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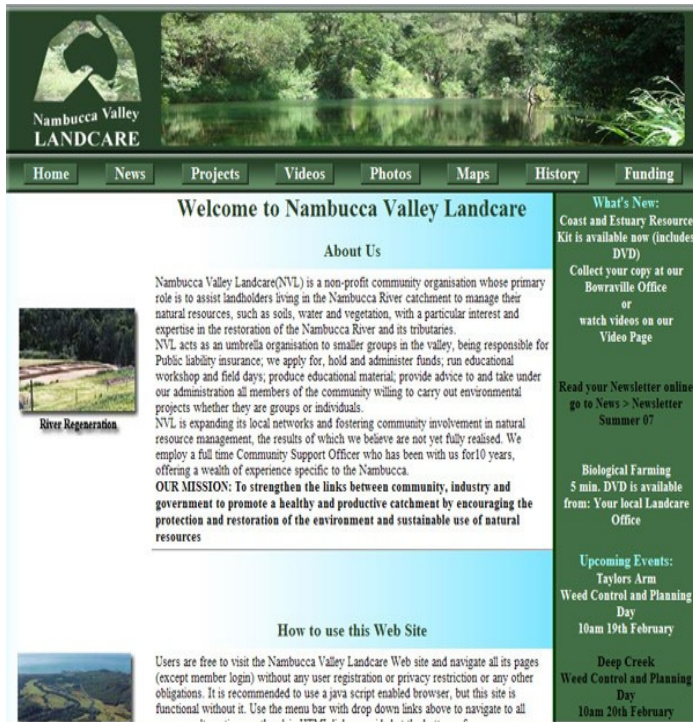
New email

NVL open 24-7

www.nvlandcare.org.au

The web site is up and running. This is a chance to access information as well as be a part of the NVL forum and contribute to the Landcare story.

You can update your membership details any time, just select the *member log in* tab. To log on as a member click on “*new members*” (bottom of the page) and follow the cues.



There is a wealth of Landcare resource material, video tutorials, funding information and links to other Natural Resource management sites. Send us your

favourite photos of local fauna and flora to be included in our web photo gallery. In the future save some paper and read our newsletter online.

NB. New email address, see above.

Rumours of our Demise have been Premature

NVL has been advised that our Community Capacity Building contract with the Northern Rivers Catchment Management Authority has been extended for another year.

There has been speculation and media reports that LandCare was to be left to atrophy with the roll in of the new Federal Government funding for 08-09. This may be the case in some of the CMA regions but not in the Northern Rivers.

NVL would like to thank the board and staff of the NRCMA for their support and recognition of the roll of LandCare in delivering the CAP targets and engaging and supporting the community. Thank You.

As for the other contracts that NVL has with the NRCMA; there is still some uncertainty. While the NRCMA has been very successful in delivering NRM outcomes there will be a funding adjustment.

At this stage, it appears that Upper Missabotti and Newee Cr reach plans will continue as will Deep Cr and Taylors Arm priority reach projects.

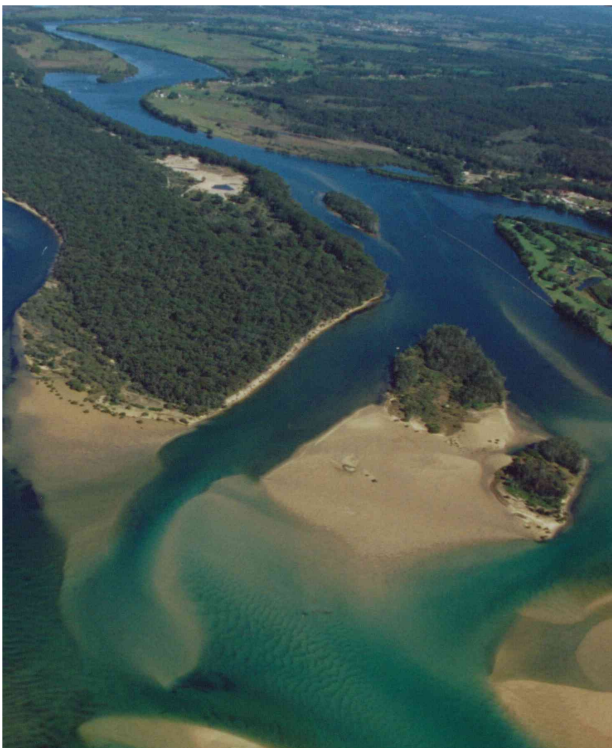
As soon as we know, you will know (via www.nvlandcare.org.au)

