

What's On in March?



Do you have an email address?

To produce a hard copy of 'What's on' we are using the equivalent of 3 trees per month so if you have internet access and are still receiving 'What's on' in the post, please forward your email details to cw@cma.nsw.gov.au

Watersmart Expo

What does the FUTURE hold?

Narromine Aero Club

Mitchell Highway, Narromine

March 6 & 7, 2009

Two days of exhibitors, seminars, field trips and educational activities. Topics include: Engaging the community in water savings, Getting the most value out of water – farming and rotation systems to generate profit, Managing agricultural businesses in a variable climate, Waterwise gardens, Managing water from pump to paddock and funding opportunities for water savings activities. There is also a dinner being held on Friday night. **For more information please contact:** Jessica Brown on 6881 3412 or 0438 128 966

Getting Excited about Farming in 2009

A bus trip to the Northwest of NSW with Parkes & District Landcare, Central West CMA & Lachlan CMA

Come and get reinvigorated about farming – leave the drought, grasshoppers and climate change to one side for now and see what they're doing up North! A registration fee of just \$60 takes care of all your needs for 3 days except for 2 lunches.

When: March 10, 11, & 12

For more information: Nina Hooper 0447 452 362

Farming Systems Bus Trips

Bus tours of Wellington district, Bathurst, Narromine & Coonabarabran

Over the next 3 months the Central West CMA will be looking at innovative farming systems. The 2 day tours will include a dinner and guest speakers.

When & Where: March 26 & 27 - **Wellington area**, April 29 & 30 - **Narromine & Coonabarabran**, May 14 & 15 **Bathurst**. **For more information please call** Colleen Farrow on 6372 8906

Water Bug Surveys

Water Bug Surveys will be run during the week of March 16th – 20th. To get more information or to sign up your school or group please contact **Adam Watt on 6881 3408 or 0437 677 705**
Email: adam.watt@cman.nsw.gov.au

Biodiversity in Agricultural Landscapes

How do we maximize the benefits of biodiversity in our farming systems? Come along and find out.

Little River Landcare Group Inc & Wambangalang Environmental Education Centre (WEEC) have an informative and hands on day planned. Topics include David Goldney – State of Biodiversity in the Central West, Practical ecology & bushland management, Grassy Box Woodlands, Saving the Bush Stone Curlew, Variability for a healthy landscape, Managing biodiversity and Biodiversity on the doorstep. Hands on activities include making bird nesting boxes, plant identification, fauna talks, conservation farming equipment, native plant sales and various static displays.

When: Wednesday March 11, 2009

Where: Wambangalang Environmental Education Centre Obley Rd. Dubbo.

Time: 9am – 4:30pm

Cost: Little River Landcare members – Free, \$20 for non-members

Provided: Teas and BBQ lunch

RSVP essential: Wednesday March 4th, 2009 to 6846 4569 or email:

admin@littleriver-landcare.org.au

Principle Focus

**Cell Grazing Focus Course
Dubbo**

This course has now been approved for funding under the FarmReady Program. Funds will be available to cover course costs, as well as excess travel, childcare and accommodation.

When: March 24 - 27

Where: Dubbo

More Information: call 1800 631 695 or 6658 0775

Email: info@principlefocus.com.au

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Central West CMA Champions of the Catchment

The second round of Champions is now open.

Champions are individuals, groups and schools who care for our natural resources and work towards a better future. The Central West CMA would like to recognise the work that is being done in our region and these awards are a wonderful opportunity to share your experience, dedication and story.

Four of our Champions were finalists in the NSW State Landcare Awards in 2007 and two Champions John Blunt, Individual Landcare Award and Orange City Council for Local Government Partnerships Award were finalists at the National Landcare Awards in 2008. You don't have to be a member of Landcare to be a Champion of the Catchment, download a nomination form and nominate your group, neighbour or friends.

Champions of the 8 categories will receive \$2000 and also be automatically nominated for the NSW State Landcare Awards in September at Port Macquarie; second prize will receive \$1000.

Categories include:

- Individual Landcare Award
- Aboriginal Community Group
- Community Landcare Award
- Local Government Partnerships Award
- Education Award
- Primary Producer
- Rivercare Award
- Bushcare Award

Applications close on April 17th, 2009 and are now available on our website:

www.cw.cma.nsw.gov.au

For further information please contact Liz Davis on 6363 8603 or 0427 452 662

Introduction to Permaculture Courses - Bathurst

Milkwood Permaculture will be running introduction courses in April, June and September at Rahamin EcoLearning Centre in Bathurst. Rahamin is a former nunnery moving towards being a vibrant community eco-learning resource, and the courses here will involve actively planning sections of the grounds. There is an on-site accommodation option for these courses, which is an utter bargain.

