

# CHRRUP UPDATE

Central Highlands Regional Resources Use Planning Cooperative

## April 2008



### EDO Workshop

The Environmental Defenders Office have notified CHRRUP that they will be running a one-day workshop in Emerald to assist landholders understand their legal rights. EDO is a not-for-profit community legal centre which gets funding from Legal Aid to give free legal advice to the community and environmental groups on how to use the law to protect the environment, in the public interest. The topics of the workshop will be: Means of legally accessing planning and environmental information held by government agencies; How to participate in the development process under the *Integrated Planning Act 1997* (Qld) including making submissions and appeal rights; How to address concerns about environmental pollution or harm under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* (Qld); and, Rights to object to mining under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld). The workshop will be held on the 26 May from 9 – 1 at the Central Highlands Regional Council Gallery Meeting Room. There is no cost to attend the workshop, and lunch and morning tea will be provided. Please contact Larissa on 07 3211 4466 or [edoqld@edo.org.au](mailto:edoqld@edo.org.au) to confirm your attendance for catering purposes.

### Ka Ka Mundi Trip

Several CHRRUP and DNR&W staff participated in the 4-day Ka Ka Mundi trip in the April school holidays. The tour passed through cattle and cropping country around Springsure, en route to the Ka Ka Mundi and Salvator Rosa National Parks. Tour guide Lindsay Black provided a very informative commentary on the local flora and fauna, and the diverse soils and ecosystems in the region. The area is also home to an important part of Queensland's cultural heritage, with several Aboriginal art sites and remnants of early European settlement. It was a great chance for the field officers to experience different aspects of the Nogoa River catchment. Highlights were visiting Major Mitchell Springs, where the explorer camped in 1846, the varied examples of Aboriginal art including a sea turtle, axes and boomerangs, and an Aboriginal bark burial. The scenery was

spectacular, with the weathered sandstone cliffs and bluffs, crystal springs, and the impressive Spyglass Peak providing many 'photo opportunities'. The trip was voted to be very enjoyable and educational, with the countryside looking its best after the recent rains.

### NRM Expo

We have had an overwhelming response from schools around the Central Highlands to participate in the NRM Expo that CHRRUP is hosting on 30<sup>th</sup> April. Over 1500 school children from years 4 – 7 will visit the Emerald Showgrounds and experience the world of NRM. Over 25 exhibitors have volunteered to participate and the day is set to be a great one. Anyone wishing to volunteer some time to help us set up on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April would be greatly welcomed by the CHRRUP team. We have marquees to set up, and tables and chairs to transport, so if you could lend a hand please call 4982 2996.

### AACC Short Courses

The Australian Agricultural College, Emerald Campus will be conducting a series of short courses over the coming months. These courses are open to the public and include: Chainsaws – Levels I and II (Level I over 14, 15, 21 June. Level II over 14, 15, 21, 22 June. Costs to be advised) ChemCert (Full course 4-5 June, cost \$440. Refresher 6 June 2008, cost \$360) Preg Testing (11- 13 June at 'Narayan' Mundubbera. Cost \$1350) Firearms Safety (2 June, cost \$175)

Also available are courses in Artificial Insemination, Horse Shoeing, Horse Breaking, 4WD Driving, and Beginner Riding Courses. Please contact Byrony Daniels, AACC on 4982 8807 for further details.

### Farm Day 08

Farm Day is being held again on the 24 – 25<sup>th</sup> May to foster greater understanding of farming among urban Australians through a farming family sharing their life with an urban family

### Date Claimers

**22,23,24 April** - AgForward GPS workshops in Alpha, Clermont and Capella. Contact Bree Robertson on (07) 3238 6039.

**30 April** - NRM Expo for Years 4-7, Emerald Showgrounds.

**24-25 May** - Farm Day 08. Contact 1300 367036.

**26 May** – Environmental Law Workshop, CH Regional Gallery Meeting Room, Emerald. Contact Larissa on 3211 4466.

**30 May** - Springsure Show People's Day.

**4 June** - Emerald Show People's Day.

for a day of “fun, friendship and understanding”. If you are interested in hosting a family for a day, please contact 1300 36 70 36.

