

# 2011 Queensland Landcare Conference

## 20 – 23 September 2011, AYR



## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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The 2011 Queensland Landcare Conference is in Ayr, approximately one hour south of Townsville. Ayr, located in the Burdekin Shire, is a small regional town with a population of about 8,600 people. The Burdekin is the largest sugar cane producing area in Australia and has the nation's largest water development project – the Burdekin Dam – which is capable of supplying more than 1 million megalitres of water each year.

A combination of favourable climate, fertile, well drained soils and a plentiful supply of irrigation water has also resulted in the establishment of the Burdekin's multi-million dollar small crops industry which includes beans, melons, pumpkins, tomatoes, eggplants and mangoes. The district also has plenty of grazing and a growing aquaculture industry.

Tourists enjoy the region's beautiful natural sights too: top barramundi fishing, friendly, rural hospitality and 300 days of glorious sunshine a year!

### About the conference

This year's event, the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Queensland Landcare Conference, focuses on our generations of guardians. As well as including Traditional Owners and their stories in the program, we have also tried to bring together a variety of speakers from different age groups and backgrounds to share their expertise. We've also done our best to keep costs at a minimum to make the event as accessible as possible.

### About the host

Lower Burdekin Landcare, based in Ayr, serves to achieve sustainable land use in the local community. The group implements research, seeks funding and administers grants to complete on-ground projects such as: water and soil testing; salinity and weed control; and native tree propagation and planting. Lower Burdekin Landcare also undertakes strategic planning for the overall betterment of the Burdekin area, by working in partnership with state and local government agencies, other NRM groups, local schools and businesses, the local community and consultants.

### About our premier sponsor, NQ Dry Tropics

NQ Dry Tropics is the Premier Sponsor for this year's Landcare Conference. The support of our sponsors means we can keep registrations low from year to year.

NQ Dry Tropics works with people to improve the environment in central and north Queensland. It is one of 14 natural resource management groups in the state and prides itself in getting the job done in partnership with farmers, graziers, other businesses, organisations, community groups and individuals.

NQ Dry Tropics strives to improve coastal environments, biodiversity, waterways and land under primary production. It does this work throughout eight per cent of the state thanks to support by the Australian and Queensland governments.



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## ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation bookings should be made directly with the hotel or motel in question. We have compiled this list of recommended accommodation around Ayr – and all of these places have agreed to hold rooms for our delegates. September is a busy time in Ayr due to fruit picking season, so we encourage you to book your accommodation early.

Shuttle buses will run between accommodation houses and the conference sessions, including social events.

**Name:** Tropical City Motor Inn  
**Address:** 131 – 125 MacMillan St, Ayr  
**Description:** AAA 3½ stars, a/con, internet access  
**Room types/rates:** 16 rooms with Queen Bed and singles, \$90 single, \$100 double  
**Bookings:** [tropicalcity@bigpond.com.au](mailto:tropicalcity@bigpond.com.au),  
 07 4783 1344

**Name:** Ayrline Motel  
**Address:** 129 Edwards Street, Ayr  
**Description:** AAA 3 1/2 star, pool, spa, laundry facilities, Astar, disabled-friendly unit  
**Room types/rates:** Ray is holding all 16 rooms for conference delegates, queen beds, fold away and self contained units from \$100/night 2pax.  
**Bookings:** [ayrlinemotel@bigpond.com](mailto:ayrlinemotel@bigpond.com),  
 07 4783 1100

**N.B. Due to peak season these rooms will only be held until 1 September. Get in quick!**

**Name:** Ayr Travellers Motel  
**Address:** 233 Queen Street, Ayr  
**Description:** 4 Star, a/con, laundry facilities  
**Room Types/rates :** 26 rooms on hold, queen beds, singles and queen + singles available from \$120 per night 2pax - \$195 per night 4pax.  
**Bookings:** [info@ayrtravellersmotel.com.au](mailto:info@ayrtravellersmotel.com.au),  
 07 4783 6666

**Name:** Ayr Shamrock  
**Address:** 274 Queen Street, Ayr  
**Description:** ground Level, laundry, a/con, pool  
**Room types/rates:** 10 rooms on hold for delegates, queen, singles, and family rooms from \$75  
**Bookings:** [ayrshamrockmotel@hotmail.com](mailto:ayrshamrockmotel@hotmail.com),  
 07 4783 1498