**NVL has successful applied to NSW
Environmental Trust for a Nambucca
River Health Officer**

Project aims to improve the health of catchment runoff affecting Nambucca estuary following rainfall events by delivering on actions & funding required to address water quality issues directly affecting the local oyster industry harvest zone.

A river health officer will utilise the goodwill & tensions within the various industry sectors reliant on good water quality and healthy waterways to help implement those actions necessary to create change.

Part of the project will examine the beliefs, attitudes and perceptions of all players in a social survey to gauge the most appropriate path to motivate social willingness to act or behavioural change and to build common understanding of diffuse source water pollution and its management.



**Endangered plant communities walk at
the Urunga Lagoon**

A free guided walk which will showcase coastal plant communities will be held at the Urunga Lagoon on Saturday 26th July 2008. The walk is for anyone interested in the coast, its natural history and plants and animals.

Contact: Colin Matthews 6655 0588

River Health Project Officer

Project aims to improve the health of catchment runoff affecting Nambucca estuary following rainfall events. This project targets all inputs into the lower estuary between Macksville and Nambucca Heads.

The successful applicant will have;

- Degree focused on natural resource management
- Comprehensive technical understanding of Nambucca catchment and estuary processes
- High level GIS, reporting, and communication skills
- Experience in negotiating and brokering outcomes across a broad spectrum of landholders and stakeholders
- Demonstrated ability to deliver outcomes and quality products within timeframes nominated

Applications close on COB Friday 1 August 2008

Information Pack contact

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Caring for our Country Open Grants

The recently announced Caring for our Country Open Grants is a transitional component of the Australian Government's new \$2.25 billion Caring for our Country initiative. Anyone can apply as long as you are a legal entity. That means government, NGOs, businesses, educational institutions at all levels as well as incorporated community groups including regional and local farming, indigenous and environmental groups. Closing date is Friday 1 Aug 2008. Visit www.nrm.gov.au/funding/open.html Or email opengrants@nrm.gov.au Or phone 1800 065 823

Community Coastcare

Close July 25th

Small grants will support a variety of activities to protect and rehabilitate coastal waterways and wetlands, prevent coastal erosion, enhance skills and knowledge, record and pass on traditional knowledge, protect nesting sites, Indigenous cultural landscapes and culturally sensitive sites.

For info www.nrm.gov.au/funding/coastcare

Fireweed

Fireweed is an introduced weed that competes strongly with pasture species and is toxic to livestock. It is responsible for illness, slow growth and poor conditioning of cattle and can result in death.

Heavy infestations of fireweed often result from two principal causes:-

- neglect of steadily increasing fireweed infestations in previous years
- lack of good ground cover caused by overgrazing, drought, fire or slashing.

Fireweed can be an annual but many plants do survive through the summer so plants of all ages can be present at the same time. Seeds germinate in mild, warm conditions (15-27degrees) in the presence of light and moisture. Most seedlings appear between March and June then grow quickly to produce their first flowers in 6-10 wks. A dry summer followed by autumn or winter rains can lead to heavy infestations.

Even light infestations can produce 1 million seeds per hectare. Seeds are light and carried by the wind. They also have rows of short hairs than can loosely cling to animals. Seed can be spread short distances by wind and stock, larger distances in pasture seed, hay, turf, mulch and stock transport.

The best way to control fireweed is to treat infestations when small. Combine different control methods such as chemical and mechanical along with land management strategies. It is important to prevent it establishing by ensuring that there is a dense cover of pasture in autumn and winter.

Waiting until autumn to begin pasture improvement will worsen the fireweed problem because fireweed, which germinates in autumn, will be promoted ahead of the pasture if you are sowing for a winter pasture species.