For more information go to:

<http://www.milkwoodpermaculture.com.au/courses>

Diary Dates



6th & 7th March: Watersmart Expo – Narromine Aero Club. Seminars, exhibitors, educational activities & Field Trip For further information contact Jessica Brown on 6881 3412 or 0438 128 966

10th, 11th & 12th March: Getting Excited about Farming in 2009. Parkes District Landcare bus tour to Northern NSW. For more information contact Nina Hooper on 0447 452 362

11th March: Biodiversity in Agricultural Landscapes, Wambangalang Environmental Education Centre, Obley Rd. Dubbo. To book or for more information call 6846 4569

16th – 20th March: Water Bug Surveys call Adam Watt on 6881 3408 or 0437 677 705

24th 27th March: PrincipleFocus – Cell GracingFocus course - Dubbo For further information call 1800 631 695 or 6658 0775

26th & 27th March: Central West CMA Farming Systems dinner & tour – Wellington district. For further information and to contact Colleen Farrow on 6372 8906

Useful Links

www.florabank.org.au

National Association for Sustainable Agriculture
www.nasaa.com.au

Caring for our Country
www.nrm.gov.au/index.html

National Vegetation Information System
<http://www.nvionment.gov.au/erin/nvis/index.html>

Native Vegetation and Biodiversity R&D Program
<http://www.lwa.gov.au/nativevegetation>

Climate Magazine
<http://lwa.gov.au/products/PN22056>

Mapping Priorities
www.brs.gov.au/mcass

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Money Matters

Coles Community Support

Coles is committed to supporting causes that are important to our customers and communities. Through the Store Community Support program, we aim to aid local charities and organisations whose cause addresses issues and activities relating to health, education and the environment. To apply for support, go to this site and fill out application form and hand it in to the store manager of your local supermarket store.

<http://www.coles.com.au/about/community/support/>

Small Grants for Small Rural Communities Program

A small grants program for small rural Australian communities will offer about \$850,000 to benefit people in rural and remote communities. Currently applications that support the following areas of interest will be given preference: Community development involving Youth, Resettlement of immigrants in rural Australia, Community Infrastructure and Community hardship in drought effected areas. There are two rounds of Small Grants per year. Closing dates are March 31st and September 30th. For more information visit:

www.frrr.org.au

Ian Potter Foundation

The Ian Potter Foundation is one of Australia's leading private philanthropic organisations. The Foundation has a track record of funding projects led by far sighted individuals and organisations that improve the Australian community's ability to respond creatively to social, environmental, science and health issues, and that develop our capacity as a nation through the arts and education. For more information and various closing dates visit:

http://foundation.ianpotter.org.au/how_to_apply.htm

Norman Wettenhall Foundation Grants

An environmental organisation, the Norman Wettenhall Foundation's objective is to support projects that enhance or maintain the vitality and diversity of the Australian natural living environment. Your project has to be primarily about the preservation of Australian biodiversity

The Foundation has funded projects ranging from supporting local communities to maintain or restore habitat; to the production of education kits; and the publication and widespread dissemination of research information essential to species preservation.

Projects that involve collaboration with a number of partners across a region are of special interest. These multi-stakeholder projects are the ones we believe are most likely to have a long term effect and to most widely spread knowledge and understanding. <http://www.nwf.org.au/index.html>

Closing Dates are: Tuesday 31st March 2009, Tuesday 30th June 2009 and Wednesday 30th September 2009

NRMA Community Grants Program

NRMA support programs in the community grants category that raise awareness and/or promote actions to combat climate change. Programs that focus on areas such as renewable energy and carbon reduction will also be considered.

Examples include programs that promote reducing emissions in vehicles, households and businesses, as well as programs which focus on areas such as renewable energy and carbon reduction. For more information : <http://www.nrma.com.au>

Junior Landcare Grants Program

Through the Junior Landcare Grants Program, any school or organisation that would like to be involved Landcare projects. The program targets major issues relevant to our natural environment including: Water quality/conservation, waste reduction/recycling, school gardens, biodiversity and land. Most project applications will be expected to have a value of \$500 to \$1000.

Closing dates for 2009 are: March 6th, May 15th, August 7th, and October 23rd.

For more information go to:

www.landcareonline.com/funding_opportunity_details.asp?fo_id=6

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We're on the web: www.cw.cma.nsw.gov.au



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