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Update

The Australian Government has moved towards delivering Natural Resource programs directly to the community rather than through State Departments and regional bodies (CMAs).

This is good and bad.

Good: more money on the ground.

Bad: lots of small applications and often the expertise lie in Departments and CMAs.

In response to this trend, NVL has formed 2 informal partnerships:

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Mid North Coast Landcare are Hasting, Macleay, Nambucca and sometimes Bellingen. This coalition has been functioning for 5 years or so and has been instrumental in the production of the Rural Resource Kit, Estuary Resource Kit and Biological Farming CD. Presently, Mid North Coast Landcare is administering the National Landcare Program Sustainable Practices Riparian Management Incentives (see below for details of this latest funding).

North Coast LandCare

North Coast LandCare was formed by the Landcare networks in the Northern Rivers CMA to enable LandCare to have a state and national voice.

Terms of Reference:

1. To facilitate communication between North Coast Landcare Networks
2. To represent NC Landcare networks and facilitate communication between those networks and NSW Landcare, the NRCMA and other agencies as deemed appropriate.
3. To act as a strong representative working for grassroots community driven NRM
4. To have ideas/issues taken to a higher level, that are voiced regularly, as well as at the annual Landcare Muster.

The formation of this coalition has also enabled the Networks to apply for money directly from the Feds. The project, **Integrated delivery of support and training for sustainable agriculture practices in the Northern Rivers**, is being managed by "Richmond Landcare Services" The contract will enable the networks to develop and print a Resource Kit similar to ours and run work shops and Pro Graze etc. From this the Nambucca has funding for Small Farm and Biodiversity workshops and participate in a Biological Farming series of lectures.

NRCMA Small Grants for Coastal and Marine community projects

The NRCMA values the large volunteer effort of community groups in the region. The CMA has a project of small grants to support coastal groups improve coastal resource condition and the health of the marine environment.

Grants of up to \$1000 are available, with next to no red tape, via the Landcare office.

Eligible activity include,

- Community awareness
- Vegetation protection, planting
- Fencing
- Wetland management
- Weed and Pest control
- Storm Water quality control works
- Small bank works

Get in touch

Weed Control Field Day

Where- Dam Rd(off Hyland Park Rd)
Hyland Park

When 10am Wednesday 12th November

Why Tim Woodward, the council weed office, will be there to demonstrate the methods, biological and chemical, that is recommended, for pasture weeds, woody weeds and aquatic weeds (see below)

Small grants

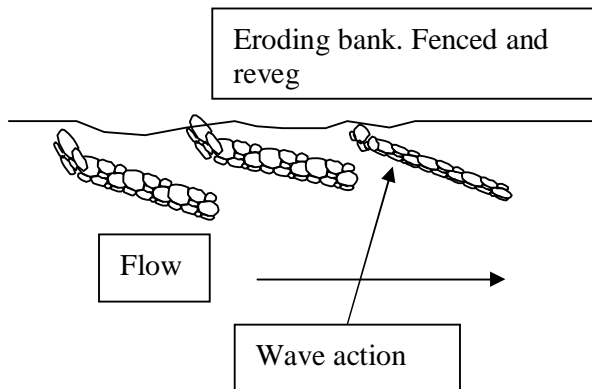
Under the National Landcare Program and NRCMA's Riparian and Riverine Small Grants Program the Nambucca received money for 4 small projects.

One of the projects was a 400meter bank protection on the estuary up stream from Jacaranda lodge. The main threat to this section of the estuary is wind and boat wave action

The landowner not only matched funding \$for\$ but also put in a considerable in-kind contribution.



There has been a trend away from toe protection (as constructed on River St Macksville) to the formation of rock fillets.



The fillets are constructed from varying sized rocks to the high watermark. The fillets take the erosive energy out of the waves. The idea is to allow mangroves to establish in behind the fillets and thus developing a long term solution.