## ACCC Water Market Rules

The ACCC has released a report on the Water Market Rules and is asking for comments and submissions by landholders. Under the 2007 Water Act, the ACCC is required to provide advice to the Minister with regard to Water Market Rules. A copy of the report is available from either Fitzroy Basin Food & Fibre or CHRRUP.

## Cattle Missing?

As landholders in the Central Highlands are regaining access to their properties after the recent floods, several reports are being received of significant numbers of missing cattle. CHRRUP and the DPI&F are asking producers for active assistance in checking properties and stock for cattle from upstream. DPI&F stock inspectors and officers are available to help with checking brands, identifying and returning displaced stock. Maintaining the integrity of the NLIS system is important, and procedures are in place to assist with this. Cattle displaced to the property next door can be returned home as soon as practical, whether they are tagged or not. If they are from further away, it is preferable that they are tagged before returning. The DPI&F has an emergency supply of tags, and can also lend out tag readers if required. Further information is available from CHRRUP or the DPI&F on 4983 7400.

## Flood Warnings to Improve

CHRRUP recently participated in a group working to investigate ways of improving the flood warning procedures for the Central Highlands region. The group included representatives from the Bureau of Meteorology, DNR&W, Sunwater, and other rural industry leaders. Items on the agenda were the importance of local knowledge, examining the flood plain model, the co-ordination and management of information and the need for a weather radar system in the Emerald area. The final report was submitted to Central Highlands Regional Council with a series of recommendations.

## Comet Tales

April began with a four day tour of the Buckland Catchment including Ka Ka Mundi and Salvator Rosa National parks. Lindsay Black and his daughter Linda hosted a group of CHRRUP staff and the general public around the area and the tour was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. This month I will be busy kick-starting the Grains Best Management Practices projects. I hope we can manage to work around planting, otherwise a few applications might be



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collated sitting on the dicky seat of the tractor cab! All hands will be on deck for the CHRRUP NRM Expo on April 30<sup>th</sup> with 1500 children attending – we will have our hands full. Until next month – Cheers Susie

**Susie Bate, Comet Catchment Field Officer 0427 326400**

## Nogoa News

High on the agenda are the required extensions for all projects. If you have had delays completing your projects due to lack of supply of materials, eg tanks or contractors for fencing, we need to fill out a form to give us more time. If this applies to you, send an email stating whether you want to continue or would prefer to close your project because of extenuating circumstances, which is fine too. We will be organizing a 1 day workshop with Bill Gordon for Grains BMP. The date will be confirmed later this month, but it will most likely be in May. I am getting ready to go into the new catchment which is called “Billaboo”, and am looking forward to meeting new people.

I guess the most important thing is Mark and I are getting married on the 19<sup>th</sup> April in Yeppoon!!!! I will return on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May so please don't call me I will be on my honeymoon! No seriously, I have briefed all the staff on where my landholders and I are up to and I can assure you they will look after you! Please call the CHRRUP office on 49822 996 if you have any questions or concerns. Take care and see you when I am an old married woman!!

**Vicki Kuhn, Nogoa Catchment Field Officer 0427 320 539.**

## Belyando Byline

I recently had the pleasure of attending the Ka Ka Mundi 4WD Tour hosted by Lindsay Black. It was a great experience, and I recommend it to anyone interested in cultural and colonial history, and any keen campers. It was an excellent opportunity to tour some of the country on the other side of the Drummond Range!

Back in the Belyando Suttor I have been getting around doing partial completion reports for project participants which is excellent. It's great to get some of this funding on the ground and I encourage participants who have completed or partially completed projects to contact me to receive their funding.

I have been asked by the Burdekin Dry Tropics to get a bit of insight into how areas with low ground cover fared during the floods compared to areas with high ground cover. I will be contacting project participants and BSIG members to get their opinion but if you don't fall into either of these categories and think you could help me out then please let me know.

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