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[News from the Chair](#)

Ian Armstrong, Chair of Central Tablelands LLS provides an [update](#) encouraging landholders to connect with LLS officers about the range of services they provide.

[Agriculture Advisory Group now established](#)

An [Agricultural Industry Advisory Group](#) has been established in the Central Tablelands to represent the agriculture sector views and provide advice to the Central Tablelands Local Land Services Board.

[Little Cherry disease confirmed in NSW](#)

[Little cherry disease](#) has now been detected in New South Wales as well as Tasmania and Victoria. The detections included older trees, indicating that Little cherry disease has been present in Australia for a substantial period of time. Cherry growers should inspect their orchards for [symptoms](#) of Little cherry disease. Symptomatic trees that have been [diagnosed](#) by a lab should be removed as they will never be as productive as healthy trees. To prevent introduction of this disease, growers should ensure new planting stock is certified as virus tested.

[Safety alert for agricultural chemicals and pesticides](#)

WorkCover NSW has released a video safety alert for tips on how to stay safe when using agricultural chemicals and pesticides. Without proper handling, exposure to certain chemicals and pesticides can lead to serious illness or death, often years later. It can affect you, your workers and your family.

If you work with pesticides, this [video safety alert](#) provides tips on how to stay safe.

[Project targeting beef cattle diseases underway in Mudgee region](#)

A new project looking at health and diseases of beef cattle will soon be underway in the Mudgee, Rylstone and Bylong areas. The project will compile baseline data by testing for a range of diseases and vitamin levels in order to inform discussion of preventing and managing endemic cattle diseases.

Read more [here](#)



[Farm Safety Day great success in Bathurst](#)

A recent field day saw farmers benefiting from practical safety demonstrations on Chainsaws, Quad Bikes, Side By Sides, Tractors

and 4 Wheel Drives courtesy of DPI PROfarm trainers.

For the full report click [here](#)

[Managing cockchafer in pastures and crops](#)

Cockchafers have the potential to cause significant losses to production over the long term. Correct identification and forward planning are the best defense against these pasture pests. Pastures Officer Phil Cranney provides this important [overview](#).

[Livestock and pastures tour](#)



Gulgong branch of NSW farmers and Brett Littler (LLS Senior Lands Services Officer - Livestock) recently organised a livestock and pastures tour to Northern NSW. Over three days, the tour visited JBS Caroon feedlot, Thomas Foods International sheep abattoir, Wakefield Charolais stud, Rangers Valley Feedlot and NSW DPI tropical pastures and legume trials. The full program concentrated on meeting market specifications and pasture management for performance.

The group had privileged access to some of the sites and the presenters were generous with their information which the attending producers found invaluable.

[Police warn higher livestock prices leading to spike in theft](#)

NSW Police are warning farmers about livestock theft after cattle were stolen from Oberon and Mudgee recently. ABC Central West filed this [report](#).

[NSW soil information now available on eSPADE](#)

NSW landowners can now access to soil information via the NSW Government's new online [soil mapping database eSPADE](#). eSPADE is a Google Maps-based information system that allows easy, no-

cost, map-based access to soil and land information from across NSW. The site provides:

- soil profiles
- soil and land resources mapping
- land systems mapping
- details on soil and landscape characteristics, qualities, limitations, hazards and capabilities

[Lachlan River frog study to contribute to long term conservation planning](#)

PhD candidate Amelia Walcott from Charles Sturt University has been gathering data on the climatic and hydrological triggers for frog breeding in the upper and middle Lachlan River since 2013. The project is expected to gain a better understanding of how to manage the current trend of widespread frog species loss and decline, and will contribute to the natural resource knowledge on the Lachlan catchment.

[Follow the link to read Amelia's Summer Survey Summary.](#)

[Fish River Project Field Day](#)



Twenty landholders recently attended the Weeds and Pest Animal Management Field Day to learn how to effectively manage and control noxious weeds and pest animal species. This was the final field day funded through the Fish River project by the Australian Government's Clean Energy Futures Biodiversity Fund.

The day was very successful and full of great information with presentations from Jill O'Grady (Weeds Officer with Upper Macquarie County Council), Clare Edwards (Senior Land Services Officer - Pastures) and Alistair Gordon-Smith (Biosecurity Officer). Jill spoke about the classes of noxious weeds and the importance of weed management plans. Clare presented on managing pastures to control weeds and effective quarantine strategies to reduce spreading, and Alistair demonstrated a range of traps for different pest animal species and spoke about other effective

control techniques.

