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BEST PRACTICE GUIDES FOR CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT IN CENTRAL WEST

Many questions about the best ways to sustainably manage properties in the Central West can now be answered with the release of a series of information manuals from the Central West Catchment Management Authority (CMA).

Central West CMA Board member, Reg Kidd, today launched the Best Management Practice Guides for the Central West catchment on a property outside of Orange.

Mr Kidd said that the Best Management Practice Guides provide the most up to date information about managing the natural resources in the central west catchment area.

"The Best Management Practice (BMP) Guides are essential reading for anyone who takes catchment management and sustainable production seriously," said Mr Kidd.

"The wide range of topics covered include the management of native vegetation, biodiversity, soils, perennial species and land capability, just to name a few."

A series of case studies also outline the economic benefits of undertaking no tillage farming for a number of specific locations in the Central West.

The launch, held at John Blunt's property "Merungie", provided a good example of best management practice in action. Mr Blunt was awarded the Individual Landcare Awards at the State Landcare Awards in 2007 in recognition for his management practices on his farming operation in recent years.

"I encourage all land managers, students and anyone interested in catchment management to utilise this great range of educational publications about the best practices for sustainable management," said Mr Kidd.

The range of Best Management Practice guides, manuals and fact sheets are available for purchase in hardcopy or free to download from the Central West CMA's website. The entire suite of documents is also available on a free CD Rom.

For further information, downloads and order forms, visit www.cw.cma.nsw.gov.au or contact your local CMA office.

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