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Dairy farmer says climate affects flora

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on residents to help scientists across the globe data available for scientists to apply to their study the impact of climate change on the research."

record data from their own backyards.

Mrs Strong said by observing and recording which plants were flowering, when frogs started calling and what birds and wildlife occurring.

"We've noticed flame trees are blooming you barbecue," Mrs Strong said. earlier than usual and so are jacarandas," she

"I'm encouraging people to go to the Information: www.landcareonline.com.au climate watch website and become climate or www.cloverhilldairies.com.au

"It's definitely getting warmer and this is what scientists want to learn. We tend to have more extreme events.3

Earthwatch Australia executive director Richard Gilmore said climate change was affecting rainfall and temperatures across Australia and as a consequence flowering times, breeding cycles and migration movements were changing.

"Scientists have identified an urgent need for large-scale data gathering to assess how biological systems are responding to climate change," Mr Gilmore said.

Jamberoo dairy farmer Lynne Strong is calling hope to significantly increase the amount of

Mrs Strong knows how important it is to Residents are urged to monitor, collect and look after the environment and be aware of the surroundings having won the 2010 Woolworths Primary Producer Award at the National Landcare Awards.

"We will be partnering Illawarra Landcare were abundant in backyards, scientists could and will be inviting the community to plant understand what seasonal variations were flame trees on our property during Landcare Week (September 6-13) and having a thank

Climate watchers must register.



Weather watcher: Jamberoo dairy farmer "By partnering with Landcare Australia, we active approach in monitoring the climate. Lynne Strong wants residents to take an