

What's On in August?



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

Water Monitoring in the Central West

Do you travel past a river, creek or wetland as you go about your day?
Have you ever wondered how the quality of the water in your part of the world impacts the catchment as a whole?

Have you got a spare 5 minutes once a month?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then you can help us develop a picture of water quality right across the catchment and the country.

The Central West CMA is looking for volunteers to monitor water quality.

We provide the kits and the training. All we ask for is 5 minutes a month to take some simple measurements. It's a great way to get friends and family involved in helping to care for the environment.

Your information will help us to make sure we're spending money where the environment needs it most. If you are interested in being involved or would like more info call ring Bruce Christie on 6372 8909 or 0429 986434.

Nyngan Ag Expo

Nyngan Ag Expo will be held on 2nd August at the Nyngan showground. Stop in at our stand and see how you can make a difference in the home, paddock, community and catchment

CRT Women's Symposium

Friday 12th September, "Mamre Farm", Parkes
CRT's annual Women's Symposium and this year it will take place between Parkes & Peak hill on Mamre Farm. The guest speakers include Lyn Sykes, Jacqueline Pascarl, Julie Cross, Dawn Farser & Kathy Bendall. Cost is \$50 and they provide free transport. For further information, contact CRT Dubbo and speak with Kennedy Tourle. Places are limited, so get in quickly!

Mapping and Analysing NRM Groups

Are you part of an active industry, NRM or environmental group in the Central West? Is your group involved in the management of our natural resources? The Central West CMA is keen to hear from you!

The Central West CMA is currently developing a comprehensive "map" of groups in the catchment that are active in managing natural resources. The map will help the CMA:

- better understand the interests and needs of groups in the region, and how they may more effectively support groups;
- improve their approach to communicating with groups and landholders; and
- Identify opportunities to work with groups in the future.

GHD Hassall is assisting the Central West CMA to develop the map, and the project team will be conducting surveys of groups during July, August and September.

The project team is keen to hear from interested parties such as Landcare (town and rural), sustainable grazing and sustainable agriculture groups.

Keen to be involved? Send a message to the "Mapping and Analysing NRM Groups" project team that includes:

- Your name
- Your contact details (phone number, mobile number, email address, postal address)
- The name of your group or organisation

Email: dbomail@ghd.com.au

Fax: 02 6884 6249

Post: PO Box 1052, Dubbo NSW 2830 OR

For more information, contact the GHD Hassall Team:
Jack Knowles - 02 6270 0209
Ian Foreman - 02 6884 6250

Central West CMA Conference 'Partners towards a Healthy Catchment'

WHERE: Wellington RSL Club
WHEN: 3rd and 4th September
WHAT: Central West CMA are holding a conference to showcase on-ground projects which have been achieved over the last 5 years. Landholders and local experts will present information regarding their projects covering Water, Land, Community and Biodiversity Projects. Entry to the conference is free and includes a field trip on the afternoon of the 3rd and a Dinner on the evening of the 3rd. A program will be released in the near future.

Asia Today 2008 – Sheep & Lamb to Asia

Thursday 14th August 2008, Cowra

Guest speakers on the day will include & cover:
MLA – Present & future markets, requirements of Asian Markets, DPI – Vertical integration, product specification and breeding, Australian Farm Institute – Opportunities under carbon trading, The Grains Industry – Feeding lambs or bio fuel? AJ Bush – Supplying the right lamb Top Cut – Getting the right cuts
Lunch & refreshments provided free to registered participants.

RSVP essential by the 8th August 2008. To 63608413 or Christine@centralwest.com

"Women in the Landscape" Forum

Saturday 30th August, Yeoval

The Little River Landcare Group Women's Forum will have some outstanding speakers, with the special guest for the day being Dr. Lisa Anderson who will share her incredible life experience. Lisa was commissioned to go to the Arctic and do a series of photographs demonstrating the impacts of climate change on the Polar Regions. While there, Lisa discovered a lump in her breast and was forced to perform self surgery. Lisa has just returned from Paris, where she was asked to do a public exhibition of her graphic work.

Other wonderful speakers include Meg Strang of ABC Radio, Deb Bain the founder of the National Farm Day program, Mikla Lewis who specializes in Grassy Box Woodlands with the Lachlan Catchment Management Authority, Colette Mills who moved to Australia from Africa and is a qualified psychologist & Wendy Barrett who is a landscape designer who is passionate about gardening that can handle climate change & being self sustaining.

To add to this great event, we will have a photographic exhibition titled 'change'. All entries are welcome. We will also be participating in the world record breaking attempt to create the longest chain of bras in the world. If the record is broken (111km's) all funds donated will be given to the McGrath Foundation, who supports breast cancer sufferers. So bring along your old bras to donate to this great cause!!

LRLG members will be free & non-members will cost \$20. Lunch and teas will be provided.

RSVP essential before the 22nd August to 02 68464569

Financial Assistance for Farming Families

Farming families who are experiencing financial hardship can apply for assistance from either the Country Women's Association, or from the NRMA Community Help Program.