A big thank you to all our presenters for making this day a success. If you'd like to know more about the topics discussed at this field day, please contact your nearest LLS office.

Importance of scattered paddock trees



Scattered paddock trees are disappearing but remain an important part of the landscape and play a number of roles on a healthy and productive farm including pest control, shelter for stock and improved soil structure.

Download a printable fact sheet from the [LLS Resource Hub](#).

Seasonal outlook for NSW

NSW rainfall during April was 47% above average, making it the wettest April in 25 years. A wetter than normal [outlook](#) is likely for NSW over the next three months, along with average to cooler days and warmer nights, due to warmer than normal sea surface temperatures in the Indian Ocean and waters surrounding much of the Australian coastline.

Central Tablelands Cultural Land Management Yarn Up

This community [Facebook](#) page provides an opportunity for Aboriginal people to have a yarn and share traditional ecological knowledge and have a yarn.

Safe motoring in icy conditions



A winter weather campaign launched by the Roads and Maritime Services is reminding motorists of the dangers of driving on icy roads. Winter weather is unpredictable and there can be sudden drops in temperature that mean road conditions can change quickly and driving on icy roads can be challenging, even for experienced motorists on roads they know well.

Quick Checklist for Safe Motoring in Icy conditions:

- Obey speed advisory signs and be prepared to reduce speed in line with the conditions
- Be alert for ice on the road particularly in shaded or low lying areas
- Drive with your headlights on

Events

Paddock Plant Workshops – Georges Plains Bathurst and Mudgee

These free workshops will provide information on introduced and native grasses with hands on activities including a paddock walk that will help producers and land managers recognise common species and how to manage them.

Georges Plains

Tuesday 2nd June from 10.15 am to 3 pm.

Mudgee

Friday 19th June from 10.15 am to 3 pm.

For more information, contact Clare Edwards - 0428 435 615

Chemical Accreditation Course - Neville Region

Neville and Region Landcare has 12 fully funded positions for the new accreditation one day chemical course for landholders in the Neville region. On successful completion, participants receive Chemical Accreditation Card & Statement of Attainment for the following competencies:-

- AHCCMH303A - Prepare & apply chemicals

- AHCCHM304A - Transport, handle & store chemicals
- AHCPMG302A - Control Plant pests, diseases & disorders
- AHCPMG301A - Control Weeds

Sunday 21st June (Start time TBA approximately 8 am to 4 pm) at Neville Hall. Morning tea and lunch provided. First 12 places are available free, \$100 pp thereafter.

Contact Lisa Paton - nevilleandregionlandcare@gmail.com

Native Seed Provenance Workshop – Orange

Hear presentations by key plant geneticists and practitioners regarding the current best understanding of native seed provenance issues for planning and implementing ecological restoration. Giants of the vegetation world will be presenting including:

- Martin Driver with his extensive seed bank establishment experience and its utilisation in landscape scale change,
- Linda Broadhurst (CSIRO) with her expertise in the considerations related to the adaptive capacity for rebuilding Australia's degraded vegetation.
- Maurizio Rossetto (Royal Botanic Gardens) leader in the field of restoration guidelines and genetic generation sequencing.
- Bindi Vanzella (Greening Australia) a hero of whole of paddock restoration.

This is the opportunity of a lifetime to have these people speaking under the one roof. Beneficial for LLS project managers and staff, project partners, seed suppliers, nurseries, restoration contractors, landcare groups and landholders.

Monday 22nd June from 9.30 am to 3.30 pm

RSVP to Martin Prestidge – 6363 7874 / 0437 131 230

Mixed Farming Systems of the Future Forum - Forbes

Presented by Agribusiness Today, this two day event will consist of a forum with a number of leading livestock and cropping researchers who will outline future developments for mixed farming systems, followed by a regional field trip.

Thursday 13th and Friday 14th August 2015

More information about speakers and registration will be available from [Regional Development Australia - Central West](#) in the coming weeks.

NSW Landcare & Local Land Services Conference - September

1- 3 September 2015

'From the Ground Up' - Celebrating international year of soil

Venue: Turners Vineyard, Orange

Bringing together the Landcare community and others who are interested in sustainable agriculture and natural resource management. [See the event website for more information.](#)

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