, Monto

Off farm investments | Len Felesina (Member, National Institute of Accountants), Accounting & You, Monto

10. Climate change adaptation

Climate change adaptation | Ashton Berry, BMRG

11. Telling better stories

Telling better stories: tools for reporting on outcomes and getting beyond outputs | Josie Kellman, University of Queensland Gatton

1800

Feeding the senses dinner, Monto Showgrounds

Be nourished and chill out with some blues for an informal meal at the showgrounds. The Conference bar will be open all night, serving a selection of fine alcoholic and non alcoholic beverages. Additional tickets are \$55.

Tuesday 23 September 2008

0830 - 1730

Field trips depart from and return to Monto

0900 – 1230

With thanks to the Central Queensland Rural Division of General Practice who provided assistance with coordination and catering.

Mental health forum for youth | Fay Jackson

This address will be filled with passion, knowledge and humour. Fay Jackson was born and raised on her parent's farm before entering into education and mental health. She has won many awards for her work including being nominated for woman of the year. She has traveled Australia speaking in high schools, colleges and is guest lecturer at a number of universities. Fay was a teenager when she became ill with mental illness. She has worked with rural communities across Australia leading them towards creating healthier, happier and more sustainable futures. The workshop covers those topics listed below.

The youth forum is aimed specifically at young people and those who support them, such as teachers, youth workers, doctors, professionals, farmers, clinicians, homemakers, parents and grandparents. This forum will be hard hitting in some areas and so it is recommended for people only above 15 years of age.

1330 – 1700

Public mental health forum | Fay Jackson

This forum will cover: recognizing the signs of depression, anxiety, eating disorders, self harming, bipolar and schizophrenia; what it is like to live with mental illness; how to deal with mental illnesses; how to have the best chance of saving someone who is suicidal; self help strategies.; and growing a mentally health community.

1830 - 0030 CONFERENCE DINNER and LANDCARE LEADERSHIP AWARDS | Monto Shire Hall

With thanks to our platinum conference partners | Queensland's regional NRM groups and host region, Burnett Mary Regional Group



Wednesday 24 September 2008

0700 – 0830 A hot poet's Breakfast | featuring Lyndon Baxter, Dean Collins and friends

0845 – 0900 Conference opening and welcome for the day | Dr Peter Oliver

0900 – 1000 Keynote presentations

Donald Coventry | Peak Oil and the implications for NRM and Agriculture 30 minutes

Invited speaker - Peter Attard | Sustainability and land management – the compost tea case study TBC

1000 – 1030 Morning tea

1030 - 1230	LIFESTYLE	LANDSCAPES	LIFESTYLES	LIVELIHOODS	LANDSPEAK	LAND CAFÉ
	<p>Mental health Sustaining mental health in rural communities Fay Jackson</p>	<p>Understanding river health Productivity and river health: understanding the links and monitoring the effects Paul Webb, QMDC</p>	<p>Local food production Chaired by Susie Chapman, SEQ Catchments SustainaBundy and the global localisation network Jacqui McLucas, President SustainaBundy Health benefits of growing locally Christine Sorbello, Queensland Health The Grow Local Campaign Queensland Conservation Community Agriculture Luke Matthews, Mackay Community Garden</p>	<p>New opportunities Shaking the bush – old crops, new opportunities Sammy Ringer and Bev Hand, Queensland Wild Foods and Products Incorporated Hardwood timber plantations, a sustainable way Neil Halpin, Forestry Plantations Queensland Ecological services – improving your sustainability, reducing your risks and drought proofing your farm Darren Maxwell, Greening Australia Degrees Celcius looking at carbon offsets and opportunities for Landcare groups and landholders Allan Dale, Terrain NRM</p>	<p>Community Engagement Sponsored by DAFF Chaired by Kathryn Galea, DAFF The history of soil conservation in Queensland Bruce Carey, Australian Society of Soil Science Naturally resourceful: supporting sustainability in regional and rural communities through leadership and innovation with women Julia Telford, QMDC Community Awareness-raising, Education and Communication in the Desert Channels Region. Steve Wilson, DCQ e-learning and its role in regional NRM Sandy Robertson, QMDC Margaret Lane, Pioneer Catchment and Landcare making a difference through the 2007 Landcare Conference Nathaniel Matthews, International Water Centre Lessons Learned from Australia's First Community Forest Management Initiative</p>	<p>A facilitated session for Landcare groups to raise issues, build solutions and discuss the future Land Café will provide Landcare groups and their volunteers an avenue for raising concerns, sharing highlights and moving forward with actions.</p>



1230 – 1415 Lunch | with wine tasting from Waratah Winery

1415-1500	<p>LIFESTYLES</p> <p>Sustainable living KEYNOTE PRESENTATION in the Stud Cattle Arena Sustainable living and low carbon gardening Jerry Coleby-Williams, Gardening Australia</p>	<p>LIFESTYLES</p> <p>Sustaining Indigenous Cultural Heritage Professor Michael Williams, University of Queensland</p>	<p>LANDSCAPES</p> <p>Sustainable agriculture Strategic approaches to sustainable agriculture Lea Diffey, DPI&F Sustainability in agriculture: regional approaches Sarah Hood, Queensland Regional NRM Groups Collective</p>	<p>LIVELIHOODS</p> <p>Sustaining Landcare Sustaining Landcare Businesses Andrew McCartney, Condamine Alliance</p>
1500 – 1530	Afternoon tea			
1530 – 1545	Go west an invitation from the Desert Channels region for the 2009 Queensland Landcare Conference			
1545 – 1645	<p>Final plenary session join our final land café for an interactive, engaging and inspiring wrap up to the whole conference and help us set actions, recommendations and future goals.</p> <p>Special guest panel, facilitated by Dr Peter Oliver Geoff Penton, Chair Landcare Queensland Andrew Drysdale, CEO Queensland Regional NRM Group's Collective Esma Armstrong, Chair Queensland Water and Land Carers</p>			
1645 – 1700	Conference close and prize draws			

More information

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