

LAND TALK

Newsletter of the 'Centralian Land Management Association' (CLMA)

G'day everyone. Hope mustering is going smoothly. March and April have whizzed by pretty quickly at the CLMA office. I've been busy with meetings for the new NT Natural Resource Management (NRM) Plan, and Dee has been flat out with the EMS project. Dee and Richard had a couple of weeks away in WA, but alas, no big fish stories as promised. Great news for our members, we have been successful with new some projects that were submitted last December, in fact we were the most successful group for the NT. Thanks to everyone involved with getting the applications ready.

The NT Government is now in full consultation stage in writing up the NRM Plan. I will be largely involved with getting this in motion. Expect a phone call or visit from me soon to chin-wag about major resource management issues that concern you, your family and your business. Please ring us at the office in town if you have any queries or concerns.

Wishing you good weaning rates & a safe mustering season!

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11 NORTHERN TERRITORY LANDCARE PROJECTS FUNDED

Great News for CLMA

As you may have heard around the traps, CLMA has recently been awarded funds for 2 major projects happening in central Australia.

Weed management in the Sandover River catchment

This project will develop a catchment weed management plan, carry out on-ground weed control work (to control Parkinsonia and Rubberbush) and develop a weeds education and communication program on both Aboriginal and pastoral land in the Sandover region.

For this project we will receive a total of \$157,600. This money will:

- Employ a project manager for 12 months
- Employ a Technical officer for 6 months
- Assist with CDEP top-up and chemical costs for weed control on Utopia
- Provide funds to cover running costs of vehicles, Quad bikes and spray gear on Stations.

- Provide funds to cover administrative and mapping costs

If you are in the Sandover area and would like to know more about this project, please contact us at CLMA.

Sustainable grazing land management (GLM) in central Australia

This project will develop a customized GLM training package for central Australia. Supported by MLA, this package will compliment existing research projects and get real answers and information to producers in the Alice region with regard to land management issues.

For this project we will receive a total of \$92,000. This money will:

- Employ a Course Development Facilitator for 12 months
- Cover fuel, vehicle & computer lease costs, plus admin and printing.

NEW STAFF ON DECK
FROM 2 TO 5!!!

We have recently advertised 3 positions for the newly funded projects and are now in the process of interviewing and short-listing applicants. Hopefully by the end of May there will be 3 new bums on seats.

If you have any ideas of where we can lay our hands on some free or cheap office furniture, please let us know.

Watch this space for more news and photos of the new CLMA employees.



Applications have been pouring in – it seems many people are eager to be a part of the serious and mature team atmosphere at CLMA !!!

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NEW LANDCARE CO-ORDINATOR FOR THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

The Australian Government has supported the employment of a Territory-based co-ordinator to help pastoral and agricultural based industries with Landcare projects in the NT. **Matt Bolam** started in this position in February and comes from an industry background having worked as a vet and pastoral industry consultant in northern Australia for many years. CLMA hopes to utilize Matt's skills, expertise and networks to ensure continuing funding and support for land management projects within the beef industry. Matt is employed by the Australian Government and based in the NTCA office in Darwin. [ph. 89856355 or mb. 0408920088]