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The Applied Grazing Course and Ruminant Nutrition Workshop

When: Next course – Dubbo, NSW. 4-7&8th Feb 2008

What: The AGC in an intensive 4 day course on the principles and practices of cell grazing including how to design, manage and control a grazing cell. The course taps into the combined knowledge of the group and summarises the collective experience of graziers throughout Australia. The Ruminant Nutrition Workshop concentrates on the basics of sheep and cattle nutrition, particularly in relation to seasons and feed production and quality.

Where: Dubbo

Further Info: 1800 356 004

If you are interested in a RCS course:

<http://www.rcs.au.com/calendar.html>

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

What's On In February

2008 Conservation Agriculture Field Day 'Covering our Future'

When: Thursday 21st February 2008

What: The field day is a partnership between CWCFA, CWFS and the NSW DPI. It combines the annual CWCFA field day in Wellington and the CWFS Machinery Field Day in Condobolin. The day will include; new disc & tine machinery, farmer converted machinery, control traffic & precision, agriculture equipment, spray technologies, soil pits, stubble management equipment, non-inversion tillage gear, conservation farming incentive, training & general information from the CMA's, NSW DPI & agribusiness.

Cost: CWFS & CWCFA Members - \$5, Non Members - \$15, students and kids - Free

Where: Condobolin – NSW Agricultural Research & Advisory Station (Previously held in Wellington).

Further Info:

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www.cwfs.org.au

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Dr Arden Andersen

When: Monday 11th February

What: Arden Andersen is a soil scientist, agricultural consultant and a physician. He specialises in the management of soils, crops and animals in a productive, profitable and economically sustainable way. He is a consultant on education, product formulation and market development, and a world authority in biological agriculture. He holds a BSc. in agricultural education and a PhD in biophysics and has medical degree.

Cost: \$150 per person, includes morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and work book. Payment required on booking.

Where: Coonabarabran Shire Hall

Further Info: Sandi Middleton on 0268427888 or quityawingin@activ8.net.au

Upcoming Stipa WeaLth Project days

When: Monday 4th Feb
What: Introduction to Grazing Management
Where: Coonamble RSL

When: Tuesday 5th Feb
What: Advanced Grazing Management
Where: Coonamble RSL

When: Tuesday 19th Feb
What: Pasture Identification and Management
Where: Carinda

When: Saturday 23rd Feb
What: The Road Ahead
Where: Orange

When: Tuesday 26th and
Wednesday 27th Feb
What: Advanced Pasture
Cropping
Where: Trangie Agriculture
Research Centre

When: Friday 29th Feb
What: Financial Planning
Where: Bathurst RSL

Cost: Cost of these workshops is free for financial Stipa Native Grasses Association members. Cost for non-members is \$75.00 which includes one year's subscription to Stipa. Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided at a cost of \$15.00 each per day.

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

Grains Research & Development Corporation – Grower Update

When: Tuesday 26th February
What: Topics to be covered include; Australia field trials on product efficacy, droplet size and nozzle type; Beating the spray cycle – IPM strategies for insect management in field crops; Finding grains information on the web; Enterprise mix, farming system, water use efficiency and profit; National strategies for dry and variable climates; Farming system design and water use efficiency; Barley agronomy research; Quantifying profit loss from crown-rot in different crops, varieties and environments; Baling crops.
Where: Trangie Research Station
Cost: \$35 pp & \$30 for second person per farm
Further Info: To register contact:
John Cameron 02 9482 4930
Garry Lane 02 6889 2200
Leigh Jenkins 02 6883 7100

Grains Research & Development Corporation – Consultant Update

When: Wednesday & Thursday 27th & 28th February
What: A range of topics will be covered over the 2 days including; Application technology; Disease; Integrated pest management, and numerous other talks from industry leaders.
Where: Dubbo
Cost: Varies depending on attendance.
Further Info:
Independent Consultants Australia Network (ICAN) Pty Ltd (ABN 48 069 548 287) PO Box 718, Hornsby NSW 1630
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RCS – Power of Engagement

