

# CHRRUP UPDATE

Central Highlands Regional Resources Use Planning Cooperative

## June 2010



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### From the EO's Desk...

CHRRUP in partnership with Fitzroy Basin Association (FBA) run their Neighbourhood Catchment Incentive Scheme and Grains BMP program inline with the financial year and therefore from 1 July CHRRUP will be targeting new **Priority Neighbourhood Catchments** (PNCs) and organising new **Grains Best Management Practice (BMP)** groups.

We are calling for expressions of interest for projects from landholders located in:

**Buckland PNC** and **Raymond PNC** - *Bronwyn Roberts will be the Field Officer working in these PNCs.*

**Upper Theresa PNC** - *Josh Bell will be the Field Officer.*

Some examples of projects you may be able to source financial assistance through incentive funding are:

- Improving grazing management by fencing to land type or increasing watering points.
- Fencing off streams and/or installing off-stream water points to prevent overgrazing and erosion, or introduced weed problems.
- Assistance with purchasing farm record keeping & mapping software and associated training.

The aim of the PNCs is to make a concerted effort to support applicable onground works & projects in these areas. We are still keen to hear from landholders outside of the PNCs listed however we may not be able to attend to your projects as quickly as those in the targeted areas. If you are outside of the PNCs but would like to find out more about the incentive funding please feel free to contact me.

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### New Grains BMP Round

We are now calling for expressions of interest for the next round of **Grains BMP** workshops. As part of the program you will undertake 5 modules over 3 workshops plus attend workshops on other topics such as spray nozzle selection & contour design. To fit in to farming commitments the workshop dates are set around the availability of the group. Previous Grains

BMP groups have been located in Clermont, Capella and Springsure. If there are the numbers we intend to continue to run workshops at these locations.

In addition to those farmers located in the FBA region CHRRUP is extending an invitation to farmers located in the **Belyando and Suttor River** catchment to attend the Clermont Grains BMP workshop. Due to funding restrictions only a limited number of places will be available and they will be filled on a first response basis. If you are interested in attending the workshops or finding out more about the program please contact the following Field Officers: **Springsure or Capella area – Vicki Horstman.**

**Clermont** area (including the Belyando and Suttor River catchment) - **Josh Bell.**

### Golden Gecko Award

Applications will soon be called for the 'Golden Gecko Award', the CHRRUP On-Farm Innovation Award, which will be presented at the CHCG&IA Dinner on 30 July. The award includes \$1500 towards training or consultancy fees, and a perpetual trophy – a woodcarving of the CHRRUP gecko by Michael Brosnan. Last year the award was won by John and Mary Walters from Nogo Valley Orchards for the water saving trials on their macadamia orchard. CHRRUP would like to encourage all growers to consider their nominations, and look forward to seeing another round of high quality entries.

### CHDC Rural Breakfast

The Central Highlands Development Corporation (CHDC) is hosting a breakfast on Friday, 9 July to coincide with AgGrow. The theme of the breakfast will be 'Rural Sector – Preparing for the future in the Bowen Basin', and invitations are open to everyone. An interesting range of speakers have been assembled, including Jim Pearce; Amelia Becker, Special Youth Director on the AgForce Cattle Board; and Keith Jones, Westpac Director of Commodities, Carbon and Energy. Breakfast will commence at 6:30am at the Mayfair Tavern, Emerald, and the cost is \$30pp

### Date Claimers

**1 July** – Expressions of Interest called for new Priority Catchments of Buckland, Raymond and Upper Theresa Catchments. Contact CHRRUP on 49822 996.

**1 July** – Expressions of Interest called for new round of Grains BMP workshops in Springsure, Capella and Clermont areas. Contact CHRRUP on 49822 996.

**3-6 July** – Ka Ka Mundi Tour ex Springsure. Contact Lindsay Black on 4984 1644 or Linda Black at [xlublack@ohtmail.com](mailto:xlublack@ohtmail.com) for more details.

**8,9,10 July** – AgGrow Field Days, Emerald.

**9 July** – CHDC Breakfast 'Rural Sector - Planning for the future in the Bowen Basin.' 6:30am at Mayfair Tavern, Emerald. All welcome. RSVP to Robyn Matheson, CHDC, on 4982 4386.

