

What's On in December?



Merry Christmas

The staff and Board of the Central West CMA would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and all the best for the New Year.

Making More from Sheep

Where: Condobolin ARAS

When: 9.30am-2pm 15 December 2008

More Info: This is a hands-on workshop for commercial flock wool and meat sheep breeders. You will take away the practical skills backed by the latest technology, to select rams that will breed the "best" progeny for your enterprise. FREE Workshop, Lunch provided. RSVP by 5th December

Contact: Yvette Potroz - NSW DPI - Ph 6850 2922
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Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems

The Central West CMA is seeking information from the community concerning sections of river, streams, creeks, springs or waterholes across the catchment that have retained flow or remained full over the past few years of drought.

While river regulation will account for water in some of these systems (the regulated Macquarie below Burrendong Dam and the Cudgegong River below Windamere) the presence of water in other places across the catchment during the past few years may indicate that these systems have a link to groundwater.

To let us know about these sections of river, streams, creeks, springs or waterholes, please contact Jessica Brown on 6881 3412 or jessica.brown@cma.nsw.gov.au giving a reasonably accurate description of location (GPS point, Lot and DP if on private land, nearest cross road, name if known etc)
The information you provide will be used to verify mapping that is being completed across the state looking at the importance of groundwater in maintaining some of our ecosystems and to direct incentive programs targeted at these areas into the future.

Ever wanted to learn more about identifying your local native plants, collecting their seed and propagating them for your own Landcare project?

Where: Orange TAFE

When: The first workshop will be run in the first weeks of December 2008; the other 5 workshops will be run in February - April 2009.

More Info: Central Tablelands Landcare, in conjunction with the Western Institute of TAFE (Orange), is in the unique position to be able to offer fully funded courses starting in early December 2008. These courses are open to anyone in the Central Tablelands Landcare District (you do not have to be a member of a Landcare group).

The courses are to be offered as a series of one day workshops covering topics in:

- Native tree, shrub and groundcover identification
- Seed collection and storage
- Plant propagation
- Revegetation

For further information or to book your place contact the Central Tablelands Landcare Coordinator Marita Sydes on 0429 979 780 or maritasydes@bigpond.com

Diary Dates



15th December: Making more from Sheep

Early December: Native Plants ID and propagation:

Further information and registration: Marita Sydes on 0429 979 780 or maritasydes@bigpond.com

6-7th March: Watersmart Expo

NSW Landcare Forum 2009

In September 2009 the Northern Rivers CMA, together with NSW Landcare are proud to be hosting the NSW Landcare Catchment Management Forum at the prestigious Glasshouse in Port Macquarie.

It is suggested that the general theme of the conference would be *“Celebrating 20 years of land care and land management”*

The Program Committee is looking for suggestions on the themes and content of the Forum and would like input from your Landcare group on the program for the Forum.

Please send your suggestions to Rod McKelvey at rodmckelvey@yahoo.com.au by December 31, 2008.

Central West CMA Champions of the Catchment 2009

Time to start thinking about nominations for Champions of the Catchment for 2009. Early in 2009 the Central West Catchment Management Authority will be launching the second round of Champions of the Catchment. Categories include: Individual, Community Groups, Education, Primary Producers, Local Government, Aboriginal Communities, Nature conservation and Rivercare.

Biodiversity on Farm

How can biodiversity help on your farm?

If you are looking for information about the value of conserving biodiversity on your farm, the Cotton CRC has some great fact sheet resources available on their website.

The easy to read fact sheets cover a range of topics which aim to show the value of biodiversity to farming systems.

http://www.cottoncrc.org.au/content/Catchment/Publications/Biodiversity/Biodiversity_fact_sheets.aspx

Watersmart 2009

Save the Date - Watersmart Expo 2009

Following the success of the inaugural Watersmart Expo held in Narromine earlier this year, the Central West CMA long with partners, will be holding the 2nd Watersmart Expo in Narromine at the Aero Club on Friday 6th and Saturday the 7th of March 2009.