**Name:** Country Ayr Motel  
**Address:** 197-199 Queen Street, Ayr  
**Description:** 3.5 stars, pool, air conditioned  
**Room Types/rates:** 14 Queen Beds and single \$140  
**Bookings:** [countryayrmotel@bigpond.com](mailto:countryayrmotel@bigpond.com),  
 07 4783 1700

**Name:** Parkside Motel Ayr  
**Address:** 74-76 Graham St, Ayr  
**Description:** 3 ½ stars, pool, Astar, free wireless internet + more  
**Room types/rates:** 18 rooms on hold; family units, Queen, doubles and queen + singles from \$130  
**Bookings:** [reservations@parksidemotelayr.com.au](mailto:reservations@parksidemotelayr.com.au),  
 07 4783 1244

**N.B. Due to peak season in Ayr, the owner is kindly holding these rooms for us only til 5 September 2011.**

**Name:** Burdekin Motor Inn  
**Address:** 14 Eighth Avenue, Home Hill  
**Description:** a/con, guest laundry, pool  
**Room Types/ rates:** 14 rooms available, Queen beds, Double, singles, rooms with 3 and 4 double beds plus 2 and 3 singles. Prices range from \$77 for single to \$88 for queen.  
**Bookings:** [Burdekin\\_inn@bigpond.com](mailto:Burdekin_inn@bigpond.com),  
 07 4782 1511

**Name:** Silverlink Caravan Park  
**Address:** 34 Norham Road, Ayr  
**Description:** pool, laundry facilities  
**Room types/rates:** 11 cabins on hold for delegates, 1 bedroom cabins with queen + double bunk (max 4 people), queen + triple bunk (max 5 people); \$95 2pax extra persons \$15; 2 bedroom cabins also available double beds and bunks.  
**Bookings:** [big4ayr@bigpond.net.au](mailto:big4ayr@bigpond.net.au), 07 4783 3933

**Name:** Burdekin Cascades Caravan Park  
**Address:** 228 Queen Street, Ayr  
**Description:** laundry, ensuites in cabin,  
**Room types/rates:** 6 Cabins being held for delegates; 2 people per room \$75  
**Bookings:** Phone preferred, 07 4783 1429,  
[tjitaspinall@bigpond.com](mailto:tjitaspinall@bigpond.com)

## TRAVEL

Ayr is serviced by rail and the closest airport is Townsville, approximately one hour's drive to the north. Lower Burdekin will run a shuttle bus to and from the Townsville airport to meet certain flights, by prior arrangement only.

### **Train**

The Queensland Rail Tilt Train departs Brisbane on Monday at 6.25 pm and arrives in Ayr at 10.40 am on Tuesday. Delegates arriving by train will be met at the station. Please notify us of your arrival on the registration form no later than 31 August, so we can plan ahead for transport.

### **Air**

Flights into Townsville arrive from Brisbane, Cairns, Rockhampton and Longreach. The following flights will be met by shuttle bus, by prior arrangement only. You must notify us on your registration form of your arrival times no later than 31 August.

## ARRIVING TOWNSVILLE

**Tuesday 20 September**

Departing from	Departure time	Flight #	Arrive Townsville
Brisbane	0845	DJ367	1050
Brisbane	1205	DJ371	1410
Brisbane	1410	DJ375	1615
Cairns	1025	QF2303	1120
Cairns	1330	QF2307	1415
Cairns	1430	QF2313	1515
Rockhampton	0835	QF2300	1035
Rockhampton	1025	DJ1238	1410
Longreach	1445	ZL5204	1715

## DEPARTING TOWNSVILLE

**Friday 23 September**

Conference organisers will assist delegates to meet the following flights departing Townsville.

Departing for	Departure time	Flight number	Arrival time
Brisbane	1645	DJ382	1830
Brisbane	1700	DJ1904	2115
Brisbane	1840	JQ907	2025
Rockhampton	1700	DJ1904	1805
Cairns	1705	QF2310	1800
Cairns	1835	QF2314	1925

## OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

### Special needs

Lower Burdekin Landcare Association welcomes registrations from people with special needs. If you have physical or dietary needs which we can help with, please make a note on your registration form, or contact our Event Manager, Wombat Creative to assist with the arrangements.