Funding Available



National Landcare Program Sustainable Practices Riparian Management Incentives

MACLEAY LANDCARE NETWORK successfully applied for funding on behalf of Nambucca, Macleay, Hastings and Bellingen Landcare.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project makes funding available to landholders and interested groups to restore and protect riparian areas on their land through an incentives grants scheme. It is available to landholders in the Nambucca Valley and will provide funding for on-ground works which contribute to sustainable riparian land management.

Eligible activities include:

- Riparian fencing which provides for the controlled management of stock around streamside areas, allows the natural regeneration of streambank vegetation or protects remnant streambank vegetation.
- Provision of off-stream watering points
- Stabilisation of stock access points and creek crossings.
- Revegetation projects on streamside areas.
- Initial control of weeds in streamside areas.
- Protection or rehabilitation of fish habitats.
- Erosion control works.

Landholders may apply for grants up to \$3000 a project with a 1:1 in kind contribution. This can be labour or use of tractor, ongoing maintenance etc.

Contact the office to place your expression of interest now as funds are limited.

Free Work Shops
Come to one or stay for both

Indian Myna

Trapping Workshop

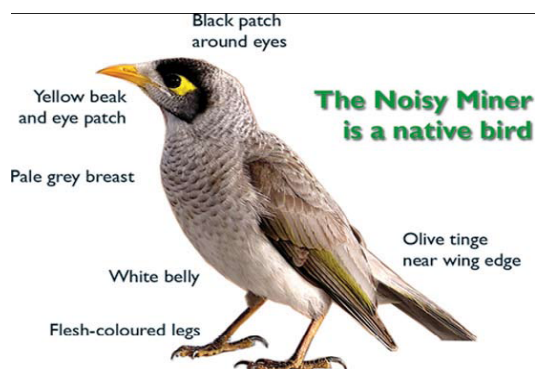
There is rarely a day go by with out someone walking in the office to complain about the Indian Myna plague. Plague might be a bit of an exaggeration, but they are out there and ever increasing.

Nambucca Valley Landcare and Nambucca Shire Council have initiated an Indian Myna Trapping Program.

Experience from other areas suggest that we can have a real impact on the myna population if it is well coordinated.

The session will be a discussion of best practice in trapping and disposal of the birds. Don't confuse the native miner with the Indian Myna. Traps will be available at workshop.

1-2pm Thursday 30th October
Nambucca Entertainment Centre
Further information 65647838



What does your garden grow? Nambucca Valley Landcare invites you to attend the 'What Does Your Garden Grow?' workshop. The half day course aims to increase awareness about the impact weeds have on our unique environment, and to provide basic knowledge of how to deal with weeds in the garden. The course covers:

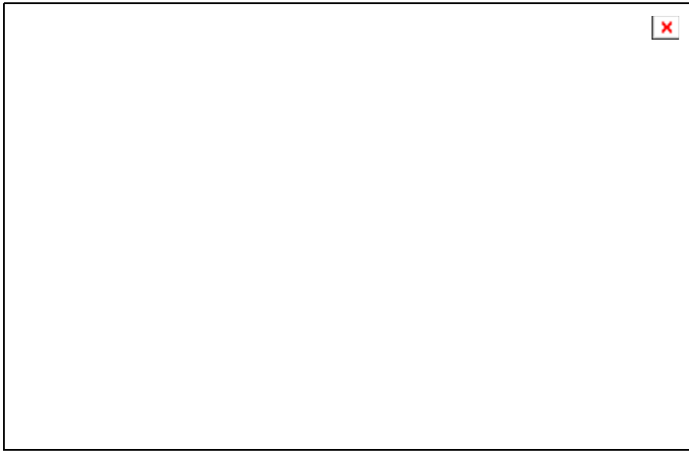
- What, where and why of garden escapees
- When is a plant a weed?
- What does you garden grow? - Plant ID skills are included in this course
- What can you do? - Tactics for managing weeds in your garden
- Why don't you grow me instead? - Alternative native plant suggestions

The workshop will be run on

Thursday 30th October
9am to 1pm.
Nambucca Entertainment Centre

Attendance is free, with workbook and morning tea provided.





