

# CHRRUP UPDATE

Central Highlands Regional Resources Use Planning Cooperative

## May 2009



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## NRM Expo Voted A Success

We recently conducted our Natural Resource Management (NRM) Expo and it was a very successful day. Over 700 students in Years 9 and 10 from Blackwater, Capella, Clermont and Dysart and Emerald attended. We hope all the students learnt something useful and became more aware of the importance of NRM and how it fits into community and business activities.

The team at CHRRUP would like to say a big 'thank you' to all those people who contributed on the day as well as those who assisted with the pre and post work. Special mention should go to Cam Geddes, who gave up his afternoon to help put up marquees, and the AACC college students who helped set up and pull down. We also thank Bob Ingram and the Show Society for the use of the facilities at the Show Grounds, and the businesses that loaned us tents and marquees for the day. The help was invaluable and we appreciate it very much.

We would like to think the NRM expo can become an annual event and, although it was quite successful this year, it can evolve and stay relevant and fresh. In order to do this we need continued support in a funding sense but also feedback and input from exhibitors and potential exhibitors that gives us the ideas and direction we need to keep the day viable. We will be looking for feedback from contributors very soon and would also welcome input from other interested parties.

For more details and photos, see this week's edition of the Queensland Country Life.

*The NRM Expo was greatly assisted by funding from the BMA Community Partnerships Program.*

## Succession Planning Forum

CHRRUP will be conducting a Succession Planning forum in Emerald sometime in late August in partnership with Rio Tinto mining. As with the NRM expo we hope to see participation from a cross-section of businesses

and agencies that have an interest in the succession planning process.

CHRRUP is an organisation that needs fresh ideas and direction from the community to provide the events described above and we encourage anybody who has a contribution to make to come and see us.

## www.CHRRUP.org

CHRRUP has just developed their new website, [www.chrrup.org](http://www.chrrup.org). The updated website includes new information about partners and projects, links to relevant websites and details of current catchments and their prioritisation process. Log on to meet the board and the staff, look over examples of past projects, and follow the guidelines to see if CHRRUP can help you with funding for your next projects. The Calendar of Events will be updated each month, so if something is happening, please let us know so we can include it on the website!

## Field Officer Vacancy

Thank you to everyone who expressed an interest in the Field Officer position. At this time, the position is still vacant, and will be re-advertised in the near future. If you, or anyone you know, may be interested, please contact us. Position descriptions and selection criteria are available from Sally Murden on (07) 4982 2996, or [admin@chrrup.org](mailto:admin@chrrup.org)

## Women's Leadership Workshop

The Australian Women & Leadership Forum is launching the Women's Leadership Alliance in Rockhampton on Tuesday, 14 July 2009. Four workshops will be conducted over 16 weeks, covering self awareness, environmental awareness, values and balance, and the leadership journey. A Community Subsidy Rate has been established for women with backgrounds in health, education, not-for-profit organisations, small business and agriculture/primary production.

For further details, contact Nick Williams on 1300 138037 or [nwilliams@wtaa.com.au](mailto:nwilliams@wtaa.com.au)

## Date Claimers

**22-23 May** – Capella Show

**26-27 May** – Clermont Show

**26 May** – Weedspotters Workshop, Alpha Golf Club. 9AM-3PM. Contact Ron Beezley, Desert Channels Qld, on 0428 580629.

**29-30 May** – Springsure Show

**2 June** – CHRRUP Board Meeting, Epic All Sports, upstairs function room at 9AM. RSVP to Sally Murden on 49822 996 or [admin@chrrup.org](mailto:admin@chrrup.org)

**2-3 June** – Emerald Show

**25-26 June** – 'Technology of Growing Grasses' Workshop, Emerald. Contact Mick Alexander, Grazing BestPrac, 0438 395255.

**9-11 July** – AgGrow Field Day, Emerald

**15-17 October** – Landcare Conference, Longreach. Contact Queensland Landcare on 02 9368 2010.

## Building Rural Leaders

The Building Rural Leaders program offers a range of services to meet the needs of regional Queensland and its primary industries.

