



LAND TALK

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



Wild dog management in the NT

A draft copy of the Dingo Management Program has been written and circulated amongst industry bodies by the Biodiversity Conservation group of DIPE. The closing date for comments on the Dingo Management program has been extended to Friday the 28th January 2005.



To get a copy of the Dingo Management Plan from the web, go to

www.nt.gov.au/ipe/pwcnt

In the following order, click on:

- Plants & animals*
- Wildlife management*
- Programs for public comment*

If you would like to see a printed copy, drop into the CLMA office or request a copy from the Biodiversity Conservation unit, ph. 89518239

You can make comments on the plan via. email or phone to:

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NEW FACES AT CLMA....

Dee and Richard had a lovely little boy on Friday the 3rd of December. Tom Walsh, joined the world at 5:30 in the morning, all is well with Mum and bub. Congratulations and best wishes to the Walsh family!



Long time central Australian, Rossi Bryan has had his arm twisted, and will join the CLMA crew next year to help out with the laser truck.

Welcome to central Australia....

A big welcome to George, Di and son Daniel, who have moved to Lake Nash Station from the Channel Country in QLD. We wish you all the best for the future at your new home in the NT.

FUTURE FARMERS NETWORK



Our lovely Jo Rodney has been elected as the NT Board member for the Future Farmers Network. The network is a not-for-profit organisation that has been set up to encourage and support young people as they pursue a career in agriculture and its related fields.

Australian Government Envirofund

The Australian Government Envirofund has been set-up to help communities undertake local projects aimed at conserving biodiversity and promoting sustainable resource use.

Community groups and individuals can apply for grants of up to \$50,000 (GST inclusive) to carry out on-ground and other actions to target local problems.

Round 6 is now open

Applications for Round 6 close at 5pm on Friday **18 February 2005**.

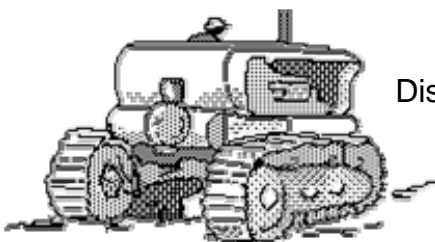


Examples of previous funded projects in the NT have included:

Project Participant	Description	Envirofunds received
Barkly Landcare and Conservation Association	Harvesting Native Grass Seed for Conservation and Rehabilitation on the Barkly Tableland	8,036.36
Dundee Envirocare	Fencing, Signing and Slashing to Preserve and Protect the Dundee Coast	16,820.00
Heytesbury Beef Pty Ltd	Determining Current Extent and Raising Awareness of Calotrope on the Barkly Tablelands	21,109.09
Julalikari Council Aboriginal Corp	Dust Suppression Epenarra Community	4,590.18
Minyerri Aboriginal Rangers	Implementing Improved Fire Management on the Alawa Aboriginal Land Trust	12,811.76
Ramingining Homelands Resource Centre Aboriginal Corp	Fencing Nangalala Waterhole and Springs	3,363.64
The North Australian Pastoral Company Pty Limited	Relocating Stock Watering Points to Restore Riparian Vegetation, Mittiebah Station	27,272.73

For more information ask Andrea for an application form, or check out the website address....

www.nht.gov.au/envirofund



FUTURE OF the CLMA Dozer

Discussions of the dozer future were thrown around at the AGM. If you weren't able to attend the meeting, but have thoughts about the Dozer's future, please contact Andrea. We really need your input and feedback.

DEBE does ALICE!!!

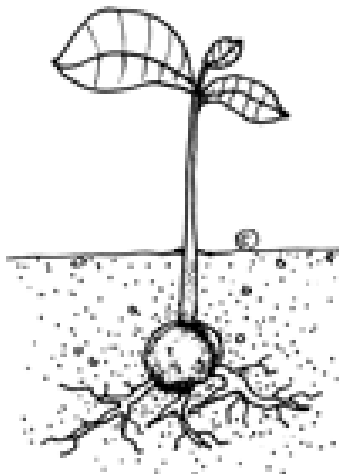
(**D**rainage, **E**rosion, **B**aselines & **E**arthworks)

Good news from the CLMA office! National Landcare Program funds have been announced, and the CLMA's application to get the Laser Truck running again was successful.

