

# Media Release



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## 2009 FEATURE EXHIBITOR AT THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL FIELD DAYS

The Central West and Lachlan Catchment Management Authorities (CMAs) are proud to be the feature exhibitor at the 2009 Australian National Field Days (ANFD) to be held over three days in Orange from the 20 to 22 October 2009.

This year's ANFD theme is '*Changing Agriculture in a Changing Environment*'. The feature exhibit will concentrate on the challenges and impacts placed on agriculture and the environment and how to better prepare and adapt to meet these changes.

Tom Gavel, Chairman of the Central West CMA, said, "It is a great honour for CMA's to be invited as the guest feature exhibitor at this year's ANFD. We are currently in our fifth year of operation and this opportunity presents us with an ideal venue to engage with farmers and the wider community on issues facing our environment."

The exhibit will highlight how the CMA supports and works in partnership with land managers, the agricultural industry, other agencies and the wider community to meet the challenges of a changing environment.

The CMA exhibition will provide visitors with an interactive experience full of activities, practical demonstrations and eye catching material. The display will house material covering our four themes of land, water, biodiversity and communities along with the range of Best Management Practice Guides and manuals specifically tailored to the central west.

Central West CMA staff and community representatives will be available to talk to you about a range of natural resource management issues and project opportunities, including native vegetation, biodiversity, soils, water, monitoring and cultural heritage management.

A demonstration soil pit will be outside the pavilion manned by both the Central West and Lachlan CMAs soil gurus who encourage all landholders to bring along their soil samples for analysis and discussion.

Also Michael Inwood's innovative electric Mitsubishi Triton ute will be on display to demonstrate low energy cropping by the sun. This is a fine example of farmers looking at ways to work with nature to improve and advance their land management and energy saving practices. Michael will be available to field inquiries and put his ute hooked up to a Agrowplow disc-seeder to work over the three days.

So come along to visit this years ANFD feature exhibitor, as there are lots of attractions, demonstrations, interactive games, water quality analysis, a great competition with CMA staff on hand to assist you. There will certainly be something there to captivate everyone's interest.

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