



The Board and Staff of the Central West CMA would like to wish everyone a very safe and happy holiday season.

Mosaic Mapping

Find out about projects that have been funded by the Natural Heritage Trust and the NAP. Go to : www.nrm.gov.au and have a look at the projects in the Central West

Climate Change Information

A report of Climate Change released by CSIRO and Bureau of Meteorology on the most current and up to date research can be obtained on www.climatechangeinaustralia.gov.au

Spatial Information eXchange (SIX) Viewer

The SIX Viewer enables users to display and question a wide range of spatial (location based) information including aerial photography, satellite imagery, property, and geographic information.

<http://imagery.maps.nsw.gov.au/?role=mystate#>

What's On In December

"Restoring The Proud Bell"

Mid Macquarie Landcare is seeking expressions of interest for on ground works for the Bell River riverine corridor project "Restore the Proud Bell" funded by the National Landcare Program Community Support Component. Projects include: Fencing off areas of the Bell and alternative water, long stem tube stock and Native grass establishment. Individual or group projects will be considered. Expressions of Interest close December 17th, 2007. Contact Maryan Gavel, Project Manager on 63 696 272 fax: 63 696 298 or email: GAVEL@bigpond.com

Stockwise – Smart Decision Workshops

These workshops are being run across the region and are free. The workshops run for about 3 hours and will cover: Feeding and destocking strategies, Managing Livestock in confinement areas and drought support services.

December 18 at Totenham Golf Club, Bobadah Rd 10:30
December 19 at Trundel Golf Club, Austral st, Trundle at 10:30. For more information call: 1 800 628 422

Drought Law Forum

Free online information on the law for rural Australians. This forum is available to anyone affected by the drought and needing legal information. Post your question online and receive a response from a lawyer. For more info: www.rurallaw.org.au

Designing Water into the Landscape

This 3 day intensive earthworks course will teach you how to harvest, direct and retain water on any piece of land. The course is hands on with dams and water harvesting elements being constructed on site during the course. You will see the works at all stages of completion including newly surveyed and recently constructed dams of many types. T

Total cost of the course is \$485 and includes all course materials and morning & afternoon tea and lunch. To book or get more information contact Kirsten on 6373 7763 or go to:

www.milkwoodpermaculture.com.au

Diary Dates



December 5: *Stipa WeaLth Project, Grazing management, Nyngan*

Further Info: Angela on 6845 1044

December 6 & 7: *Yarn Up Bathurst Gold fields*

Further Info: call bev 6361 6990 or Gerald 6360 8170

December 8th: *Caring for Country Workshops, Gordon Centre, Dubbo.* **Further info:** call Eszter Kovacs on 9262 6989 or education@edo.org.au

December 18: *Stockwise Workshop Tottenham 10:30am*

December 19: *Stockwise Workshop at Trundle 10:30am*
Further Info call: 1800 628 422

Weed Management Guides

Two new weed management guides are now available on the Weeds CRC website – African Boxthorn and Coolatai grass. To access this information on managing these and other weeds visit

www.weeds.crc.org.au/publications/weed_man_guides.html#biodiversity

Caring for Country Workshops

When: Saturday 8th December 10am – 4 pm.

What: Free regional workshops providing practical information about environmental law for Aboriginal people.

Where: Gordon Centre, Spears Drive, Dubbo.

Further Info: Eszter Kovacs on 9262 6989 or education@edo.org.au

Upcoming Stipa WeaLth Project days

When: 5th December

What: Grazing Management

Where: Nyngan

Further Info: As places are limited please ensure to register your attendance as soon as possible. Contact Angela Roberts at the Stipa office on 02 6845 1044 or on 0424 228 725 or by email at angela.stipa@bigpond.com

Yarn up, working well with indigenous communities

When: Thurs 6th and Fri 7th December

What: Working with indigenous communities to strengthen people, culture, community advocacy and leadership, consulting respectively and engaging young families.

Where: Bathurst Goldfields, 428 Conrod Straight, Mt Panorama, Bathurst.

Further Info: Bev Hutchinson 6361 6990 or Gerald Power 6360 8170

Rangelands Australia – Short Course Series

When: Short courses will be held in rangeland regions subject to need and demand and at a mutually convenient time and location
What: These short courses are specially designed for: Land and asset managers, Facilitators and groups, Government advisors, consultants, Local Government, Training and service providers.

