

Regional NRM Bugle



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Allan Dale, General Manager of the Strategic Policy and Regional Arrangements (SPRA) business unit as well as being a member of the Joint Australian and Queensland Government Steering Committee (JSC) will be on leave for two weeks. We are sure you will all join us in wishing him a safe and enjoyable holiday. We hope he returns well-rested ready to review all of the regional NRM plans and regional investment strategies that will be submitted in the next couple of months.

While Allan is on his well-deserved R&R, Joe Pappalardo will be acting in his position. Joe is Natural Resources and Mine's (NR&M) Central Region-Regional Service Director and he brings a wealth of regional knowledge to SPRA during his secondment.

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CQPMG Website

The Capricorn Pest Management Group (CPMG) and Central Highlands Pest Management Group (CHPMG) have together launched a joint website to present information relevant to pest management in the Fitzroy River Basin, Central Queensland. The site has information on declared plants and animals, local government pest management plans, property pest management template and more. The website address: www.cqpmg.org.au/

For more information contact [Sharon Marks](#) or on (07) 4921 2843

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Condamine Alliance's staff attend a seminar on understanding and engaging with Indigenous people

Most of Condamine Alliance's staff have now participated in a fascinating day-long seminar on understanding and engaging with Indigenous people. Facilitated by Tom Kirk and organised by the Alliance's Indigenous Facilitator Corie Leslie, staff were instructed in traditional systems including kinship and communication.

A highlight were several role plays in which staff played the part of Murris who had to ask the neighboring tribe for help during a drought, had an arranged marriage, became jailed, were forced to become cooks, cleaners and stockmen, and were moved onto reserves.

The team also toured a site at Meringandan where rocks are arranged in the shapes of animals, birds, a giant bunya nut and constellations of stars. Afterwards people commented that the experiences had given us a much deeper insight into Aboriginal practices and knowledge.

For more information contact Corie Leslie on 4620 0119

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Looking for additional funds for your regional event?

The Department of Premier and Cabinet has increased funding (from \$3 million to \$6 million) to develop or expand events run outside the Brisbane area. Most regional groups that run events are eligible for this funding.

All the information is available at <http://www.queenslandevents.com.au/>

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McKell Medal Nominations sort

Nominations for Australia's most prestigious national award for excellence and achievement in natural resource management, the McKell Medal are currently being sort. Australian, State and Territory government agencies involved in agriculture and natural resource management sponsor these awards. An independent McKell Medal Advisory Panel assesses nominations and the 2004 Medal will be awarded at the Natural Resource Management Community Forum in April 2005.

In addition to the actual Medal, the winner will be sponsored to publicise their achievements at a number of field days, meetings and conferences over a 12 month period.

Could you please pass this information to appropriate officers in your organisation or the organisations or members you represent so that they can consider nominating outstanding individuals for the McKell Medal.

Applications by email or post should reach the Secretariat by 19 November 2004.

Further information or more copies of this package can be obtained from the McKell Medal website <http://www.daff.gov.au/mckellmedal> or:

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