Mechanical Control

Chip out, bag and burn, or dispose of at Council land fill tips. Do not burn in household wood burning stoves. Remove chipped out plants from paddocks as they may still set seed and poison stock. **Note: Fireweed is poisonous, always use gloves when handling fireweed as continual pulling by hand can cause permanent liver damage.**

Chemical Control

Herbicides are most effective if sprayed before plants reach maturity and before flowering. Its best not to apply in early autumn to ensure pastures are healthy and therefore remain competitive.

More information contact

Tim Woodward 0417271378



Indian Myna Program

There is still plenty of Indian Myna's around the valley even though its winter. The waiting list for borrowing a trap is shortening so if you would like to have a go at trapping the birds hanging around your property or home, give the office a ring. Some people have been very successful others not so. A lot of people in urban areas say the mynas just move 'next door' or 'go away'. It might be a good idea for neighbours to do a trapping program at the same time and have a trap each. If you have had a trap for a while and have finished trapping please get those traps back to us. Either ring this office or take the trap back to the Council Depot in River St Macksville. There are other people waiting to borrow them.

If you have dogs or cats that make trapping difficult try putting the trap on a shed roof, many have been successful that way. NVL have detailed plans that show how to make a trap and they only cost \$10 to make, so if you would like to get a copy of those plans ring the office.

NVL has applied for some funding through the Environmental Trust to fund an Environmental Officer to coordinate and assist the community to trap Indian Mynas in the Nambucca, Bellingen and Coffs areas. Lets hope it gets up.

WEED NEWS

2008 Weeds Forum "Caring for Our Country"

9am 14th August Nambucca Heads RSL. This Forum is aimed at community members, volunteers, landowners, CMA, Council and Agency staff. Sessions include The Big Picture, Regional Issues, Emerging Weeds and On-ground projects. The program is still being finalised but topics include weeds & climate change, catsclaw biocontrol program, weed issues on organic farms, the "Grow me instead program", potential weed invaders from the south and north, and case studies of successful on-ground control projects including bitou bush, camphor laurel and catsclaw creeper. There will also be some industry displays. For further info please ring Reece Luxton 6643 3820 or 0427 279 717, Meri Oakwood 6653 8843 or 0423 910 324 or visit the North Coast Weed Advisory Committee website www.northcoastweeds.org.au

Registration will be \$40/head (incl GST); this includes lunch, morning & afternoon tea. Registrations are now open – please register by 5th August, so that we can plan catering. To register please send a cheque or money order (payable to NSW North Coast Weeds Advisory Committee) to Guy Bezrouchko, PO Box 230, Far North Coast Weeds, Lismore NSW 2480 or ring (02) 6623 3833 to pay by credit card. Payment is preferred before the day but can be made on the day if necessary (chq or cash only).

FYI

Hunter central Rivers CMA info sheets -

Hi there all you rocky-shore-a-philes

Please use the link http://www.hcr.cma.nsw.gov.au/ep_resources.php3 to access some rocky shore educational resources developed by Newcastle Council for the Hunter-Central Rivers CMA. We would love the info to go far and wide so please use at will and put a link on your own website if you are that way inclined.

It is also possible to "localise" the resources for your area using the template we developed - if you are interested modifying the resources in this way just contact me.

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Brian Hughes

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ere is a list of the currentstock holdings of the nursery. There maybe some others, the property of -Living Skills, ie- Suzi. Please contact Mick Sadowski at NVCommunity Services if any of the following interest you.

Hoop Pine-2doz

BlackBean-3"

Lilly Pilly-small leaf-4"

" "-big " -2"

Ringwood-2 "-{small-ie less than 30 cm}

Melalluca-fine leaf-2"

" -Paperbark-:""

Native Plum [Kaffir]-2"

Silky oak-2"

Bottlebrush-purple-3"-small

" "-red-4" "

Illawarra Flame TRee-4"

Tukeroo-2"small

Mondo Grass-2"

Coastal Rosemary/saltbush-2"

Thanks-Tony Comyn

