

What's On in August?



No More Editions to be Sent by Post

Due to postage costs, this will be the last edition of What's On to be posted out to our mailing list. If you have internet access and have been receiving 'What's On' in the post, please forward your email details to cw@cma.nsw.gov.au Otherwise, you will be able to pick up the latest edition from your local CMA office.

Travel Grant to 2009 Landcare Catchment Management Forum

Central Tablelands Landcare is looking to sponsor a young Central Tablelands Landcare Ambassador to the State Forum in Port Macquarie on September 9 - 11

Sponsorship will include registration travel and accommodation costs to the value of \$800.

To be eligible you:

- Will be aged between 18 & 35 years
- Be studying or working in the field of natural resource management or farming in the Central Tablelands Landcare district (including Cudal, Blayney, Oberon, Bathurst, Orange and Molong)
- At the end of the forum you will be available to work as an ambassador for Landcare in your district, which may involve talking to school groups or Landcare groups in the district.

If you think this is you, please write in 50 words or less why we should sponsor you to attend the Landcare Forum. Send your application and contact details to the Central Tablelands Landcare Secretary – Robyn O'Bryan via email (robbyn2@bigpond.com) by COB Monday 10th August 2009. The successful ambassador will be notified on or before Friday 14th August. Further enquiries can be directed to Robyn on 6337 2415 or 0419 372 419.

The WetlandCare Australia National Art Competition

After a successful exhibition in Narromine, the winning entries will next be on display in Gilgandra. The theme for the competition is **'Wetlands Connect Us All'**. The exhibition includes the Children's Art (Senior) category that has been sponsored by the Central West CMA.

When: August 1 – 16, 2009

Where: Cooe Heritage Centre, Gilgandra.

23 PROfarm courses approved under FarmReady Reimbursement Grant

Primary producers, immediate family (over 18) and management level staff are eligible to apply for up to \$1500/person per financial year to attend FarmReady approved training.

Additional funding (capped at \$500/person/year) can be accessed for:

- meals (up to \$100/day),
- travel and accommodation (if more than 150km one way from the training site and the training starts before 9am, ceases after 5pm) and child-care costs (up to \$50 per child per day for up to 2 children and \$25 per additional child)

For more information on the FarmReady Reimbursement Grant go to www.farmready.gov.au

Wetland Plant Courses

A day with Geoff Sainty discussing wetland plants, particularly the species that are indigenous to our area. Learn planting techniques for the newly constructed wetlands at Wambangalang and propagation lessons with hints and techniques for the care of Wetland plants.

Where: Wambangalang Environmental Education Centre (30 km east of Dubbo)

When: 10th August 2009

Time: 9.30am - 3.30pm

For More Information & RSVP contact: Shona Whitfield on 6847 2923

shona.whitfield@cma.nsw.gov.au or

Bruce Christie on 6372 8909

bruce.christie@cma.nsw.gov.au for directions and catering requirements

Join Little River Landcare Group and Geoff Sainty for a day looking at wetlands and learning about the types of flora associated with different types of wetlands. Plant identification on site.

When: 11th August 2009

Time: 9.30 -3.30pm

Where: Yeoval

RSVP: Little River Landcare for directions and catering requirements on 6846 4569

'Macquarie @ Macquarie' Field Day

A one day event organised by DECC, to be held in the Macquarie Marshes. An open invitation has been issued to interested community members including Marsh landholders.

Proposed items are as follows:

- Bill Johnson to present about the *Macquarie Marshes Environmental Management Plan* (EMP) consultation process and 'where to from here' for the EMP
- NSW DPI Wetland Grazing Guidelines funded from the NSW Wetland Recovery Program – presentation of the guideline with possibly some field activities
- Night – BBQ, some presentations on specific topics relevant to the Marshes from a range of presenters.

When: 25th August 2009

Where: Macquarie Marshes

RSVP: Tim Hosking (DECC) 6883 5329, Mob. 0438 600 837, email tim.hosking@environment.nsw.gov.au

Narromine Business Management Grains Update

Narromine Business Management Grains Update for growers and advisers, to be held at the Narromine Aero Club, on Monday August 17th – starting at 9:00am with registration from 8:30am. Any help you can lend to spread the word to growers would be greatly appreciated.

There will be a top line up of speakers. If you would like more information, please contact Erica McKay on 02 9482 4930 or updaten@tpg.com.au.

