

2009 LANDCARE MUSTER

Where: The Glass House, Port Macquarie (Corner Clarence and Hay Streets, Port Macquarie - same venue as the NSW Landcare & Catchment Management Forum)

When: Wednesday 9th September, 9.00am - 12.30pm
(Landcare & Catchment Management Forum field trips begin after lunch)



ABOUT

You are probably well aware that in October 2007 at the inaugural Landcare Muster in Tamworth (prior to the last State Landcare & Catchment Forum) the NSW Landcare community decided to form their own state body and *Landcare NSW Inc* was born.

The "Landcare Muster" is now an annual event. The second Muster was held in Queanbeyan in November 2008. The Muster is an opportunity for Landcare NSW Inc to report on progress over the past year and to hear what issues you want pursued in the year ahead.

This year's Landcare Muster will precede the 2009 NSW Landcare & Catchment Management Forum (Sept 9-11) and be held at the same venue (the Glass House at Port Macquarie) on the morning of Wednesday September 9, prior to the afternoon field trips and official welcome and Forum launch that evening.

As the time available (4 hours) is short and there is much to report and discuss, the LNSW Committee are circulating the Landcare Muster program together with some Briefing Notes (both attached) to enable us all to prepare in advance so we can get through the mornings business to the satisfaction of all.

Landcare NSW Inc
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Briefing Notes:

It is obvious that the Muster's 15 point program is very tight, so your cooperation in adhering to the time allotted for each session will be appreciated (and essential if we are to get through it to everyone's satisfaction). These briefing notes are provided to further explain the proposed process and enable you to read up and prepare in advance.

After the **Preliminaries** (coffee, welcome to country, introductions by region and groups by show of hands) and **Setting the Scene** (welcome, brief general report of Landcare NSW (LNSW) status by LNSW Chair) the program consists of 4 **main sessions**:

1. **Progress reporting and updating:** brief presentations to update participants of progress in:
 - the results of the recent **NSW Landcare Survey** (by LNSW Executive Officer (EO)),
 - the completion of the LNSW National Landcare Program funded **PlaceStories Project** (by Project Coordinator),
 - the proposed **mapping of Landcare** (by LNSW EO),
 - LNSW successful *Caring for our Country* Project "**Communities in Landscapes**" (by LNSW EO)
 - the Australian Government's **re-appointment of Regional Landcare Facilitators** (3 alternative scenarios presented by members of LNSW Committee), and
 - the formation of the **National Landcare Network** (by LNSW Chair and EO)

2. **Panel open forum:** all above presenters form a panel to respond to Landcarer's questions to continue discussion on the topics above.

3. **Facilitated Workshop: Australian Govt's 'Landcare Framework'**

This session is to discuss the ongoing government-driven process aimed at **developing policy for the next 20 years of Landcare** being lead by the National Landcare Facilitator Project . The process was initiated with an Australian Government (AG) workshop in Melbourne in April where a selected group of participants generated the set of bullet points subsequently circulated as "Community Landcare Speaks". This is being further discussed during the NSW Landcare & Catchment Forum (and others across the nation) leading up to the Framework's "presentation" at a National Landcare Conference being organised by the AG and to be held in Adelaide next March (2010).

The intention of this session is to provide an opportunity for input and discussion by individual Landcarers. You will be asked to write on one card the word or short phrase you would use to best describe how you would want Landcare to be seen in 20 years.

The process will involve:

- (i) Brief summary of the "Community Landcare Speaks" paper (<5 mins)
- (ii) Your response (on card, collated as discussion proceeds)
- (iii) Landcare NSW response (derived from your collated inputs)

Note: this process will feed into a further session on this topic in the NSW Landcare & Catchment Management Forum.

4. **Open forum:** Landcarer input into possible directions for LNSW over next 12 months.

The objective of this open forum is to enable members of Landcare community to provide input into the directions Landcare NSW should pursue in the year ahead considering the preceding presentations and discussions. Again cards will be used and collated to answer two questions (with only one word or phrase on a card and printed clear and large so all can see!):

1. What two issues would you like to see LNSW addressing in the next 12 months (2 cards each)
2. What one thing would you like to see LNSW achieve in the next 12 months (1 card each)
3. Cards will be collated during lunch and some feedback provided during the closing session.

5. Concluding activities: **Summary and Wrap-up** and then **Lunch**: wraps and fruit will be provided.