

## 'Shine the light on the Environment' with Holley Somerville-Knott

Northern Slopes Landcare, as part of a Community Engagement Project, is proud to be hosting Holley Somerville-Knott to address local primary school students in our area.

Holley Somerville-Knott is the 11 yr old CEO & Founder of her own charity Foundation – Stardust Entertainment, which she created at age 8 to help the planet, people and animals in need.

Holley is an award winning public speaker, environmentalist/protector, Singer, presenter, reporter, MC, Host, Actress and peacemaker and cares deeply about the planet and all species. Holley's mission is to spread kindness and compassion, educate and inspire people to stand up for what they believe in, unite together and co create a sustainable and peaceful Mother Earth.

Holley is particularly passionate about the issue of unconventional gas mining, and campaigns for renewable energy sources to be used instead, she writes songs, she talks with politicians, media and raises awareness on this issue any way she can.

Holley sings in nursing Homes, Hospitals, festivals, fundraisers and busking to cheer people up, she also performs and sings her signature soul/blues/jazz and rock, being compared to singers like Joss Stone, Etta James and Aretha Franklin, rallying crowds and raising awareness and money – 100% of the money she earns is donated to the above causes.

Holley has worked with many organisations so far, including HBO New York, Drop4drop UK, Earth Guardians Colorado, been a contestant on The Voice TV Show, and has been touring the Jazz/blues circuit this year, and will soon be launching a new initiative in schools nationally and globally, the Institute for Peace & Economics.

Holley has just received the NSW Government Green Globe Award – Youth Sustainability Champion at Parliament House. Holley will be presenting to Bingara Central School students on September 3 and Warialda Primary School students on September 4.



### Upcoming events

We have some exiting events in the organisational stage for November and December . Look out for Jerry Colby Williams presenting 18th through to the 21st November, Jerry was so popular on his last visit we had to have him back. We will keep you posted when we have it finalised. We have a bus trip to Shannon Vale Glen Innes, home of Greg and Sally Chappell. Greg and Sally are part of the Soils For Life project with their motivation for change being Drought, economic viability and gaining a deeper understanding of biological cycles.

#### Gwydir Shire Council and Vision 20/20 invite you to Tales and Ales—September 24th

Come and celebrate four courses of fresh local produce, expertly matched with James squires delicious beers. Celebrate all that is great about the region including interviews with local barley growers,, maltsters and James Squires brewers. For enquiries please phone Bingara Tourism 0267240066

### Important dates to remember

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| Dig it, Live it, Love it with Geoff Bassett                        | August 24th         |
| Shine the light on the Environment with Holley S Knott             | September 3rd & 4th |
| Making Sustainable Profitable with Graeme Sait @Kioma, Toobeah     | September 15th      |
| Making Sustainable Profitable with Graeme Sait @Leyland North Star | September 16th      |
| Tales & Ales—GSC & Vision 20/20 presentation                       | September 24th      |
| Costa is Coming to Bingara!  | October 6th         |
| Gather in the Glen—2015 Rural Women's Gathering                    | October 9th—11th    |

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### Healthy Soils Toolbox Series continues Workshop #4— with Geoff Bassett

Healthy Soils Toolbox workshop #4 - **DIG IT! LIVE IT! LOVE IT!** with Geoff Bassett will be held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> of August, 9:30am at the Living Classroom. This will be followed by a property visit to 'Kiora' where Geoff has been consulting with Ross Turnbull on his biological practices. Geoff has been involved in numerous workshops and field days with Northern Slopes Landcare and has proven to be very popular. Geoff has become a well-known biological consultant in the New England and North West region working to regenerate soils and ecosystems. **DIG IT! LIVE IT! LOVE IT!** Is a great opportunity for landholders and members of the community to learn about biological and organic methods of property management, alternatives to weed management and the identification and management of weeds. We look forward to seeing you there. For further information or to register please phone 0267242052 or email [nsa@gwydir.nsw.gov.au](mailto:nsa@gwydir.nsw.gov.au)



### Healthy Soils Toolbox –Workshop # 5 “Making Sustainable Profitable” – Farm walk and talk with Graeme Sait and Ian Moss

Broadacre farming @ North Star

On 15 and 16 September, Northern Slopes Landcare Association, in association with Waggamba Landcare Association, will host two Field Days showcasing the latest in sustainable agriculture. The Field Days will feature wellness guru and soil nutritionist, Graham Sait and agronomist Ian Moss .

Day one will occur on 15 September 2015 on Steve and Emily Wilkin's property 'Kioma,' near Toobeah. This day will explore utilising Precision Agriculture Tools to identify paddock variability and the ability to assess commercial scale farm trials, including a deep phosphorus trial that is underway at 'Kioma'. Ian and Graham will also provide their views on improving water use efficiency, options for nutrient replacement and using simple methods to assess soil fertility. Day two will be jointly hosted by Rod Farrow at 'Currawarna,' and Ran and Jenny Mitchell on their property 'Leyland' near North Star. On this day you will hear about worm bedding and biological brewing, a deep Phosphorous trial, farming systems, use of legumes for nitrogen and using liquid inject for improved crop establishment and root/ biological benefits.

