



# Fullerton Radar



## Welcome to the second edition of the Fullerton Radar

This newsletter is distributed quarterly by the Fullerton Hadley Landcare Group to inform members and local residents of what social activities, field days and workshops are available.

The Fullerton Hadley Landcare Group meets regularly at Kempton Hall on Fullerton Road, next to the Rural Fire Service shed. The group offers a relaxed & friendly way to meet your neighbours, learn new skills and gain knowledge on topics & issues that affect local landholders and community.

## Recent Workshops & Events

1. In the last four months, workshops have covered different issues including 'All about Pest Animals', a significant and ongoing problem in the area conducted by Mark McGaw from LHPA. The strong attendance (over 22 people) and consistent feedback from those who participated was feral animal control needs to be a community effort, conducted and co-ordinated between neighbours.
2. Leading bird expert Tony Saunders presented an informative workshop, 'Birds on Farms' on how to recognise and attract birds to your property that included visiting different habitat areas within the district. Numerous bird species were spotted during the walks and a practical session looked at mosaic tree planting strategies.
3. A visit was taken to John Weatherstone's property 'Lyndfield Park' near Gunning. Over 30 years, John has transformed and regenerated a drought prone, marginal farming operation by extensive native tree planting to create a sustainable and resilient farm, that's recognised both locally and internationally. The group learned about various planting techniques and the identification of different Eucalypt and Acacia species.
4. Well done to the 'Landcare Ladies' for their baking skills and to Martin & Robert for both supplying and cutting the timber for a wood raffle & cake stall held in Crookwell in late September. Over \$630 was raised and these funds will be used to promote future activities, events & workshops.



Photos of past workshops\*

\*All workshops are FREE to attend plus offer lunch along with a delicious morning & afternoon tea.

### **Have your say?**

The group is always keen for feedback with the information and ideas received used to create and tailor further workshops. Thank you to those who filled in the survey attached to the last newsletter and congratulations to Glenda Flint (from Laggan) who won a wonderful book 'Birdscaping Australian Gardens' by George Adams for her contribution.

### **Annual General Meeting (14-12-2013)**

The Annual General Meeting was held on 14 December 2013 at Kempton Hall. The minutes will be circulated separately to all Fullerton Hadley Landcare Group members. Nerida Croker was re-elected as President and she'll be joined by Patrice Rowe as the new Treasurer / Secretary for 2014. A small increase in membership fees was discussed and agreed to with 2014 membership fees still only \$44 per property.

Special thanks and appreciation was also passed on to Robyn Kemp for her sterling & tireless effort after her retirement as Secretary, a position she'd held for the previous six years.

Those wishing to join or renew membership to the Fullerton Hadley Landcare Group please email : [info@fullertonhadleylandcare.org.au](mailto:info@fullertonhadleylandcare.org.au)

### **New Website launching soon**

To keep everyone updated with upcoming activities and provide a consolidated reference library on local landholder issues such as weed and pest control, fire management etc. a new Fullerton Hadley Landcare Group website will be launched shortly. The site is designed to be informative, easy to navigate and provide 'at a glance' information and practical tips on how to manage and maintain your property.

## Future Funding – Kanangra Boyd to Wyangala Link

2014 is looking to be a very busy year for Fullerton Hadley Landcare Group. The Hadley locality has been included in the Kanangra Boyd to Wyangala Link, itself part of the wider Great Eastern Ranges Initiative. More details on this significant eradication and rehabilitation project can be found at [www.greateasternranges.org.au/kanangra-boyd-to-wyangala-k2w-link](http://www.greateasternranges.org.au/kanangra-boyd-to-wyangala-k2w-link)

As part of the initiative, individual landholder grants in Hadley & surrounding areas are due to be available with a provisional release in January 2014. Our understanding is grants may be available with specific focus on invasive species eradication including serrated tussock, blackberry as well as feral animal control including on pigs, foxes, rabbits and goats.

## Fire Update

Fire restrictions extend until 31/03/2014 with **NO** fires without a permit. To obtain a permit you must contact your local Brigade Captain. **During Total Fire Bans, NO fires are allowed under any circumstance.** Current bush fire alerts are updated via the RFS website or the 'fire- meter' on Fullerton Road in front of the fire shed.

Remember that the use of all machinery and equipment that has the potential to generate a spark or cause a grass or bush fire. This includes welders, angle grinders, lawn mowers, chainsaws, slashers and rotary mowers.

- **Consider – does the job really need to be undertaken, or it can be left to when it's safe?**
- Do not use the above equipment on days of 'Very High' or above bush fire danger
- If you do use machines, use them during the morning while the fuel has some moisture
- It is recommended that at all times operators have dedicated fire preventive equipment with them
- Restrict the use of motorbikes to emergency use only and ensure there is no flammable material adjacent to the engine or exhaust system
- Remember to 'Turn Off' electric fencing on days of "Very High" or above bush fire danger



Burning for pasture, biodiversity & culture – Mt Hope site photos courtesy CMA Lachlan

## UPCOMING FIELD DAYS

### **Biological Control Workshop - presented by Barry Sampson**

Australia's only commercial biological weed control specialist.

**Date: Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2014      Time: 8.30am – 12 noon**

**Location: Kempton Hall**

#### **Background**

Learn about what biological control agents are available and how they can be used as part of your coordinated weed management plan. Participants will learn about the latest biological control agents including weevils, moths, mites & rusts are available for problematic weeds such as St John's Wort, Paterson's Curse, blackberry, horehound & thistle – to name a few!

**Free to attend and all welcome - complementary lunch is served at the end of session**

**Please RSVP via email: [info@fullertonhadleylandcare.org.au](mailto:info@fullertonhadleylandcare.org.au) or 0418 697 663**

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### **The Whole Farm – presented by Alison Elvin**

Renowned and informative rural specialist

**Date: Saturday March 22<sup>nd</sup> & Sunday March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2014 -    Time: 9am**

**Location: Kempton Hall**

#### **Background**

This 2 day course focuses on whole farm planning. Topics include land rehabilitation techniques, dams and wetlands preparation, plant identification & invasive species management. Onsite visits are a key focus of this workshop. Participants can gain first-hand experience of the conservation value of a site, and discuss how it may be improved by specific actions over time.

**Free to attend and all welcome - a delicious morning tea & lunch provided**

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### **Burning for Pasture, Biodiversity & Culture - Presented by Michelle Hines – Lachlan CMA**

**Featuring special guest speaker Bill Gammage – renowned author of “The Biggest Estate on Earth”**

**Date: Friday 4th April 2014**

**Time: 9am**

**Location: Kempton Hall**

We are very excited to be joined by Bill Gammage whose book “The Biggest Estate on Earth” won the 2012 Prime Minister's Prize for Australian History. This is definitely, an event not to be missed! Stay tuned for more information in the next newsletter on this confirmed workshop.