### Junior Landcare Conference

The Junior Landcare Conference takes place on Wednesday 21 and Thursday 22 September. Wednesday will see our young delegates participate in a field trip around the Burdekin and Thursday will be a full day of hands-on activities and experiential learning back at the Burdekin Theatre. It is free for the children of delegates to participate in the Junior Landcare Conference, however you must use the registration form to register your kids. More information will become available at <http://www.landcare.org.au/JUNIORLANDCARECONFERENCE.htm> as planning progresses.

### Field trips

Four field trips will leave Ayr on Thursday 22 September. The trips are outlined in the conference program in following pages. While the descriptions will give you a general idea of our field trip destinations, there are still five whole months before the conference takes place and we are still shoring up our field trip speakers, destinations and other logistics, so please bear with us if itineraries change.

### Social events

Attendance at all social events is included in the full conference registration fee. And tickets for additional guests are also available. Please refer to the registration form. There are three evening social events during the conference.

#### Tuesday 20 September

#### Conference Welcome Reception

Welcome drinks and canapés in the Burdekin Theatre Forecourt.  
*extra tickets: \$55*

#### Wednesday 21 September

#### Hutching's Lagoon

Hutching's Lagoon is a popular recreational destination. We'll have an evening under the stars, with a spit roast and landcare ambience.  
*extra tickets: \$75*

#### Thursday 22 September

#### Gala Conference Dinner

Polish your boots and get ready for fine food, great company and entertaining locals at the Home Hill Memorial Hall, with a gala conference dinner made possible by our Premier Sponsor, NQ Dry Tropics.  
*extra tickets: \$110*

### Stay in touch

Join the conference e-news list by emailing [landcare2011@wombatcreative.com.au](mailto:landcare2011@wombatcreative.com.au). Or join us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/queenslandlandcareconference](http://www.facebook.com/queenslandlandcareconference).



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## PROGRAM

While we have made every effort to provide an accurate program, sessions may change at any time. Please contact us or visit the website if you'd like an updated program at any point. Visit [www.landcare.org.au/CONFERENCE.htm](http://www.landcare.org.au/CONFERENCE.htm) or call Event Manager, Wombat Creative on 07 5538 5109 and request the most recent version.

Tuesday 20 September				
1500	Registrations open			
1830 – 2200	Welcome reception, Burdekin Theatre Forecourt <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome to Country</li> <li>• Entertainment</li> </ul>			
Wednesday 21 September				
0915	Junior Landcare Conference field trip departs. More information at <a href="http://www.landcare.org.au/JUNIORLANDCARECONFERENCE.htm">http://www.landcare.org.au/JUNIORLANDCARECONFERENCE.htm</a> .			
0900 - 0930	Opening and welcome Minister and / or Governor (invited)			
0930 – 1015	Vision for the future of Australia's food security   Dr Linda Selvey, CEO Greenpeace Australia Pacific			
1015 – 1100	Keynote speaker 2 (Climate science) 40 minutes TBC			
1100 – 1140	Morning tea			
1140 – 1300	<b>Storytelling sessions</b> <b>Chair: Kathy Cogo, NQ Dry Tropics</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local farmers tell their stories of migration</li> <li>• Gudjuda and Traditional Owner stories from across the Burdekin</li> <li>• Rural Womens' stories</li> </ul> All these sessions are yet to be confirmed	<b>Landcare &amp; Catchment community case studies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mulgrave Landcare &amp; Catchment Group, Bruce Corcoran</li> <li>• Towards sustainability in Springbrook, Linda Durham and Springbrook Landcare</li> <li>• Mooloolah River Waterwatch &amp; Landcare, Jan Kesby</li> </ul>	<b>Community engagement and education</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What does good community engagement look like? Jody McDonald   Fitzroy Basin Association</li> <li>• Reef Guardian Schools, Councils, Farmers and Fishers, Kate Steel GBRMPA</li> <li>• Innovative strategies for engaging landcare volunteers, Laura Dunstan, NQ Dry Tropics</li> </ul>	<b>Regional showcase</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The use of compost tea for improved soil health and farm productivity, Kristjan Sorensen, NGRMG</li> <li>• Healthy habitat – improving Townsville's semi-rural areas, Amanda Laurie, NQ Dry Tropics</li> </ul>
1300 – 1400	Lunch			
1400 – 1530	Armour, John with Stewart Lindsay and Jeff Daniels	<b>Engaging young people</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Linking Youth with Landcare, Matt Brown and Chris Gaschk</li> <li>• Creative Youth Environmental Partnerships, Natasha Odgers</li> <li>• Junior Wild River Rangers   Steve Smith DERM</li> </ul>	<b>Carbon in the landscape</b> <b>Chair: Mike Berwick</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carbon opportunities for agriculture, Robert Armstrong, Carbonhouse</li> <li>• Carbon in the landscape   Douglas Fox, Border Landcare Organic Group</li> <li>• The Australian Government's Carbon Farming Initiative <b>TBC (invited)</b></li> </ul>	<b>Sustainable agriculture (Regional showcase)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grains BMP – delivering profitable and sustainable farming practices for industry, Rod Collins and Hayley Eames   DEEDI</li> <li>• Good research and participative development and extension: improving banana nutrient management and improving water quality   John Armour, Stewart Lindsay and Jeff Daniels</li> <li>• CANE presentation <b>TBC (invited)</b></li> </ul>
1530 – 1600	Afternoon tea			

