

# WEEKLY UPDATE – Tuesday 20 July 2010

## Upcoming Events at the LRO

- Sat. 24 July **LM Landcare Team Leader Training** 1pm to 4pm
- Sun. 1 August **National Tree Day Planting at Wangi Ridge** 9am to 12pm (see events page)
- Sun. 1 August **National Tree Day Planting at Belmont Wetlands State Park** 9am to 12pm
- Sun. 26 Sep **Floraville Ridge & Rainforest Field Day** 9am to 12pm
- Thur. 30 Sep **Sunshine Silverwater Field Day** 10am to 1pm
- September – **Landcare Week various landcare & NRM workshops** - details to be advised

For more details and bookings (essential) contact the office on **49210392** or email here.

## CEN (Community Environment Network) Climate Change Forum: Impacts on our local region

The "Climate Future - Cool It" committee of CEN is organising a free forum about climate change.

*Will our coastline survive sea level rise and what can we do about it?* Come along and discover the latest.

Alex Sen Gupta and Garry Willgoose, Climate Scientists from Newcastle and NSW Universities will provide insight into the science and impacts of climate change in our region.

When: **Saturday 24th July 1.30pm to 4pm**

Venue: **Tony Sheridan Room, Wyong Shire Civic Centre - Hely St Wyong**

Bookings essential – Phone: **4349 4756** or Email: **coolit@cen.org.au**

## Hunter Organic Growers Society (HOGS) 30th Anniversay & AGM

When: **Sat. August 14th - 1.30pm**

Where: **Hunter Wetlands Centre, Sandgate Road, Shortland**

Guest speaker: Andrew Dempster from Slow Food Hunter Valley

Contact Angela Finney before August 7<sup>th</sup>

Phone: **4959 9525** or Email: **angela.finney@harboursat.com.au**

## Lake Macquarie City Council's Living Smart Festival

An inspirational and educational celebration of sustainable living in Lake Macquarie. The 1st of it's kind in Lake Macquarie, there will be music, art, fashion, food, market stalls, free workshops, kids entertainment and plenty of interesting displays to keep you amused.

When: **Sunday 12 September 9.30am - 5.00pm**

Where: **Speers Point Park**

Cost: **Free**

**Native Plant Giveaways, 10am - 3pm;** Solar power and solar hot water displays; Backyard vegies and bush tucker; Rainwater tanks; Gardening tips; Amazing worms; Community group displays; Measure your ecological footprint; Bike advice and bike maintenance workshops... and much more!

## Lake Macquarie City Council Sustainability Workshops

**Gardening With Natives:** Find out which natives suit your garden and how to keep them looking great!

When: **Sat. 18 September - 9.30 am to 12.00 noon**

Where: **Council Administration Building**

**Food for thought:** What really goes into your shopping basket each week? Attendees will gain valuable information relating to reading labels, additives, cosmetic ingredients, GM foods, Organic certification, food miles, food production, Fair Trade, food waste, ethical shopping and more. Soft cheese and yoghurt making demonstration

When: **Sat. 18 September - 9.30 am to 12.30 pm**

Where: **Toronto Multipurpose Centre**

Refreshments provided, bookings essential Contact Pamela Baker - Sustainability Project Coordinator Lake Macquarie City Council

Phone: **02 4921 0144** email: **pjbaker@lakemac.nsw.gov.au**

## Caring For Our Country Community Action Grants

Applications \$5000 to \$20,000 open today to support local community groups to protect and improve their natural environment. Priorities include biodiversity and natural icons; coastal environments and critical aquatic habitats; and sustainable farm practices.

Applications close **31 August 2010**. Applicant guidelines and eligibility criteria are available at **www.nrm.gov.au** or contact the LRO.

~Happy Landcaring~

Kind Regards, Jess Welham