

# What's On in April?



## 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](mailto:cw@cma.nsw.gov.au)

## 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 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and are now available on our website: [www.cw.cma.nsw.gov.au](http://www.cw.cma.nsw.gov.au)  
For further information please contact Liz Davis on 6363 8603 or 0427 452 662

## Farming Systems Bus Trips Bus tours of Bathurst, Narromine & Coonabarabran Districts

Over the next 2 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:** April 29 & 30 - **Narromine & Coonabarabran**, May 14 & 15 **Bathurst**.

**For more information please call** Colleen Farrow on 6372 8906

## Bell River Field Day

**When:** Wednesday 6 May 2009, 9.30am – 4.30 pm

**Where:** Molong (venue to be confirmed), with bus trip to field sites in the afternoon

### Agenda:

Talks in the morning

- *Brief Overview of Hassall's Bell River Plan*,
- *River Styles* by Clayton Miller (CW CMA)
- *Ecosystems/biodiversity/soil health/riparian health* by Professor David Goldney.
- Natural Sequence Farming and his learnings to date by Paul Newell (farmer, NSF action researcher at Ganowindra).

Light lunch supplied. Afternoon - Field visit to Bell River site(s), followed by a wrap up back in Molong. **RSVP:** Marita Sydes, Central Tablelands Landcare Coordinator 0429 79 780 or 0429979780 [maritasydes@bigpond.com](mailto:maritasydes@bigpond.com) by COB Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2009 for catering and transport arrangements. Mobile: 0429 979 780

## Riparian Issues Bus Trip Mudgee

Two bus trips to look at water quality, river processes health and to offer landmanagers cost effective strategies to address riparian issues on the Pipeclay Creek, Mudgee and Talbragar Rivers, Dunedoo.

**When:** 6<sup>th</sup> April 2009 Pipeclay Creek, Mudgee 9.00am till 4.00pm rsvp 1st April  
1<sup>st</sup> May Talbragar River, Dunedoo 9.00 till 4.00pm rsvp 27th April

Catering and bus transport included.

Rsvp to Bruce Christie 6372 8909 or email [bruce.christie@cma.nsw.gov.au](mailto:bruce.christie@cma.nsw.gov.au)

## Soil Health Workshop Soil Carbon and Biology Workshops Introduction to Soil Biology Not many places left so book soon.

**When:** 29<sup>th</sup> – 30th April 2009

Day 1 Soil Carbon

Day 2 Soil Biology

**Where:** Wambangalang Environmental Education Centre, Obley Rd.

**Contact:** John Lawrie [john.lawrie@cma.nsw.gov.au](mailto:john.lawrie@cma.nsw.gov.au) or phone (02) 68407804

## Grain and Graze Meeting

We are planning 1 day workshops for private agronomists, farmers and CMA staff to share the result produced by the Grain and Graze project. Within the CW there will be three workshops

**When:** 9:00am -4:00pm, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009 **Gilgandra** 30<sup>th</sup> April and May 12<sup>th</sup> at **Grenfell** for private agronomists, CMA staff and Farmers. Please express your interest to which venue you will like to attend.

**Contact:** Elizabeth Makonnen 02 68808056

[elizabeth.makonnen@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:elizabeth.makonnen@dpi.nsw.gov.au)

## Survive in Style

### Free seminar

Sponsored by NSW Department of Primary Industries the day will feature Sandra Martin, encouraging women to invigorate their self image by creating their own style.

**When:** Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 9.00am sharp and finishes at 3.30pm.

**Where:** CWA Rooms, Wingerwarra Street DUBBO  
Tickets are available by contacting Pip Brown at DPI on 0429 396697 or emailing [pip.brown@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:pip.brown@dpi.nsw.gov.au).

**Morning tea and a delicious lunch are included.**

## Murder Under The Microscope 2009

**Murder under the Microscope is an online environmental game for school students**

for years 5 -10, typically aged 9 -14 years. Teams of students will research and analyse the "crime", and submit a plan to protect the environment.

**When:** 29<sup>th</sup> April Catchment Headquarters online for registration.

**Where:** [www.microscope.edu.au](http://www.microscope.edu.au)

**Other Dates:** 6<sup>th</sup> May Crime Sites Listed, 4<sup>th</sup> June Accusations, 5<sup>th</sup> June Investigation winners listed, 9<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> June Submissions open for plans, 7<sup>th</sup> July Plan Winners Listed

## Soil Solutions Workshop

*Presented by David Hanlon*

This two day workshop provides a uniquely holistic insight into the interrelationships between soil fertility production and economics

**Date:** 7 & 8 April, 2009

**Time:** 8.30am – 5pm

**Venue:** Trangie Bowling Club and field trip

**Cost:** This course is valued at \$595 p/p but has been funded by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry and will cost \$50 (including a handbook and lunch, am/pm teas on Day 1).

**RSVP:** Please contact Kirsty (02) 68 887 778 or [m2100@bigpond.com](mailto:m2100@bigpond.com) before April 1, 2009

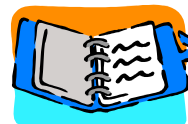
**BYO:** Lunch and chair on Day 2

## Stress free stockmanship

### Goolma/Footprint area on the 4-5th May

This is a two day course in advanced animal husbandry showing the full theory and practice of Stress Free Stockhandling methods. To RSVP contact Colleen Farrow on 63728906.

## Diary Dates



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### 16<sup>th</sup> April: Grain and Graze Meeting

Contact Elizabeth MaKonnen (02) 68808056 or [elizabeth.makonnen@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:elizabeth.makonnen@dpi.nsw.gov.au)

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### Points of Interest:

- The National Farmers federation says 40% of the farming sector will now come under the new Fair Work Bill. The NFF is urging farmers to get up to speed on the new code, so they have all the right paper work intact before they dismiss any worker.
- Australia's first men's health policy is being developed in Canberra.
- This year has special significance for Landcare Australia as it marks the 20th anniversary of its founding.

# Money Matters

## NSW Environmental Trust Annual Grants

The NSW Environmental Trust Grants are now open for Community Groups, Eco- Schools, Protecting our Places, Environmental Restoration & Rehabilitation and Environmental Research. There are various closing dates. For more information go to:

[www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants)

## NSW Climate Change Funding Department of Environment & Climate Change

Round 2 of the NSW Climate Change Fund has opened for applications with up to \$40,000 for not for profit community organisations to make the facilities they use more water and energy efficient. Applications close Thursday 30 April 2009. Full details at:

<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/ccfpf.htm>

## 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/>

## 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:** May 15<sup>th</sup>, August 7<sup>th</sup>, and October 23<sup>rd</sup>. For more information go to:

[www.landcareonline.com/funding\\_opportunity\\_details.asp?fo\\_id=6](http://www.landcareonline.com/funding_opportunity_details.asp?fo_id=6)

## 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 date is for the second round of funding closes September 30<sup>th</sup>. For more information visit: [www.frrr.org.au](http://www.frrr.org.au)

## 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 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>

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