The two day program will focus on delivering thought-provoking information on the future of water use in the Central West and beyond.

There will be seminars, an open forum, dinner, exhibitors and a schools program, as well as a number of field day events in the lead up in February.

If you are interested in more information about the program or to find out more about exhibitor or sponsorship opportunities, please contact Jessica Brown on 6881 3412 or jessica.brown@cma.nsw.gov.au

What's On & Money Matters 2009

What's On & Money Matters will commence again in February 2009. For those of you who receive an electronic version we will be emailing you a direct link to the monthly newsletter via our website

Rural Law On Line

Rural Law Online (www.rurallaw.org.au), a website project of the Victoria Law Foundation, has been funded by the Federal Department of FaHCSIA and supported by lawyers nationally, to provide a free online legal information service for rural Australians.

Access to accurate and independent legal information can be critical to making informed decisions in both our personal and business lives. For rural communities, access to legal information can be limited. As your organization deals with a rural population, your clients or members may benefit from this free service.

Money Matters

Central West CMA New Incentive Round!

The Central West CMA has launched a new incentive round on Tuesday the 21st of October at the Orange National Field Days. Funds are very limited and expressions of interest forms will be treated on a first in best dressed basis. All the information you need is available on the Central West CMA website, including the Expression of Interest Form. (www.cw.cma.nsw.gov.au)

Or, contact your local Central West CMA Office on the contact numbers on the last page of this newsletter.

There is funding available under the following programs:

Water Quality

Gully Stabilisation: Examples include: the control of active gully erosion and the restriction of stock from these areas to reduce sediment and nutrient movement downstream. (Only available in a specific catchment area).

Riparian Management: Examples include the control of active erosion and the restriction of stock access to creeks, rivers and gullies to reduce sediment and nutrient movement downstream. (Only available in a specific catchment area).

Wetland Conservation Management: Examples include controlling stock access in wetlands, providing alternative watering points, and undertaking an educational activity. (Available Catchment wide).

People and Community

Cultural Heritage: To provide assistance to land managers to conserve, restore and manage the cultural resources on their land. (Open to the entire catchment).

Small grants for groups: To help community groups carry out capacity building/ educational activities for Natural Resource Management (NRM), including small scale on-ground works that cannot be carried out under other Central West CMA incentive programs. (Open to the entire catchment).

Land

Manage and enhance Perennial Pastures: Examples of projects include fencing and or water infrastructure to help improve grazing management. Incentives will also be offered for landholders who need to complete Grazing Management Training as part of their project. (Available across the catchment in potentially erosive grazing landscapes, land Capability Classes 5 and 6).

Property Management Planning: To help landholders develop a farm plan. (Available Catchment Wide).

Rangeland water ponding: To help landholders and community groups reclaim scalded claypan soils with the use of conservation earthworks and establishment of perennial herbage in rangeland areas. (Only Available in rangeland areas).

Biodiversity and Vegetation

Biobanking conservation covenants: To reward those landholders who are committed to the idea of voluntarily negotiating a permanent agreement to manage land for conservation. (Open to the entire catchment).

Bushland Conservation Management: Examples include controlling stock access to improve the regeneration and habitat value of native vegetation and implementing actions for the recovery of threatened species in remnant vegetation. (Open to the entire catchment).

Australian Government's Box Gum Grassy Woodland Project

The Australian Government's Box Gum Grassy Woodland Project is now open to land managers in the Central West catchment. The Box Gum Grassy Woodland Project is part of the Australian Government's Caring for our Country - Environmental Stewardship initiative. Through a voluntary tender process the Australian Government will engage eligible land managers in long term (up to 15 years) contracts to manage Box Gum Grassy Woodland on their property. For further information phone 1800 552 008 or visit <http://www.nrm.gov.au/stewardship/box-gum/high-quality.html>.

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vibrant communities ... healthy landscapes