The project will look at improving land condition on pastoral lands around the Alice by:

- *identifying and fixing existing erosion problems*
- *reducing overland water flow in areas of high run-off*
- *helping to recognise and prevent future soil and water problems.*

Part of this project will include Grader training, getting the laser truck and ponding into action, and a pastoralist exchange and excursion to WA to look at problems and achievements in the Gasgoyne Murchison region (which is a lot like our own.) Keep your eyes on the next newsletter for more information.



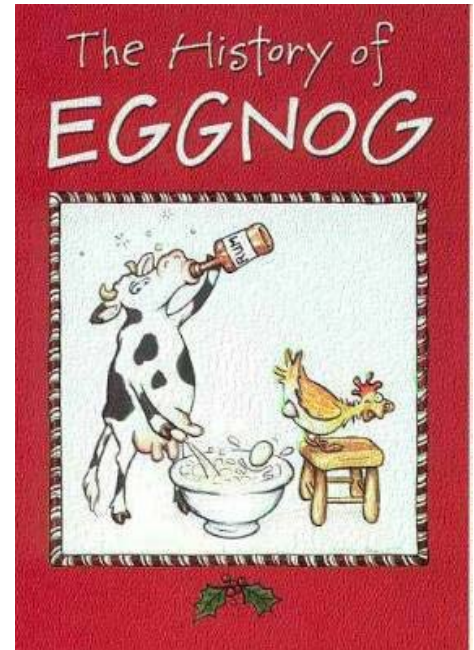
In the meantime, if you would like a copy of the latest Laser Truck information sheet outlining charges and terms of agreement, give us a call at the CLMA office.

CLMA Xmas party last week

Cold beer, yummy ham and good company all round at Simpson's Gap for the CLMA Xmas Party.

Thanks to everyone who helped out, and especially to Rossi and Denise

Bryan who carved the ham and cooked the Barbie. A few champagnes were also corked to celebrate Andrea and Kurt's engagement. The CLMA family is growing!!!



Farewells from the CLMA.

Michael Wood has been working on the Sandover weeds project since May this year. Michaels' 6 month contract is now finished and he will return to Adelaide. Michael was responsible with helping cover over 2,800 km of river and creek frontage of the upper Sandover and spraying over 6,500 Parkinsonia and Rubberbush plants. We wish him well for the future, and thank him for his hard work and perseverance on the project.



Farewell also to our outgoing executive committee. Many thanks to **Chris Nott**, **Tess Miller**, **Rex Fuller** and **Richie Hayes** for their time and input into the CLMA for the past 3 years, it's been greatly appreciated and we hope you remain involved with the operations of the CLMA.

THANKYOU FROM THE CLMA MOB

Thanks to all members who have supported us and given us encouragement and direction. A big heartfelt thankyou must go to the following people and businesses that put a bit extra in and have helped the CLMA in 2004.

Murray Downs Station – For the CLMA depot shed in town

Victor Burge – for help with computers, printers and all things technical

Undoolya Station – for use of their workshop and welding gear

Kurt – for help with auto electrics and general maintenance on the CLMA vehicles and trailer

Alcoota Station – help with welding on the Weeds trailer

Peter Donohoe & Jenny Atkins – for help with organising quads and contacts on Utopia

Wally at Urapuntja – for supplying loads of diesel

Peter Bastible – for help with getting CDEP blokes organised

Blue – for computer help

DBIRD – for the seed store at AZRI



CLMA had its' AGM last Thursday the 9th of December.

Thanks to everyone who made an effort to attend, it was great to see you there.

CLMA's new executive committee is:

President	Jim Napier	<i>Tanami Downs</i>
Vice President (nth)	Liz Bird	<i>Indiana</i>
Vice President (sth)	Angus McKay	<i>Umbearra</i>
Treasurer	Benny Hayes	<i>Undoolya</i>
Secretary	Rod Cramer	<i>Temple Bar</i>
General Committee	Steve Cadzow	<i>Mt Riddock</i>
	Stewart Weir	<i>Amarroo</i>
	Rex Fuller	<i>DeRose Hill</i>
	John Kilgariff	<i>Erdunda</i>
	Jamie Evans	<i>Hamilton Downs</i>

A special thanks to those who couldn't make it to the meeting, but allowed themselves to be elected in absence!

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