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THREE OUT OF THREE AIN'T BAD

For the third time in a row, the prestigious Murray Darling Association Environment Foundation Travelling Bursary has been won by a staff member from the Central West Catchment Management Authority (CMA).

Central West CMA Catchment Officer, Bruce Christie who works from our Mudgee office has been successful in winning the Travelling Bursary for 2009.

Bruce has worked in the field of natural resource management for the past 10 years offering valuable technical advice, expertise and project support to land managers in the Mudgee district.

Chairman of the Central West CMA, Tom Gavel said, "This is a great honour for the CMA to be victorious again, winning this invaluable Bursary three times in a row".

"I would like to congratulate Bruce and wish him all the best in his quest to experience other Basin areas and explore new ideas and practices that will lead to increasing the CMA's capacity and assist in best management practice in our catchment."

The Murray Darling Association Environment Foundation Travelling Bursary is an initiative of Murray Darling Association that aims to improve, maintain and restore the land and water resources of the Basin.

"I am really excited about the opportunity as it enables me to look outside the central west catchment at landmanagers who manage highly productive properties while also improving resilience in their ecological environment," Bruce said.

"I will be targeting my visits to high rainfall areas such as the Glenn Innes and Victoria where there are strong pressures to remain agriculturally productive into the future.

CMA staff members from four States competed for the Travelling Bursary that supports the winner to visit other areas within the Murray Darling system, to engage with rural and remote communities, to gather information on how they deal with natural resource management issues.

The Travelling Bursary was presented to Bruce Christie by Ken Rogers, Chairman of the Murray Darling Association Region 10, at a ceremony held in Dubbo.

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