

News

LandLearn NSW Speech Spectacular Winners announced!



Overall Winner Callum Hislop with LandLearn Coordinator Carolyn Smith

After many entries, the LandLearn NSW Speech Spectacular has been run and won. The talented finalists gave their speeches live at the Dubbo Beef Spectacular on the 17th March with the topic 'That agriculture is destined to stay on the front page'. The section winners were: Callum Hislop from Leeton Public School, Jasmyn Newton from Nowra High School and Anna Bewley from Hennessy Catholic College, Young. Congratulations to all competitors! To hear all finalists and winners speeches: <http://www.landlearnsw.org.au/students/speech-spectacular>

Cream of the Crop Finalists announced

NSW agriculture, primary industry and natural resource management students have been asked to take the bull by the horns and turn their rural tales into cash cows! Finalists in this fantastic competition can be viewed at www.slideshare.net/landlearnsw with the winner to be announced at the Sydney Royal Easter Show on 14 April - stay tuned.

Total Field Days education program

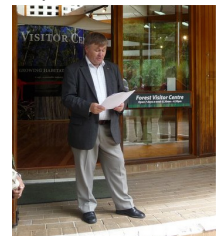
The 2011 Total Field days will feature an exclusive education hub called My Choice Education Expo on Friday 29th April. Only booked school groups can access this expo which features fabulous hands on activities. To book your school in call Wendy Franklin on 4939 8820 <http://www.tocalfielddays.com>

Spotlight:

Forest Visitor Centre, West Pennant Hills

The newly refurbished Forest Visitor Centre was officially opened in December by the Parliamentary Secretary for Primary Industries, Mick Veitch (pictured) and Keith Johnston of the Steve Stevenson Memorial Trust. The new Visitor Centre is located at the only metropolitan state forest in Australia, Cumberland State Forest, situated at West Pennant Hills in suburban Sydney.

The Centre showcases timber and timber usage and encourages people to interact with the forest and discover more about forest products and timber harvesting in NSW.



There are interactive displays for children which include a touch table and a 'forest to frame' maze as well as plenty of educational games and activities.

Cumberland State Forest is an educational recreation forest and caters for visiting school groups with guided tours and picnic areas. Weekend and school holiday activities are held regularly.

Find out more:

<http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/forests/info/escape>

Websites

International Year of Forests

Did you know 2011 was announced as the year of forests by the United Nations?

<http://www.un.org/en/events/iyof2011/>

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New Forests NSW resource

<http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/forests/education/useful/primary/activity-sheets>

Meet...Alison McIntosh

Alison is the Principal of AJM Livestock Solutions based at Crookwell and is the 2010 NSW RIRDC Rural Women's Award Runner Up – the youngest ever to achieve this in the history of the award.

Alison has also since become a Councillor of the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW and 2011 NAB Agribusiness Cattle Council Beef Industry Rising Champion

What do I do?

I started my career in Agriculture through involvement with my family's Angus cattle stud Myanga. I became very involved in this operation from a young age and developed my interest and passion for agriculture from here. After completing my University degree I spent time working for Meat and Livestock Australia in Sydney. This experience further broadened my understanding of the entire industry.

What's the best part of my job?

The best part of my job is that I get to meet a lot of great people and help people with their cattle enterprises. I need to be well up to date with the latest technologies in the cattle industry and I have the great job of sharing this with others. I love seeing people achieve and get better at what they are doing and this gives me great satisfaction.



Activity



Don't leave your tackle behind!

Life in the water can be tough... you have to find your own food, hide from predators and find shelter. Sometimes it is made even tougher when something unnatural is introduced into the water...

Become an aquatic animal, play our game "A watery journey" and find out more.

You will need ... 2 players, 2 tokens and a die (you can use anything for a token, a shiny river pebble works well)

How to play ... Both players place their tokens on the 'start' square. First player toss the die and move token as the die tells you. Follow the instructions in each square, then take turns until there is a winner!

20	21	22 Danger alert! You have swallowed a clear bait bag floating in the water. Go back to 17.	23	Finish 
19	18 A young boy removes fishing lines wrapped in underwater plants. Move 2 spaces.	17	16 The tide has turned and is washing in discarded fishing line. Go back to 13.	15
10 School students visit and take their rubbish home. Advance 3 spaces	11	12 A hook gets snagged in a penguin's foot. You like to eat penguins but you are in danger of swallowing the hook. Go back 4 spaces	13	14 A junior fisher quickly cuts a hook from an undersize bream's mouth and returns to the water to be caught another day. Advance to 17 spaces
9	8 You see a fisherman pulling an old floating 'ghost' net from the water. Move 3 spaces.	7	6	5
Start here 	2	3 A young scientist designs a bait box that disintegrates after a week in water. Move ahead 2 spaces.	4	

Excerpt from Industry & Investment NSW, Get Hooked... It's Fun to Fish program. To receive more fun fishing related activities such as this you need to register for Get Hooked. Please contact us on 02 9527 8515 or email gethooked.fisheries@industry.nsw.gov.au



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