Aquatic weed invasion: Be able to Identify a Non Native

Aquatic Plants

Please be on the lookout for aquatic weeds within your properties. Currently Salvinia and Water Hyacinth are two aquatic weeds that are present within the Nambucca Shire. The Grafton DPI currently have a weevil that can be released to assist control of Salvinia infestations, when they are part of an Integrated Weed Management program for this highly invasive aquatic weed.

Aquatic weeds degrade water systems as they out compete desired native plant species and reduce oxygen levels. "Forty-litre tubs of salvinia infested with thousands of weevils have been sent across the State to attack outbreaks of the waterweed on rivers and dams, Mr Ensbey said the biological control agent, *Cyrtobagous salviniae*, commonly known as the salvinia weevil, is native to South America and feeds exclusively on the aquatic weed salvinia.

With suitable climatic conditions the weevil can reduce entire mats of salvinia to a few scattered plants in 1-2 years.

In suitable climates the weevil provides a more cost effective and long term solution to herbicide and physical removal. However, in some conditions it can take years for weevil populations to build up to a level where they can provide control; people should not expect to see immediate results.

Please contact the Nambucca Shire Councils Noxious Weed Inspector, Tim Woodward, if you require assistance in positively identifying aquatic plants or have a known infestation of Salvinia and would like some Weevils, please phone, 0417 271 378 or 0265 682 555.

Missabotti Community Market Day

Some of the community halls around the valley are looking a little unloved and are under threat of closure. Don't get me wrong, there is a number that thriving and still the focus of the community.

Missabotti is one such hall. If you drive past the hall, chances are that you will witness some sort of activity. The fine folk of Missabotti have organised a Market day There are 40 odd stores already booked but plenty of room for more.

When Saturday 9th November

Where head out Missabotti Rd, about 12kms- Follow the signs

For further info or to book a site 65647033

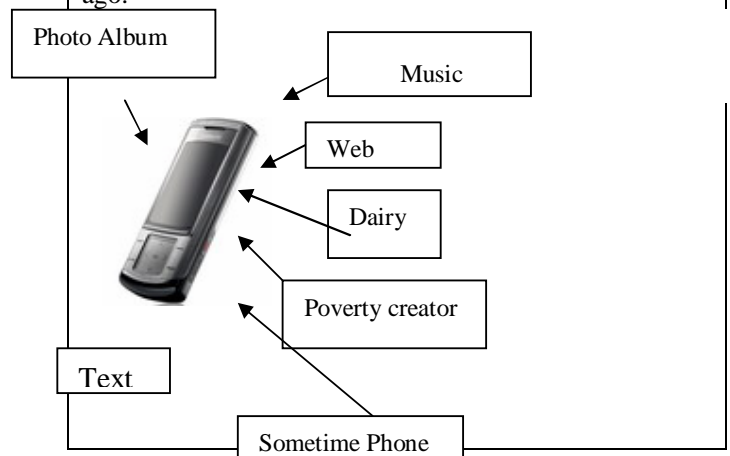
Nothing to do with LandCare

A few weeks back I was chauffeuring a couple of 14 year olds, a boy and a girl, who had not been in touch for a number of years. At first the conversation was somewhat stilted; "how are ya", "what's you been doin" (no elocution lessons) sort of thing.

I was beginning to think that an hour in the car was going to be long time and reflected on how rewarding watching the grass grow in my yard can be.

Then all changed; they exchanged mobile phones. . They trawled through each others music and photos discussing the who, when, whys. Even the text messages were dissected. Their phones acted as a personal profile and broke the divide erected by the years apart.

My opinion that "what was good enough for me is good enough for you" became antedated because, what was good enough for me, was only good enough 40 years ago.



Nambucca Valley Tree Fair



Farewell and thanks Tony and Eppie



Date: Sat 25th October

Time: 8am to 1pm

Bowraville Race Course

Trees, shrubs, herbs, flowers
suited to the Mid North Coast

Expert Advice from the

nursery owners.

Funding advice from

Nambucca Valley LandCare.

Entry Free

Sites available

**Contact Nambucca Valley
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