Cost is \$45 pp and \$40 for second person per farm, this covers the costs of catering, venue and papers. To ensure we have sufficient catering and proceedings, we ask if people can RSVP to let us know they are coming. Payment is by cheque or cash only and cheques should be made payable to NSW Farmers Association.

When: 17th August 2009

Time: 8.30am

Where: Narromine Aero Club

RSVP: Erica McKay on 02 9482 4930 or updaten@tpg.com.au

Nature saving Nature Compost Conference

A program that demystifies the use of compost and provides plenty of useful information.

AUSTRALIAN SPEAKERS WITH AUSTRALIAN EXPERIENCE

Speakers Include:

Dr Pam Pittaway

Plant, soil, and microbial interaction specialist

Darren Fahey

Compost NSW Market and Industry Development Officer

Overview of the NSW Compost industry, the process, products benefits & future directions.

Ed Turner

Mudgee Composting Services

Thea Ridley

Microherders

Getting started with microscopes and why

PLUS: Katie Webster

Katie has been testing the use of composts in vineyards, orchards and vegetable crops over the past ten years and can provide much local knowledge on its use.

The programme will also include:

- On-site field work and demonstration at our compost area
- Panel Q & A session

Registration is \$66.00 (incl. GST) Includes lunch, morning & afternoon tea, and conference notes.

Registration will open soon. Register your interest in attending and you will be notified as soon as registrations open, www.arec.com.au

When: 30th September 2009

Time: 8.30 – 4.30pm

Where: AREC Cassilis Rd Mudgee

RSVP/Register: www.arec.com.au

Diary Dates



10th August: Wetland Plant Course

Where: Wambangalang Environmental Education Centre Obley Road

When: 9:30 – 3:30

11th August: Wetland Plant Course

Where: Yeoval – Little River landcare

When: 9:30 – 3:30

1st - 16th August: WetlandCare Art Competition

Where: Gilgandra

17th August: NBM Grains Update

Where: Narromine Aero Club

Contact: Erica McKay phone 9482 4930 or updaten@tpg.com.au

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Where: Macquarie Marshes

Contact: Tim Hosking, phone 6883 5329, tim.hosking@environment.nsw.gov.au

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Contact: www.arec.com.au

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Our Best Management Practices are now available on our website

www.cw.cma.nsw.gov.au

To order your copy contact us on

cw@cma.nsw.gov.au

Money Matters

Farm Ready Reimbursement Grants

FarmReady is the Australian Government's \$26.5 million program that boosts training and provides opportunities for industry, farming, and natural resource management groups to develop strategies to adapt and respond to climate change. The four year program offers two types of support to the agricultural, fishing and forestry sectors:

- FarmReady Reimbursement Grants for individual primary producers and Indigenous land managers to attend approved climate change training activities.
- FarmReady Industry Grants for industry organisations, primary producer and natural resource management groups to undertake projects to enable their members to adapt to the impacts of climate change.

FarmReady is a key component of Australia's Farming Future, the Australian Government's \$130 million flagship four-year initiative to improve productivity and help farmers manage climate change and climate variability.

How can I get involved?

To find out about courses registered with FarmReady, visit www.farmready.gov.au or phone the administrator on 1800 087 670. You can also register to receive free updates on the program through the FarmReady subscription list at www.farmready.gov.au.

Coles Community Support

Coles is committed to supporting causes that are important to our customers and communities. Through the Store Community Support program, Coles 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 Coles store.

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

Junior Landcare Grants Program

Junior Landcare is Landcare Australia's youth program, which aims to get kids actively involved in their environment and enable them to develop sustainable habits from a young age. It is a great, hands-on way to get kids connecting with and learning about nature, as well as encouraging them to get outdoors.

Coles Junior Landcare School Garden Grant

Up to \$1,000 - Schools and youth groups can apply for grants of up to \$1000 (ex GST) to create gardens in their school or community such as bush tucker gardens, waterwise gardens or vege gardens.

Yates Environmental Management Planning Grant

Up to \$1,000 - Schools and youth groups can apply for grants of up to \$1000 (ex GST) to undertake School Environmental Management Plans (SEMP) or to undertake works identified in an earlier SEMP

Closing Dates:

Round 3: Friday, 7th August

Round 4: Friday, 23rd October

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: 30th September 2009

Further information: www.frrr.org.au

Norman Wettenhall Foundation

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.

<http://www.nwf.org.au/index.html>

Closing Dates: Wednesday 30th September 2009.

Other sources of Support and funding

Check out Community Builders NSW for sources of support and funding for your group or community.

http://www.communitybuilders.nsw.gov.au/funding_funds/accessing/

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