When: Wednesday & Thursday 20th & 21st February
What: This **two-day course**, presented by RCS, is based on the very successful Negotiators Toolkit Seminar. It was developed by Allan Parker, author of “Switch on Your Brain”, “The Negotiators Toolkit”, and “Beyond Yes!” The Negotiator’s Toolkit Seminar has been conducted in many of Australia’s major Corporations and Government Agencies as well as organisations throughout Asia such as Microsoft, Exxon, Federal Express and Arab Malaysia Bank. It has also been conducted in London and at the Technical University of Budapest, Hungary
Where: Dubbo
Further Info:
Contact RCS – 1800 190 011

Paddock Plants Day

When: 17th March – 9 am
What: Paddock Plants Day
What is provided: Booklet of information and a sausage sizzle
Where: On a property called Kadeema, east of Oberon
Further Info: Contact Adam Hook from the CW CMA to book a spot and for a map. 02 63394915

Mudgee Area Vegetation Incentive Program Gathering

When: 4th March 2008

What: For anyone interested in fencing out native vegetation or creeks...mark the date of the 4th of March 2008 for a meeting at the Mudgee Vineyard Motor Inn. In the morning we will have a get together with some guest speakers. After a BBQ lunch, we will board the bus to visit 2 local properties who have been managing areas on their property for conservation. Out in the field, practitioners will run us through methods in conservation management including fencing, revegetation and stock water access points. We will return to the vineyard at 4:30.

Where: Mudgee Vineyard Motor Inn

Further Info: Watch this space for further Vegetation Incentive Program gatherings in your local area.

For more information or detailed agenda contact Nicolai Cooper, Andrew Knop or Robyn Bartus on 6881 3400.

Keyline Design Course

When: 8th March

What: A rare opportunity to learn practical, hands-on Keyline Design with Darren Doherty, the world's most respected accredited Keyline educator.... The Keyline System of farming has been one of the pillars of Sustainable farming and hydrology since the mid 1900's – a much acclaimed technique that is rarely offered as a specific course, despite its Australian origin.

Where: Milkwood Farm. 1466 Campbells Creek Rd. Carcalgong via Mudgee

Cost: \$485

Further Info: Contact Kirsten 02 6373 7763

Reducing Weed Impacts on Biodiversity

When: Tuesday 1st April & Thursday 3rd April

What: A new project involving NSW DPI and the Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC) is focussed on assisting Catchment Management Authorities (CMAs) develop priorities for weed control to protect biodiversity.

Most government involvement in weed control is concentrated on noxious weeds and new and emerging weed problems. Widespread invasive species are often overlooked but these are the species most likely to be affecting biodiversity. The impetus for the project comes from the Natural Resources Commission's Statewide Resource Condition Target: "By 2015 there is a reduction in the impact of invasive species" and one of the indicators for this target: "Success of control programs for widespread invasive species as measured by: (i) a reduction in biodiversity impacts". This is now part of the State Plan.

Dr. Bruce Auld, a plant ecologist, will be working with Central West CMA to prioritise weeds and biodiversity under threat in the catchment with workshops in April 2008. The aim is to determine the widespread invasive plant species that are impacting on biodiversity, particularly, native plant communities, and nominating communities and sites for on ground work. This will be used to guide investment by CMA for on-ground projects.

In advance of the workshops Bruce is preparing a draft list of widespread, invasive plant species, lists of threatened species, endangered ecological communities, national parks and nature reserves and any other relevant information for the catchment.

Where: Orange April 1st & Dubbo April 3rd

Further Info: For further information and to register for the workshops contact Bruce by email:bruce.auld@dpi.nsw.gov.au See the project website:

http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/npws.nsf/Content/regional_weedmgmt_priorities

Watersmart 2008

When: Friday 30th February & Saturday 1st March

What: Watersmart 2008 is designed to support and encourage a commitment to efficient water use across all sectors of the Central West Catchment community. This inaugural Expo will showcase water use efficiency information and technology in the agricultural, commercial and domestic sectors. There will be exhibits, seminars and field trips.

Where: Narromine Racecourse and Showground complex in Dappo Road, Narromine.

