



Discovering Landcare Forum 2008

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Over 500 students, teachers and community members from across southern Queensland converged on Goondiwindi on the 19 and 20 August for the fourth annual Discovering Landcare Forum. 2008's event was themed "Science to the Rescue", and promoted the importance of managing our natural resources sustainably and the role of science to help achieve this.



Activities

Students were involved in an array of exciting, hands-on activities based around the themes of science and sustainability. Activity topics included:

- Biodiversity and native animals
- Weeds and Pests
- Water quality
- Water use efficiency
- Indigenous science
- Entomology
- Catchment issues
- Renewable energy

High school students participated in a property planning field day at a local property outside Goondiwindi, where they carried out a range of activities related to real-life property management. Primary students conducted a variety of plant identification and biodiversity surveying activities at the Goondiwindi Botanic Gardens.

A community dinner and family science show was held on the Tuesday evening, where community members heard presentations from inspiring speakers, including Her Excellency Ms Penelope Wensley, AO, Governor of Queensland, and saw the exciting side of science with Dr Joel Gilmore from the University of Queensland Physics Troupe.





Supporters

This year's event was made possible through funding from the Australian Government's National Science Week grants, the Queensland Government's Q150 Community Funding grants, the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal and Heritage Building Society.

The Forum was also well supported by local businesses, individuals and organisations. We greatly appreciated the support we received.

Supporters included:

- Waggamba, Inglewood and Granite Borders Landcare groups
- Queensland Department of Natural Resources and Water
- Queensland Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries
- New England TAFE
- University of Queensland Physics Troupe
- Euraba Paper Mill
- Queensland Museum
- Cotton Catchment and Communities CRC
- Farmgate Butcher and Providore
- The Goondiwindi Co-op
- Baitsy's Bakery
- Goondiwindi Rotary
- Tait Toyota
- Goondiwindi Rugby Union Club
- Beaufort
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