CWA – Ph: 02 93582923

NRMA Community Help – 1800 050 585

The NRMA program will also cover costs involved with improving your business resilience during difficult periods. This could involve access to professional advice and training; assistance in decision making, etc.

"Keep It Sane Stupid"

Friday 1st August, Wellington

Mid Macquarie Landcare is hosting a dinner to raise awareness of mental health issues in our community. This free dinner and drinks will include guest speakers Rob & Julie Anderson of Gunnedah, locals Katie Barton & Stephen Kiss, Dr Ian Spencer and comedian Murray Horton.

RSVP essential by the 25th July to 02 63696272 or GAVEL@bigpond.com

Diary Dates



30th-31st July 2008: Young Farmers' Forum
Olympic Park, Sydney
Further info: Sam Gunn on 02 68962244.

1st August: "Keep It Sane Stupid", Wellington
RSVP essential by the 25th July to 02 63696272 or GAVEL@bigpond.com

2nd August: Nyngan Ag Expo, Nyngan

14th August: Asia Today 2008 – Sheep & Lamb to Asia
Cowra
Further info: 63608413 or Christine@centralwest.com

20th August: The Orange School's Farm Planning
Competition

30th August: "Women in the Landscape" Forum, Yeoval

3rd & 4th Sep: CW CMA Conference, Wellington

12th Sep: CRT Women's Symposium, Parkes

Money Matters

Photo8 Competition

Your Place in the Central West is this year's theme for the Central West Catchment Management Authority's Photo Competition. Entries are required to illustrate what living in the central west means to you. By place we mean your place in the landscape, your place in the community, your place in farming or industry, your place in culture and heritage and your place in managing natural resources.

There is \$6000 worth of prizes up for grabs and your entry must be received by Friday, September 12, 2008 to the Dubbo office. For more details contact one of our Central West CMA offices or visit our website: www.cw.cma.nsw.gov.au

Central West CMA Cultural Heritage Incentives

The Cultural Heritage Incentive is to provide assistance to land managers to conserve, restore and manage the cultural resources on their land. Activities funded under the program can be negotiated on a site by site basis. Applications will be assessed on merit; however, preference will be given to on ground activities linked with other CMA incentives and/or programs. For further information or obtain applications please contact your local Central West CMA office or visit our website: www.cw.cma.nsw.gov.au

Central West CMA Biodiversity Incentives

The Central West CMA Biodiversity Program is designed to assist land managers to undertake works which will have selected Biodiversity outcomes (aquatic & terrestrial) including ecosystem outcomes. Incentives are available until all funds have been committed. Eligible works include:
Projects that will improve management of High Conservation Value habitat for biodiversity outcomes.
Projects that address Priority Action Statements of Species Recovery Plans for priority species, populations or communities.
Projects that maintain or enhance in stream habitat.
Projects that address management actions for Central West CMA priority pest animals.
Applications are available on our website: www.cw.cma.nsw.gov.au or contact your local CMA office for more information. Applications close September 30, 2008.

Australia's Farming Future Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF)

Australia's Farming Future is one of the Australian Government's key initiatives for primary industries. It provides \$130 million over four years to help primary producers adapt and respond to climate change. Australia's climate is changing over time and this can be seen in the differences we are experiencing in rainfall, temperature and extreme events. Climate change is global and challenges how we go about farming.

The objective of Australia's Farming Future is to equip primary producers to adapt and adjust to the impacts of climate change. The initiative comprises three components which support research and development projects, communication and awareness activities, training, advice and assistance for those who choose to leave farming: **Climate Change Adaptation Partnerships Program** - to increase the understanding of climate change impacts and improve on-farm preparedness. **Climate Change and Productivity Research Program** - to undertake research on managing emissions and adaptation and **Climate Change Adjustment Program** - to provide primary producers with professional advice, training and adjustment assistance. For more information visit DAFF at: www.daff.gov.au

Dilmah Water Quality Funding

The Grants Program is an initiative of Landcare Australia and its partner Dilmah Tea. Through the grants, landcare community groups and schools around Australia will now have better ability to monitor and improve the quality of their water in their local area. Grants of up to \$1,650 are up for grabs. Schools and community groups are able to apply for: Water quality testing kits for community groups and schools, Water quality testing training and Water quality testing kit consumables and additions

Australia Post Community Development Grant

Community groups, including local landcare groups across Australia, can now apply for yearly grants of up to \$3,300 to help improve their local community and environment. Closing date for round 2 is September 19th, 2008.

Junior Landcare Grants Program

Through the Junior Landcare Grants Program, any school or organisation that would like to involve their students in landcare projects, in conjunction with local landcare groups, can apply for grants to assist them with the cost of their projects. The program targets major issues relevant to our natural environment including: Water quality/conservation, waste reduction/recycling, School gardens, biodiversity and land. Applications close October 24, 2008. For more information on the above Landcare funding go to: www.landcareonline.com