

# On the ground

A newsletter of the BCSR

Boyne Calliope  
Sub Region

## What's happening?

**15 May—Workshop for small block landholders:**  
Ph: BCSR 4975 6555

**7 June—Boyne Valley Catchment Working Group Meeting:** QCWA Hall Ubobo; 9am; Ph: Darryl on 07 4975 8195

**15 June: Raglan Creek Catchment Working Group Meeting:** Raglan Target Sports Club House, Raglan; 8am; Contact Darryl

**17 June: Calliope River Catchment Working Group Meeting:** QCWA Hall Calliope; 9:30 am; Contact Darryl

**5th June—Ecofest;** Tondoon Botanic Gardens Gladstone; 9am—3pm.

**25th & 26th June—Mt Larcom Show—**Visit the BCSR Team at their stall!

## Message from the Coordinator

My introduction to this area began whilst working with an electrical utility as an environmental/vegetation management officer. In 1998 I attended the “Rainforest Recovery for the New Millennium” held at the Tanyalla Conference Centre, Tannum Sands and in 2000 a sustainability conference in Gladstone where one of the key speakers was internationally renowned Paul Hawken on the subject of natural capitalism and sustainability.

This sets the scene for my role as over a decade later regional bodies have been working hard at our role to facilitate community ownership and management of natural assets for the future generations benefit. Especially as current focuses on semi evergreen vine rainforest and grazing land management are high on the agenda. To do this we need to raise awareness of our natural assets (eg. grazing lands, coastal wetlands and dry rainforest) and assist the community with understanding the services that these assets provide. For example clean food, water and biodiversity. Actions that value, manage and protect these assets are carried out largely by funding provided by the Australian Government –Caring for our Country Program and State Government Q2 Coasts and Country.

One of the core roles of the Boyne Calliope staff is to assist landholders in accessing funding from the Australian Government’s Caring for our Country Reef Rescue program. These incentives are available to improve ground cover to reduce erosion while increasing productivity. If you believe that you may be eligible for this funding please contact our office.

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***Your Future: Productivity...Sustainability***  
**Assisting the community and land managers to increase productivity, protect natural assets and improve water quality.**



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In the past I have worked for Ergon managing trees near powerlines and environmental auditing & training and had 4 years with the former Hervey Bay City Council managing Parks and Natural areas. I then worked for the Burnett Mary Regional Group for 4 years before starting with the Fitzroy Basin Association.

My career interests are anything relating to Natural Resource Management but more specifically natural systems services; environmental economics; constructed wetlands; agro forestry and habitat creation through landscape design.

Before signing off I would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of this country and other partnerships working with the Boyne Calliope Sub regional staff. Partnerships such as Gladstone Regional Council that host us here at the library; landholders of the Boyne Calliope catchments; Agforce and Agforward; Gladstone Industry Leadership Group; our local CRT outlet; Port Curtis Integrated Monitoring Program; Gladstone Area Water Board; State government departments and Central Qld Forestry Association to name a few.

I look forward to working with you all towards “empowered communities for a sustainable CQ”  
Mark Casswell

**\*\*NEW DATE\*\***

## **CALLIOPE GOLD GOBLET CAMPDRAFT**

Calliope Racecourse Reserve; 9th & 10th July 2011

*For further information contact: Mr Tony Ryan 0419 781 873*

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FBA is interested in collecting information for a regional report on flood impacts. If you could help us in submitting any information regarding how the flood impacted you or your property, please contact Vicki Dart on 4975 6555 or 0428 212843.

BCSR staff from top left—Vicki Dart, Mark Casswell, Noeleen Tewes, Rachel Bryan, Lee Maycock





## **CONTAMINATED MACHINERY**

To limit the spread of weeds into our valuable agriculture, farming lands and environment, the government has introduced legislation named *Land Protection (Pest and Stock Route Management) Act 2000* and *Land Protection (Pest and Stock Route Management) Regulation 2003*, which restricts the movement of Class 1 & 2 pests (seeds & plants) throughout Queensland. Obligation is placed on everyone to prevent unintentional movement of weed seed on equipment, machinery, vehicles and goods in order to comply with *Section 46* of the Act.