Wednesday 21 September (cont'd)				
1600 – 1630	<b>Natural disaster response</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Natural disaster response, Landcare Style, Geoff Penton QMDC</li> </ul>	<b>Innovations in delivery</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Web-based delivery for Grains BMP, Hayley Eames DEEDI</li> </ul>	<b>Water and the landscape</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reversing the adverse trends in the Burdekin Aquifer, John Blackwell and Reg Houston.</li> </ul>	<b>Regional showcase</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Queensland's first strategy for biodiversity, Biodiversity Integration Branch, DERM</li> </ul>
1630 – 1700	Closing plenary			
1830	Lagoon spit roast – shuttle buses leave at 1800 and 1830			

Thursday 22 September	
<b>A note about our field trips:</b> as there are still five whole months until the conference, many of these trips will be refined as the event draws nearer. The intent and purpose of the trips will remain the same, but some of the stops and speakers might change as we confirm logistical arrangements.	
0830	<b>1. Northern Exposure tour</b> - visit the Cromarty wetlands encompassed by the Ramsar listed Bowling Green National Park, where local grazier Mark Stoneman has worked tirelessly to have the area acquired and protected in the national interest along with coordinated grazing as management tools. Then on to the Australian Institute of Marine Science's Cape Ferguson Facility to find out the latest on marine research in the Great Barrier Reef area. We then travel back towards Ayr calling in at Australia's latest and the world's largest exotic fruit plantations growing the Achacha fruit from south America. Further on we note weed/pest problems in creeks and lagoons, and then Peter LeFevre invites us to inspect his composting and selective grazing operation.
0845	<b>2. Best of Burdekin</b> – still under development, this tour will visit the cogen mill run by Sucragen, a prawn farm and a sunflower farm at Calamia and a local cane farm involved in Coca Cola's million-dollar Catalyst program. Further details to be provided soon.
0900	<b>3. Burdekin &amp; Haughton Irrigation Area tour</b> - this tour will include a commentary on the history of the irrigation scheme and the water reticulation system, including infrastructure and water management. The tour will also include a visit to the Rapisarda and Hesp farms to inspect the use of both conventional and alternative irrigation system under various cropping regimes. Finally the tour will visit the DAVCO Farm's hydro-salinity research site at Mona Park and will be briefed on the actions being undertaken to address the rising groundwater issues in the area.
0915	<b>4. Coastal and Indigenous Burdekin tour</b> - join local Traditional Owners for a cultural tour of the Burdekin which includes the Juru Walk and birthing site, local bush-tucker, birds and fauna. We visit Gublamanda – the iconic 60 metres carpet snake and hear about how Traditional Owners have been engaging their young people in hunting turtles and other cultural practices on the coast. The tour will continue to Wunjunga to look at fenced middens and to visit Inkerman hill and then pass through salt flat grazing country. Returning from Wunjunga we view the wildlife at various lagoons along the way.
1800	<b>Gala Conference Dinner, Home Hill Memorial Hall</b> - polish your boots and join us for a fine meal, great company and local entertainment at the Home Hill Hall. More details soon, but you can expect some good ol' fashioned Landcare hospitality.