Further Info: Listen out to local media or contact Jessica Brown on 6881 3412

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 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

NRMA Communityhelp Grants Program

The Farm Help - Supporting Families through Change programme offers: financial assistance to farmers and their families who are experiencing financial difficulties and who cannot borrow further against their assets; tailored assistance to farm families to adjust and make decisions about their future in the industry; access to professional advice and training to assist farmers to consider their options for the future, to find alternative sources of income or to re-establish themselves outside of farming. For more info: www.grantslink.gov.au or phone 1800 050 585

Dilmah Water Quality Funding

The Dilmah grants programme is open to 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 (inc GST) 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 Water quality testing kit consumables and additions. Closing dates are 30th May and October 31, 2008. For more info:

www.landcareonline.com/funding_opportunity_details.asp?fo_id=10

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. This program targets major issues relevant to our natural environment including:

Water quality/conservation

Waste reduction/recycling

School Gardens

Biodiversity & Land

Closing dates for 2008 are:

Round 1: 2nd March, Round 2:

16th May, Round 3: 1st August,

Round 4: 24th October. For more info please go to:

www.landcareonline.com/funding_opportunity_details.asp?fo_id=6

Closing dates for 2008 are:

Round 1: 2nd March,

Round 2: 16th May, Round 3: 1st

Australia Post Community Development Grants

Community groups, including local landcare groups across Australia, can now apply for yearly grants up to \$3,300 (inc GST) to help improve their local community and environment, through the Australia Post and Landcare Community Development Grants Program. The grants can fulfil a community project, help buy much needed tools and equipment, or help raise awareness and encourage more community members to get involved. The flexibility in the allocation of funds aims to help groups in their ability to grow within the community. Closing dates for 2008: Round 1: 25th April, Round 2: 19th September. For more information go to: www.landcareonline.com/funding_opportunity_details.asp?fo_id=9

Australian Government Funding

For information on Australian Government NRM funding programmes go to: www.environment.gov.au/programs/a-z.html.

NSW Government Funding

For information on NSW Government NRM funding programmes go to: www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants.

CWCMA and BRS Community Stream Sampling Project

The Central West CMA is running a partnership project with BRS (Bureau of Rural Sciences) to help map salinity through the Murray Darling Catchment area. It will supply information to help the CMA target investment in strategic areas around the catchment by increasing our understanding of salinity in the catchment area. The information will also be used by BRS to identify potential sources of salinity in the catchment for potential future study.

Continuing on from a project in the Castlereagh monitoring salinity and water quality, the project will expand to operate across the entire CMA area, with the Macquarie and Bogan catchments covered in this new project. Working cooperatively with the national Waterwatch program, this new project aims to get people who have done monitoring previously involved again, as well as encouraging anyone with an interest and a small amount of time once a month to participate.

The Central West CMA has appointed a new Water Monitoring officer to coordinate the project, Tom Riley, based out of the Dubbo office.

Tom has been busily sourcing equipment and collating existing information, but is at the point of starting on the ground work – and the recent rains make this a great opportunity to collect water quality information!

If you are an interested landholders or community members interested in collecting water quality information from their properties or local area once a month, let Tom know.

Everyone is encouraged to help, either at home, or when you are travelling around the catchment. If you live near a stream or even have a regular trip you do around the catchment and cross a stream or two, you could help out! It will only take a short while, but it will help enormously!

Talk to Tom, and he can supply you with all you need!

Tom Riley

Catchment Officer (Water Monitoring)

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Diary Dates

February 4 Introduction to Grazing Management
Further info: Angela Roberts 02 68457044

February 5 Advanced Grazing Management
Further info: Angela Roberts 02 68457044

February 19th Pasture Identification & Management
Further info: Angela Roberts 02 68457044

February 21st Conservation Agriculture Field Day
Further info: Jodie Dean 02 68951025

February 26 Grains Research Development Corp
Growers update **Further info:** John Cameron
02 9842 4930

February 27 & 28 Grains Research Development Corp
Consultant update **Further info:** 02 94824930

February 4 -8 Advanced Grazing Management
Further info: Angela Roberts 02 68457044

February 11 Dr. Arden Andersen
Further info: Sandi Middleton 02 6842 7888

February 20 & 21 RCS – Power of Engagement
Further info: 1800 1900 11

February 23rd The Road Ahead
Further info: Angela Roberts 02 68457044

February 26 & 27 Advanced Pasture Cropping
Further info: Angela Roberts 02 68457044

February 29 Financial Planning
Further info: Angela Roberts 02 6845 7044

What's On ...February and Money Matters

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