Recently Greening Australia conducted a course for “Contaminated Machinery”. There were two parts to the course, the first being “inspect machinery for plant, animal & soil material” and the second “clean machinery of plant, animal & soil material”. After being assessed as competent this allows a licensed person/s to carry out the above inspection. From this a declaration is provided that an inspection has been carried out and that they deem it clean.

The Gladstone Regional Council have inspectors available to inspect equipment, machinery, vehicles and goods free of charge between the hours of 7am—7:30am and charge \$90 per hour outside of the free nominated time. There is a public wash down facility located on Stowe Road, Calliope.

Contact: Gladstone Regional Council—Ph: 07 4975 8100

Maximum vehicle size: Semi-trailer      Height Limit: Nil      Hose detail: High pressure hose

Cost: \$2 for 15 minutes (tokens required, available from Gladstone Regional Council)

Surface: Concrete slab / bitumen      Hours: 24 hours

This means whenever moving from a dirty area to a clean area you should check if equipment & machinery are carrying contaminants eg. Soil, mud, grass, seeds etc & clean machine or equipment if necessary.



Do you know someone who is over 17 and not yet 25? Want more out of life? YES? Local registered training organisation Conservation Volunteers' project **National Green Jobs Corps** equips people with the necessary skills and attitudes to move forward in the work place. Phone 4972 4969 now.

## **SOCIETY FOR GROWING AUSTRALIAN PLANTS GLADSTONE**

**Sunday 22 May**—Excursion to Kroombit Tops if accessible or alternative excursion to Dan Dan area. For further details contact Ruth.

To contact Secretary call Ruth Crosson 4972 1447  
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## Trees and Fire—Mark Casswell

At a workshop held at Nagoorin back in February, Central Qld Forestry Association [<http://www.cqfa.com.au>] in

partnership with Reef Catchments and Fitzroy Basin Association Inc. attendees were treated to a day of forest management and fire management techniques and an introduction to funding available through Private Forestry Southern Qld initiative <http://re-veg.net.au/>.

Eucalypt forests in Qld on freehold land are a very valuable asset and in context of a shared enterprise with grazing, an excellent opportunity to diversify income with hardwood sawn logs becoming increasingly valuable. Benefits of farm forestry include:

- *Increased ground cover to reduce erosion;*
- *Increased natural system services such as biodiversity;*
- *Shade for cattle and on farm timber production for infrastructure and income.*

It was fantastic to have **Andrew Houley, Biodiversity Manager** from Reef Catchments present on fire management which obviously was a popular topic among the punters and particularly relevant to forestry. Basics were covered on the fire pyramid—fuel, heat and oxygen and then more specific skills on timing, objectives and mosaic style burns. Gridding and stripping approaches were also discussed to start low intensity burns within a timber stand so that productivity values are not compromised.

With such great seasons for vegetation growth and the resulting fuel loads, it is a great time to dust off fire management plans, catch up with your rural fire brigades and ensure you are best prepared. More information from the Rural Fire Brigades Association Qld for property protection guide lines can be found at <http://www.rfbag.org/docs/Role-and-Use-of-Fire-forBiodiversity-Conservation-in-SEQ.pdf> Can't print or read any of these links? - no problem—give us a bell at the Calliope office and we will mail you out a hard copy—4975 6555 or email Noeleen on [admin.bcsr@fba.org.au](mailto:admin.bcsr@fba.org.au).

### Questions? Comments?

Get in touch with us The Boyne Calliope Sub Region office is located at the rear of the Gladstone Regional Council Library building on Don Cameron Drive in Calliope.

You can visit us in person or contact us by phoning 07 4975 6555.

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