**30 July** – CHCG&IA Dinner, Emerald.

## Emerging Leaders Workshop

FBA is supporting locals to attend a four day workshop to foster leadership skills in Central Queensland. The course, which is split into two sessions, is normally valued at \$1000, but will only cost \$250pp, and includes the four days of content, all accommodation and meals. Learn more about what makes an effective leader, your own leadership style, group development tools, building partnerships and conflict resolution. The first session will be held on 30 & 31 July at The Caves, via Rockhampton, and the second session will be 27 & 28 August, at Explorers Inn, Emerald. Visit the FBA website on [www.fba.org.au](http://www.fba.org.au) for a registration form and more details.

## Farewell Sandy Paton

One of our long serving members, Sandy Paton, has resigned from the CHRRUP Board. Sandy held the position of Landcare Director until late 2007, and has recently been Proxy for Human Services sector. We thank Sandy for her many years of involvement and valued input.

## New Ka Ka Mundi Tour Dates

The Ka Ka Mundi Tour with Lindsay Black will now be held on 3-6 July, during the school holidays. This tag-along 4WD tour is a great way to experience the local region. For bookings and enquiries, please contact Lindsay on 4984 1644 or Linda Black at [xlublack@hotmail.com](mailto:xlublack@hotmail.com)

## New Measures for CSG Industry

The Queensland Government has recently passed legislation to help ensure the rapidly growing coal seam gas (CSG) industry is environmentally sustainable. In the Central Highlands, as in other regions, many developing extraction sites are on prime agricultural and grazing lands, which is of major concern to landholders and other parties.

The new Bill makes amendments to previous Acts in an attempt to provide certainty for CSG operators and land owners.

The amendments to the *EPA Act* would require CSG operators to evaluate and adapt their management practices to ensure there was minimal impact on surrounding land and water. For example, the construction of large evaporation dams will no longer be allowed, apart from exceptional circumstances. CSG operators will also need to submit environmental management plans to demonstrate how they will manage the water from their projects, and evaluate their operations on a yearly basis.

## Last Faxstream Newsletter

Due to the rising costs of faxstreaming our monthly newsletter, and the fact that the majority of people now use email regularly, this will be the last newsletter delivered by fax. The newsletter will now be sent via email, and it is also available on the website



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## Neighbourhood Catchments

### Bronwyn:

I have been showing Josh around the area so he can get into the Upper Theresa Catchment and get some project developed. I have also been busy developing my own projects and can't believe the response we have had in the Buckland and Raymond area before I am even officially working up there (which will be in the coming financial year.)

I attended a CQ Beef field day recently at "Callistemon" Lockington and learnt a lot about advancements in the cattle breeding world which was great! I also drummed up a bit of interest in the area with some potential projects arising so I have created more work for myself! Better to be busy than idle though and I love the satisfaction of getting a really good project developed! If you are interesting in looking at potential projects then please give me a call.

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### Joshua:

It's been an exciting and relatively busy first month in the job, which has seen me doing lots of reading, some training (e.g. Veg Machine), property visits and attending a Soil Health workshop. I've begun to settle into the role and I have just undertaken my first two Neighborhood Catchment projects, one in the Priority Catchment of Upper Theresa Creek.

I also attended a CQ Farming Systems workshops at Dave Daniels Kilcummin property where I witnessed a WeedSeeker spray rig in action, learnt about the new Glyphosate Double Salt Technology and spoke to growers about the upcoming Grains BMP in the Clermont area which will be begin in August. If any landholders are interested in attending the Grains BMP please contact me.

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## Grains BMP

I attended a CQ Farming System meeting in Capella at Ivan & Karen Gowlett's 'Eldorado', where we looked at the WeedSeeker system and the DEEDI shielded sprayer with a WeedSeeker system attached. We also listened to Nufarm discuss new formulations of Glyphosate and tank mixes and orders. It was very interesting and informative; it is worth attending these meetings.

If any of you have finished your projects, please call me so I can do the completion paperwork with you and arrange payment. We will be starting the new round of workshops in August so if you are interested in the BMP please call and I will sort it out for you. I'm going on leave 23 June to 9 July to get my wisdom teeth out, so it will be quiet around here!

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