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\$5.9m for Queensland landcare groups

The Australian Government recently announced nearly \$5.9 million in National Landcare Program funding for 50 projects being undertaken by Queensland landcare groups. The projects are designed to boost the profitability, competitiveness and sustainability of the State's primary industries.

Australian Agricultural Minister Warren Truss says the projects are consistent with the priorities identified in the regions' natural resource management plans. On Wednesday 15 December the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) put out a [media release](#) detailing the Queensland projects. For more information on the National Landcare Program, visit the [DAFF website](#).

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Consultant chosen for stakeholder capacity project

A consultant has been selected to develop and trial methods regional bodies can use to assess stakeholder capacity. Dr Jim Cavaye from Cavaye Community Development has been engaged to work with the NAPSQWQ-funded regional bodies to develop the methods. He has an extensive background in community capacity, measurement and natural resource management. Not only will he develop criteria and indicators common across Queensland, the regional bodies will also be given the opportunity to tailor ones for their regions. Although Dr Cavaye's work is part of a NAPSQWQ-funded capacity-building state-level investment project, all regional bodies will ultimately benefit from it. For more information, contact project leader [Deirdre Lawrence](#) on 3224 7677.

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Mackay Whitsunday NRM plan out for consultation

The Mackay Whitsunday Natural Resource Management Group (MWNRM) has released its draft regional natural resource management plan for public consultation. The consultation period opened on December 3 and will close on 4 February 2005. A copy of the plan is available in the 'Publications' section of MWNRM's [website](#); alternatively, you can telephone the group on 4957 9526.

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South West NRM team wins award

The Healthy Regional Arrangements South West Region Support Team has received a Department of Natural Resources and Mines (NR&M) Excellence Award for its work with community groups. Phil McCullough, Trish Steel and John Ritchie received the award in Rockhampton earlier this month for their outstanding leadership in fostering Healthy Regional Arrangements and supporting the Queensland Murray Darling Committee, the South West National Response Management Group, and the Condamine Alliance.

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Merry Christmas everyone!

This is the last *Bugle* for the year; the next edition will come out on 14 January 2005. May you all have an enjoyable, relaxing and safe Christmas and New Year break.

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