These courses include: Being heard as a stakeholder in the rangelands, Introduction to monitoring for management, Being in the rangelands for the long run – Balancing for economic, environmental and social outcomes, Success in Diversification, No Surprises in the Rangelands and Getting into Further Study – Insights, practices and tips for success in distance education. Minimum numbers apply.

Further Info: To register your interest in holding a short course for a group in your area, please contact Rangelands Australia 07 5460 1660 or rangelands@uqg.uq.edu.au

Grains Industry Bio-security Seminars

Key exotic crop pests held by Plant Health Australia. Participants will gain a better understanding of national plans for emergency crop pest and disease responses, existing national cost-sharing arrangements to reimburse affected growers, pest categorization and opportunities to maintain export market access for the grains industry. The main crop pests being covered are Karnal bunt, khapra beetle, phosphine-resistant stored grain insects, Russian wheat aphid, Hessian fly, Sunn pest, barley stripe rust and wheat stem rust Ug-99. Do you know how to identify these pests? Do you have a good understanding of their impact? Where Turners Vineyard, Orange, December 4th from 1:00 – 4:30

For more info: call Keith on 0447 851 801 or email: kdevenish@phau.com.au

Money Matters

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 to obtain applications please contact your local CMA office.

Central West CMA Biodiversity Program

The CW CMA Biodiversity Incentive Program is designed to assist land managers to undertake works that will have selected biodiversity outcomes.

Funding assistance is available for:

Projects that will improve management of High Conservation Value habitat for biodiversity outcomes

Projects that address Priority Action Statements or Species Recovery Plans for priority species, populations or communities

Projects that maintain or enhance instream habitat

Projects that address management actions for CWCMA priority pest animals

To apply contact your nearest Central West CMA office and ask for a Biodiversity Incentive application form or download the application from

www.cw.cma.nsw.gov.au

For further information please contact the Biodiversity team in Dubbo on 6881 3400.

Central West CMA Native Vegetation Incentives

The Central West CMA Native Vegetation Incentive Program is designed to assist landholders manage and restore native vegetation for productive, ecologically healthy landscapes. The program funds a diverse range of activities including Native Grasslands Grazing Management, Native Shrub Establishment for Pasture Enhancement, Remnant Vegetation Management, Revegetation, Riparian management and Innovations in Vegetation and Biodiversity. The Vegetation Program is open all the time, EOI forms and fact sheets are available from your local CMA office or www.cw.cma.nsw.gov.au or for further information please contact the CWCMA vegetation Team on 6881 3400.

On-Ground Implementation of Conservation Farming:

Incentive funding is available for soil testing. The soil testing incentive is to help land managers improve their soil knowledge and soil management skills. Included is a soil testing package so managers can find out about the current state of their soil's health, with an incentive to have soils tested to provide basis soil health information. **Application forms are available from www.confarming.org.au.** Further information: Wellington DPI Office on **02 6845 4438**, Parkes DPI Office on **02 6862 1000**, Wellington Central West Conservation Farming Association on **02 6845 1044** or your nearest CWCMA office.

National Landcare Program Sustainable Practices

Formerly known as the NLP Community Support program. The NLP will fund activities that significantly increase the uptake of sustainable production and other NRM practices, enhance knowledge and skills of natural resource managers and improve integration of NRM into management practices at the enterprise level. **For funding in 2008 - 09, projects will need to be developed and submitted on the project application form to a regional CWCMA office by COB 25/02/08. For more info, guidelines and application go to:**

<http://www.daff.gov.au/natural-resources/landcare/national-landcare-programme/sustpracs>

Green Vouchers for Schools

Primary and secondary schools are eligible to redeem a Green Voucher for an amount up to \$50,000 for rainwater tanks, solar hot water systems or both. **For more information go to:**

www.environment.gov.au/greenvouchers

Modernising Irrigation in Australia

Part of the \$5.9 billion Modernising Irrigation component of the \$10 billion National Plan for Water Security. On-Farm Irrigation Efficiency (Pilot Projects) Programme. Expressions of interest due December 10, 2007. Will cover cost of irrigation infrastructure that will improve the efficiency of agriculture-based irrigation. For more information go to:

www.environment.gov.au/water/programs/on-farm/index.html

Central West Catchment Management Authority
We're on the web:
www.cw.cma.nsw.gov.au

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What's On ...in December and Money Matters

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