The leadership Foundation Program is a series of six four-day modules held over a nine-month period. If you would like a program to be held in your region, contact our team for a start-up pack.

Alternatively, a tailored program can be developed to meet the specific needs of your organisation or business. Our team of professional trainers will join with you to design and deliver a program to achieve the improvements you are seeking.

Modules are very relaxed events, with few formal lectures and no assignments – just learning experiences that work! A variety of activities, case studies and presentations are included. For more details, contact Rob Nielsen on (07) 4688 1406 or [rob.nielsen@dpi.qld.gov.au](mailto:rob.nielsen@dpi.qld.gov.au)

## Grains BMP Project

Hope planting has gone well for Grains *BMP* Growers.

As most of you know, I have been contracted to help CHRRUP with finalising project proposals that you had started to pull together with either Vicki or Susie as part of your involvement with Grains *BMP*. As you can appreciate time is of the essence and I am endeavouring to touch base with most of you to finalise your projects before the CHRRUP technical panel meeting at the end of May. I may not get to all of you before then, so if you are really keen to progress your project and gain some assistance funding, you will need to contact me ASAP. As a result of work initiated by Vicki and Susie, I have approximately 18 projects to write up. Alternatively, when the new CHRRUP field officer comes on board, I will have them contact you and progress your projects.

It is being proposed that the last 2 modules (*Integrated pest management* and *Crop nutrition and soil fertility management*) may be delivered in mid-late June. I am looking for ideas on how to run these workshops. Would you like some technical assistance with development and implementation of projects? If so, who would you like to hear from? These workshops are here to help you undertake your self-assessment and ultimately help you manage your farm risks.

Please call me on 0407 454 404 or email me on [rachel@comoconsulting.com.au](mailto:rachel@comoconsulting.com.au) if you are keen to progress your projects this time round.

*Cheers, Rachel McDowell.*

## Neighbourhood Catchments

I am now servicing the prioritised neighbourhood catchments of both the Comet and Nogoia areas under the FBA funded neighbourhood catchment incentive scheme. Therefore, we



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have decided to amalgamate the newsletter segments into one Neighbourhood Catchment article until Vicki is back from maternity leave.

A reminder that these priority areas are currently the Billaboo, Blackboy (Borilla), Retreat and Upper Theresa Creek catchment areas. I have been busy getting projects together for the technical assessment panel at the end of the month. We have still not reached our quota but we're getting closer. If you have a project that you think has NRM benefits, or would like to know more about funding opportunities available then please give me a call to discuss – particularly if you are in one of the priority areas.

**Bronwyn Roberts, CHRRUP Field Officer, 0428 776 249 or email: [bronwyn@chrrup.org](mailto:bronwyn@chrrup.org)**

## Welcome Charlotte!

Charlotte Ivy Horstman was born on 18 April, weighing in at 5lb 15 oz. Proud parents Vicki and Mark say she is doing well, and has them both wrapped around her little finger. Congratulations from us all.

## Funding for Projects

FBA has funding extensions in for Grains *BMP* and Neighbourhood Catchment projects. This may mean there are more funding opportunities for projects available. If this is the case, this may lead to another technical panel being scheduled in June/July. Expressions of interest are welcomed, especially from people in cropping areas, so if you have a project in mind, please get in touch with us. Currently, the final technical panel for the year is on May 29, 2009.

## Newsletter via E-mail

Many people on our contact list have now elected to receive their monthly newsletter via email. If you would like to take up this option, please let Sally Murden know at [admin@chrrup.org](mailto:admin@chrrup.org)

## Emerald Show Needs Stewards

The Emerald Show Society is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to act as Stewards at this year's Show, which will be held 2-3 June. Stewards are needed to help in the poultry, dogs, cooking and handicraft pavilions. All the organisation has been done, and no experience is necessary. Stewards come to the showgrounds the day before to collect and categorise the entries, and keep an eye on activities in the pavilion during the Show.

All volunteers receive free entry and parking for both days at the Show. For more information, please contact Jo Downey, Show Secretary, on 49824 338 or [emdshow@bigpond.net.au](mailto:emdshow@bigpond.net.au)