Day one will commence at 8.00am at 'Kioma' and day two at 10.00am at 'Leyland'. A bus from Bingara will be provided on **day two**. Registrations essential please contact Sally [ugla@gwydir.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ugla@gwydir.nsw.gov.au)



## Northern Slopes Landcare continues to support the North West Local Land Services in the Brigalow Nandewar Biolinks - Connectivity Project.



There are several landholders in our local area that have been successful in their submissions to be included in this project. If you have a project in mind that includes one or more of these activities - shelter belts, wildlife corridors, creating bushland patches, riparian buffers or fencing to manage grazing, there are opportunities to participate in the project. The project is now looking for participants for the next round and the process is not difficult.

If you have questions or would like to submit an Expression of Interest, simply give the office a call,

**P 0267 242052, or email [cs0@gwydir.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cs0@gwydir.nsw.gov.au)** we can send you the Expression of Interest and answer your enquiries.



### Gather in the Glen: Women for all seasons, 9, 10 & 11 October 2015

Registrations for the Gathering are now being taken. [Book online.](#)

Glen Innes in the Northern Tablelands is famous for a few reasons: beautiful scenery, livestock production, Celtic heritage, and winters worthy of log fires. In 2015 you'll be hearing more and more about the area, as the town prepares to host the 2015 NSW Rural Women's Gathering entitled "Gather in the Glen".

The Glen Innes community is thrilled with the opportunity to showcase the area, and the Gathering committee is already hard at work developing a program that will offer both locals and guests a fun, informative, and inspiring gathering.

For regular updates and the weekend program visit [Gather in the Glen](#) or like Gather in the Glen on [Facebook](#).

### Staff and office update.

Northern Slopes Landcare welcomes our Regional Landcare Facilitator Isabella Hall, Isabella commenced with us on 10th August and will be covering the duties involved with being our Regional Landcare Facilitator. Isabella will be travelling with Board Member Barry Rogers and coordinator Frances Young to attend the 2015 State Landcare Conference in Orange. Isabella is looking forward to getting out and about to meet as many people as possible and will be attending as many field days she can fit in.

Our website will be updated with all our events, workshops and updates, don't forget to keep checking it out.

If you would like to submit an expression of interest for any projects that you may have ideas for, our EOI is available from our website—[www.northernslopeslandcare.com.au](http://www.northernslopeslandcare.com.au)

### Save the date! Costa is coming to Bingara - 6 October 2015.

Northern Slopes Landcare is very excited to announce that Costa Georgiadis from Gardening Australia will be in Bingara for a variety of events throughout the 6 October. We will keep you posted on how you can get involved as the events are finalised.

## Habitat Action Grants

Angling clubs, individuals, community groups, local councils and organisations interested in rehabilitating fish habitats in freshwater and saltwater areas throughout NSW can apply for grants.

Habitat rehabilitation projects which may be funded include:

- removal or modification of barriers to fish passage
- rehabilitation of riparian lands (river banks, wetlands, mangrove forests, saltmarsh)
- re-snagging waterways with timber structure
- removal of exotic vegetation from waterways
- bank stabilisation works
- reinstatement of natural flow regimes

**Applications are now open!**

**Applications will close at 5 pm Friday 16 October 2015.**

For further information please contact the Habitat Action Grants Administrator on [fish.habitat@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:fish.habitat@dpi.nsw.gov.au) or ring (02) 6626 1107, (02) 6626 1396 or (02) 4916 3817.

## Country Arts Support Program



The Country Arts Support Program is an Arts NSW devolved funding program, administered by Regional Arts NSW and local Regional Arts Boards on behalf of the NSW Government

Applications for the 2016 round of CASP are now open. Applications close on October 1, 2015. Read more: <http://regionalartsnsw.com.au/grants/casp/#ixzz3jDRLKJh2>

### Love Food Hate Waste Grants Program

#### Waste Less, Recycle More Initiative

**Closing date: 5.00 pm Wednesday, 30 September 2015**

The LFHW program aims to raise awareness of the food waste issue and to provide households and businesses with simple actions they can implement to reduce the amount of edible food thrown away in NSW. An integral part of this program is supporting food waste avoidance education initiatives of partner organisations such as councils, council groups, non-government organisations and community groups through grant funding. The LFHW grants program is delivered through the Environmental Trust in partnership with the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA), as part of the EPA's Waste Less, Recycle More initiative.

For further information go to <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/resources/grants/150367-LFHW-guidelines.pdf>

### Whole Kids Small Seeds Community Grants Program

\$500- \$5000 - Closing 30th September 2015—the program seeks to provide support to organisations that work at developing creative and innovative solutions to root cause problems at a community level. The approach is focus on project that support children 12 years and under.

For further information email [hello@wholekids.com.au](mailto:hello@wholekids.com.au)