

# Regional NRM Bugle



**KEY MESSAGES 13/08/04**

## **Funding for landholders**

A new incentives database has been created to help landholders find funding for natural resource management (NRM) projects. The database lists the incentives that are currently available with links to incentives providers, including local councils, regional NRM bodies, Queensland Government departments and agencies and the Australian Government. There are 34 different actions or activities where incentives are available such as fencing, revegetation and soil erosion control. Many programs that provide incentives are in the database. These include Envirofund, tax deductions, loans for Landcare and free tree and rehabilitation programs. The incentives database can be found on the regional NRM web site at [www.regionalnrm.qld.gov.au/funding/incentives/index.html](http://www.regionalnrm.qld.gov.au/funding/incentives/index.html)

## **Draft plan released**

The South East Queensland Western Catchments Group (SEQ WCG) draft regional NRM plan has been released for public comment. The plan, *Healthy Land – Our Future* has been prepared through the contributions of a wide cross-section of the western catchments community, people in business, farming, the environment, science and government. *Healthy Land – Our Future* was led by the SEQ WCG Board under the chairmanship of John Nugent. The plan is the first practical step in addressing issues involved with community based natural resource planning and management at the regional level. It is the investment guide for natural resource funds from the Australian and Queensland Governments and other sources, and the guide for actions that protect and enhance their natural assets. The plan, *Healthy Land – Our Future* can be found at [www.healthylandourfuture.com.au](http://www.healthylandourfuture.com.au) For more information, contact [Simon Warner](#) on 07 3816 9700.

## **New web site**

The Mackay Whitsunday Natural Resource Management Group web site has been launched. The address is [www.mwnrm.org.au](http://www.mwnrm.org.au) The site has downloadable copies of reports prepared by the group and updates on a range of programs being delivered in an effort to make their resources sustainable. For more information, contact [Pannie Mitchell](#) on 07 4967 0726.

## **Landcare Week**

16-22 August is Landcare Week and the theme is 'everyone, everywhere, use your water with care.' This is especially significant considering the current weather

conditions. Fact sheets on *Water use efficiency on-farm* will be available 16 August on the Landcare Australia Limited web site at [www.landcareaustralia.com.au](http://www.landcareaustralia.com.au)

Urban water use is being emphasised this year and information kits and fact sheets on water use efficiency for urban gardens are available on the Sustainable Gardening Australia web site at [www.sgaonline.org.au](http://www.sgaonline.org.au) and will also be available 16 August at [www.landcareaustralia.com.au](http://www.landcareaustralia.com.au)

Following Landcare week, the State Landcare Conference will be held in Toowoomba 1-5 September. For information on the Landcare Conference visit [www.tlg.org.au](http://www.tlg.org.au) or contact the Conference Coordinator on 07 4637 6228.

### **Monitoring and evaluation framework**

The Queensland guidelines for the monitoring and evaluation framework are now on the regional NRM web site in the planning guidance section. The framework applies to the National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality (NAPSWQ) and the National Heritage Trust Extension (the Trust) and may apply to other NRM programs. It sets out arrangements for monitoring and evaluating the programs' progress and achievements against its stated objectives. The framework can be found at [www.regionalnrm.qld.gov.au/planning/guidance/m\\_e\\_framework.html](http://www.regionalnrm.qld.gov.au/planning/guidance/m_e_framework.html)

The national policy for monitoring and evaluation is also available at [www.regionalnrm.qld.gov.au/planning/national/index.html](http://www.regionalnrm.qld.gov.au/planning/national/index.html)

### **Healthier regions, what are the arrangements?**

The regional NRM web site has been on line since 5 April and hopefully now everyone who reads the *Regional NRM Bugle* is aware of this site. What you may not know is that this site is the place to visit for all the latest regional arrangements and regional natural resource planning information. The site contains information on who is involved in the process, the NAPSWQ, the National Landcare Program (NLP), the Trust and other state-wide programs.

The regional NRM web site also has information on funding, planning, news and events. For example, the Incentives Database and the monitoring and evaluation framework. The regional NRM communication team hope that the web site will evolve, like healthy regional arrangements, so that users are happy with all of its functions. We are welcoming feed back and can be emailed at [Regional.NRM@nrm.qld.gov.au](mailto:Regional.NRM@nrm.qld.gov.au) or click on the feedback link on the bottom of any of the web site pages. The regional NRM web site can be viewed at [www.regionalnrm.qld.gov.au](http://www.regionalnrm.qld.gov.au)

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