Friday 24 September			
0900 – 0945	Opening plenary session and keynote speaker 3 TBC		
0945 – 1045	<b>Guardians of the Rangelands,</b> sponsored by Rangelands Australia, chair: John Taylor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stewarding the Desert Uplands – an intergenerational partnership   Robyn Adams, Chair Desert Uplands Build-Up and Development Committee</li> <li>Meating the future: sustainability in the Rangelands   Roger Landsberg with his children Bernie Landsberg and Kate Landsberg, graziers</li> </ul>	<b>Indigenous engagement</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conservation and Land Management Training: an Indigenous community capacity approach, Kate Greenwood   John Pearson Consulting / Look Now Training and Employment</li> <li>Indigenous Land Management: the Native American experience   Tim Knox, Queensland Murray-Darling Committee</li> </ul>	<b>Biodiversity</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Helping the Guardians of the Forest, Louise Saunders President Bat Conservation &amp; Rescue and Dominique Thiriet, James Cook University</li> <li>Powerlink Greenworks with SEQ Catchment – enhancing habitats and biodiversity   Murray Abel, Powerlink and Bruce Lord, SEQ Catchments</li> <li>Protecting the Ramsar Wetlands of Bowling Green Bay   Scott Fry, NQ Dry Tropics</li> </ul>
1045 – 1115	Morning tea		
1115 – 1230	Final plenary session, lunch and close. First shuttle bus leaves for Townsville Airport at 1430.		

# Registration form

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**Return registration two-page form to:**

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 Fax: 07 5538 9843  
 Post: Wombat Creative, PO Box 878, Broadbeach Q 4218

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Event Manager, Wombat Creative  
 07 5538 5109 or [landcare2011@wombatcreative.com.au](mailto:landcare2011@wombatcreative.com.au)

Your details	
Name	
Organisation	
Address	
Mobile	
Email	
Field trip preferences	1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____
Physical / dietary needs	
Total owing (see over)	

**Payment options | Lower Burdekin Landcare Association ABN: 15 782 114 250**

- Cheque/money order* – made payable to Lower Burdekin Landcare
- EFT* – Lower Burdekin Landcare Association, Westpac, BSB: 034 161 | Account 186841 – please ensure you let us know how much you deposited and on what date
- Invoice* – we can issue you an invoice if you make a note on your registration form. Payment terms are strictly 28 days
- Credit card* – please enter your details below if paying by credit card

**Tax receipts will be issued for all payments once processed. Please allow 21 days for processing.**

Paying by credit card	
Name on card	
Credit card number	
Expiry date	
Signature	

**Privacy statement**

Wombat Creative (the event manager) and Lower Burdekin Landcare Group are committed to supporting the National Privacy Principles. We will collect and store your contact information and may disclose some of that information to conference sponsors and future conference hosts for marketing purposes. We may also produce a delegate listing for the event. If you do not wish to be included in the delegate listing, please tick here \_\_\_.

**Cancellation policy**

Cancellations made before 30 June receive a full discount minus \$30 administration fee. Cancellations made before 30 August receive a 75% refund. Cancellations from 1 September cannot be refunded. Substitutions may be made at any time at no cost.



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Registration options (all fees include GST)	AGENCY	COMMUNITY
<b>Full conference registration (includes all social events and field trip)</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Full conference – earlybird, before 30 June 2011	430	380
<input type="checkbox"/> Full conference – standard before 31 August 2011	470	420
<input type="checkbox"/> Full conference – late registration, 1 September 2011 onwards	510	460
<b>One day registration (does not include any social events, day sessions only)</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> one day registration – Wednesday 21 September 2011	200	170
<input type="checkbox"/> one day registration – Friday 23 September 2011	150	100
<input type="checkbox"/> field trip registration – Thursday 22 September 2011 (specify trip # _____ )	80	60
<b>Junior Landcare Conference</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Number and name of children attending. Please also note ages (9 – 15)	no charge	no charge
<b>Extras (social events and field trips are included in full conference registrations)</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Welcome reception – Tuesday 20 September	55	55
<input type="checkbox"/> Hutching’s Lagoon spit roast – Wednesday 21 September	75	75
<input type="checkbox"/> Gala conference dinner – Thursday 22 September	110	110
<b>Total registration costs</b>		

**Completing your registration form:**

Please complete both pages of the registration form and return with payment (if applicable) to:

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