

The valley is looking a picture and there is lots happening. If you get a chance, stick the tree fair poster up where people will see it.

Wetlands Information Field day
Gumma Gumma Bridge Macksville
Friday 26th March
10am -2.00pm

Wetlands can be useful for both grazing and conservation. This field day will discuss

- different types of wetlands
- how water affects productivity
- what species are present
- their value as stock feed
- affect of soil, climate and management on species
- how to manage wetlands

Bring your own lunch, water, chair, and plants for identification
Booking Tim 65- 647838

FARM MACHINERY FIELD DAY
WHAT TOOL WHERE

When Thursday 13th May
9.30am-12.30pm

Where- to be announced

FREE field day, all welcome.

Carol Rose from NSW DPI and local farmers will discuss with participants pros and cons of various soil preparation and sowing methods using different machinery.

For more information phone Tim Ryan, Nambucca Valley Landcare, 65647838

Legumes and Herbs Field Day
Thursday 22nd April Missabotti Hall
Harry and Carol Rose “ Industry and Investment NSW”(now what was wrong with “DPI”?)



On the north coast of NSW, grasses provide the bulk of the pasture yield and are visually obvious. However, there are a large number of non-grass species that are also present, such as ferns, sedges, rushes, legumes, daisies and orchids. These non-grass species are often poorly recognised, yet usually outnumber the species of grasses and so significantly contribute to the biodiversity of pastures. Many species provide out of season green feed and a different composition of energy, protein and minerals, helping to reduce or overcome some of the nutritional problems of north coast pastures. On the other hand, not all non-grass species are desirable, as there are many invasive and/or toxic pasture species on the north coast, such as crofton weed, fireweed and mother-of-millions. The field day consists of

- looking at legumes and herbs in the field
- what they are
- how to recognise them
- how to manage them
- what they indicate about the soil
- what they indicate about management

Participants receive a free book and CD

Michael Murray from **Forest Fauna Surveys** gave a presentation on Micro bats. Fascinating little critters. There are up to 30 species in the Nambucca. One third roost in caves, the remainder roost in small colonies in tree hollows / roof cavities / horse rugs / raincoats. They forage on flying and stationary insects, captured in flight or gleaned off surfaces such as leaves. They can fly long distances (up to 10km) to foraging areas. Several species are carnivorous + 1 fish eating(tiny little fish). Microbats have an important role in control of insects Have small eyes that assist with vision but dependent on echolocation for navigation in flight.



Michael Thorman- Livestock Health and Protection Agency gave a talk on rabbit baits, fumigation, biological control and answered questions on other pest animals. Michael pointed out that control is the landowner's responsibility.

The Act only covers European wild rabbits, not escaped domestic rabbits. Control methods include 1080 (old and **not** preferred), Pindone baits (preferred), fumigation (restricted used), shooting (fun but not effective) and biological (good if it works).

Rabbit control is not just a matter of a one off action. Get to know the rabbit's habits, plan, prepare, act, monitor.

For further info contact:

Mick Thorman

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The Rabbit and Parramatta Grass Control Field Day at Utungun



Mick Green was kind enough to show us around his property and share his experience with Parramatta Grass control. Mick also discussed a number of methods of pasture establishment and species selection. **Tim Woodward**, the council Weed Inspector, stressed that there is no silver bullet for Parramatta Grass control. Pasture establishment and weed control are different sides of the same coin. Both require planning and long term vision. There is no point in spending a lot of money spraying out parramatta grass only to persist with the same management that encouraged it to dominate in the first place. Vigorous pasture with a variety of species and a grazing régime that avoids overgrazing are part of the long term solution.



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NAMBUCCA VALLEY LANDCARE

TREE FAIR

TREES, SHRUBS, FLOWERS, HERBS, and LOCAL PRODUCE
SUITED TO THE MID NORTH COAST

**Where: Bowraville Race Track
Rodeo Drive**

**When: Saturday 3rd April 2010
7.30am to 1.30pm**

FREE ENTRY
If you have plants or produce to sell and would like a stall

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Environmental Defenders Office and Nambucca Valley Landcare

Presents

Understanding Native Vegetation Legislation and how it affects you.

Free Workshop presented by Sue Higgins EDO

Details of the Native Vegetation Act 2003 will be explained including

- a.. Land clearing
- b.. Property vegetation plans
- c.. Development consent
- d.. Voluntary agreements
- e.. Private Native Forestry
- f.. Plantations

When: Saturday 17th April 2010

10am -3pm

Where: Nambucca Entertainment Centre (small room)

Come along and bring your questions, nothing else needed, *lunch provided.*

Registration necessary – call Nambucca Valley Landcare 6564 7838 or email ryan@nvlandcare.org.au

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