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Would you like to attend the Queensland Landcare Conference?

Community members from around the Maranoa-Balonne and Border Rivers catchments will have the chance to apply for sponsorship to attend the 17th Annual Queensland Landcare Conference, Brisbane, in August this year.

The Queensland Murray-Darling Committee Inc (QMDC) will sponsor six people around the region to attend the four-day event from 21 to 24 August. The sponsorship package will cover the conference registration fees and up to \$100 towards accommodation costs.

“This year’s theme, Bridging the Urban-Rural Divide, should be of interest to a number of people within our community, providing a great opportunity to share with and learn from others,” said QMDC’s Regional Landcare Facilitator, Rick Kowitz.

Peter Andrews, whose Natural Sequence Farming research in the Hunter River catchment area has recently received much media attention, will be one of four guest speakers at the conference.

He will join Professor Bob Cummins (Australian Unity Wellbeing Project), Dr. Wendy Sarkissian (author and lecturer in social research and community participation), and Lindsay Enright (acting Executive Director, Office of Urban Management) to share their experiences.

Information sessions covering topics like peri-urban planning, technology, eco-system services, bridging the divide, and climate change will also be held.

“It is important for communities to be aware of what land care efforts are taking place in other parts of Queensland. We can learn a lot from other regions; and they can learn a lot from us, too,” said Mr Kowitz.

For more information about the conference, or to apply for QMDC’s sponsorship package, people can contact QMDC on 4637 6201 (Toowoomba), 4671 7900 (Goondiwindi), or 4622 8446 (Roma).

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