

What's On in July?



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Central West Conservation Farming Association Annual Conference "Covering the Alternatives"

The CWCFA Annual Conference is taking place at the Dubbo RSL on Thursday 10th July followed by the conference dinner and announcement of the winner of the conservation Farmer of the Year award that evening.

Conference speakers will include:

- Dr Paul Horne from IPM Technologies - What is IPM and how does it work?
- Andrew McCalman, farmer from Cumnock and winner of the 2007 Conservation Farmer of the Year Award
- Garry Hine, farmer from WA - Lifting our cropping yield potential in practice
- Tim Sawley, Agronomist with Landmark in Merriwa - Findings from the 2007 WA Conservation Farming Tour
- Dr Phil Ward, CSIRO SA - Cover Cropping
- Haydon Wass, farmer and member of CWCFA - practical experience using cover cropping
- Eric Harvey, farmer Geurie NSW - Alternative farming inputs, a biological perspective.

The evening dinner speaker will be Michael Kiely from the Carbon Coalition.

For more information or to register head to <http://www.confarming.org.au> or phone the office on 6845 1044

Mudgee Small Farm Field Days 18-19 July Central West CMA Site L19 and L20

ABARE'S one-day Regional Outlook Conference

Will be held in Orange on Wednesday the 2nd July and will provide a forum for discussion of central NSW issues

Registration is \$77

You can download the conference program and registration form at: www.abare.gov.au/regional

Controlled Traffic Farming 2008- Conference

The 2008 CTF Conference is to be held in Dubbo, August 12th – 14th.

The conference is an opportunity to learn about the theory and practice of this new farming system, in the company of leading farmers, consultants and scientists. More detail from the Australian Controlled Traffic Farming Association www.actfa.net

Free Chemical Card Training Workshops By NSW Farmers Association

Wellington-	Fri 27 th June
Forbes-	Fri 11 th July
Canowindra-	Tue 22 nd July
Warren-	Tue 29 th July
Narromine-	Thur 14 th July
Parkes-	Thur 21 st August
Nyngan-	Thur 28 th August
Mudgee-	Tue 30 th September
Peak Hill-	Tue 14 th October

You must register at least 7 days prior to the workshop date above to allow time for despatch and completion of the home study materials.

Contact: Robyn Diamond or Kath Sims

Phone: 02 6884 8822 or training@nswfarmers.org.au

Allan Savory's Holistic Management "Creating Resilient Farm Family Businesses"

Holistic Management with Mark Gardner is a learning program. There are three modules which can be undertaken to ensure a sound understanding of the Holistic Management process. The learning process has been designed to be practical, relevant and enjoyable. Course cost \$2,500 with discounts available for more than one family member.

- 7th and 8th July- Introduction Module
- 17th and 18th July- Financial Module
- 24th and 25th July- Grazing Module

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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

Country Energy 6th Annual Landscape Art Prize

What: Australia's richest annual landscape art prize. Artists encouraged to enter all artistic styles, mediums and contexts, ranging from figurative to abstract, charcoal to traditional oil paint.

Where: Open to anyone who lives within Country Energy's network area.

When: Entries close 22nd July. Finalists will be chosen in August 2008.

For more info:

http://www.countryenergy.com.au/internet/cew/ebpub.nsf/Content/u_com_art+prize

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>

Nyngan Ag Expo

"Soil structure management and agricultural viability" which will be one of the seminars at the 2008 "Country Energy" Nyngan Ag Expo on Saturday 2nd August at the Nyngan Show Grounds.

Mid Macquarie Landcare "The Most Important Resource Is You"

Dinner hosted by Mid Macquarie Landcare at Wellington RSL on 1st August 2008 at 6pm. Entertainment, local farmer's stories and expert speakers with advice and assistance from SANE Australia. Project funded by Australian Governments National Landcare Community Support Component and supported by the Central West Catchment Management Authority.

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Diary Dates



27th June: Wellington Chemical Card Training

2nd July: ABARE'S One day Regional Outlook Conference

Further Info: www.abare.gov.au/regional

10th July: Central West Conservation Farming Association Annual Conference. "Covering the Alternatives".

Further info: 6845 1044 or www.confarming.org.au

18-19 July: Mudgee Small Farm Field Days
CW CMA site-L19 & L20

22nd July: Canowindra Chemical Card Training

29th July: Warren Chemical Card Training

1st Aug: "The Most Important Thing Is You". Dinner Hosted by Mid Macquarie Landcare

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2nd Aug: Nyngan Ag Expo

12th-14th Aug: 2008 Controlled Traffic Farming-Conference.

Further Info: www.actfa.net

14th Aug: Narromine Chemical Card Training

21st Aug: Parkes Chemical Card Training

28th Aug: Nyngan Chemical Card Training

30th Sep: Mudgee Chemical Card Training

14th Oct: Peak Hill Chemical Card Training

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

Caring for our Country Open Grants

Caring for our Country Open Grants will provide up to \$25 million in 08/09. This funding is available for high quality projects in six national priority areas: a national reserve system, biodiversity and natural icons, coastal environments and critical aquatic habitats, sustainable farm practices, NRM in remote and northern Australia and community skills, knowledge and engagement. Projects that protect, enhance or restore Australia's biodiversity and natural icons, improve the water quality of our critical aquatic habitats and achieve greater take-up of sustainable farm practices. Applications available at: www.nrm.gov.au and must be received by 5:00pm (AEST) Friday 1, August, 2008.

Australia Post Community Development Grants

Funding of up to \$3,300 (GST incl) is open to community groups from across Australia to help to improve their local community and environment. The flexibility of this funding allows Groups to directly fund community projects, buy much needed tools or equipment, or help raise awareness and encourage more community involvement. For more information: www.landcareonline.com/funding_opportunity_details.asp?fo_id=9

Dilmah Water Quality

Funding for water testing kits - next round closes Oct. 31, 2008. For more information go to: www.landcareonline.com

The **NRM Toolbar** is a set of online tools and databases that will make it easier for NRM professionals to find and share relevant information. Have a look at www.nrmtoolbar.net.au

2008 Community Heritage Grants

Grants of up to \$15,000 are available to community groups around the country to help preserve and manage locally held, nationally significant cultural heritage collections of documents and objects for future generations. For more information, guidelines & application forms go to www.nla.gov.au/chg

Junior Landcare Grants

Through the Landcare grants Program, any school or organisation can get students involved with Landcare groups to target major issues relevant to our natural environment. Funding is available for the issues including: Water quality/conservation, school gardens, land, biodiversity, waste reduction/recycling

More info at www.landcareonline.com.au

Country Women's Association Emergency Grants

Community grants of up to \$3000 are available to community groups, schools and not-for-profit organisations to help meet the costs of holding events and providing support to drought affected communities. Individual grants of up to \$2000 per households are available to drought affected families in rural areas. For more information phone 9358 2923

Professional Advice and Planning Grants

Grants up to \$5,500 are available to assist drought affected farm businesses to access professional advice to assist their drought management and recovery processes. For more information and to apply contact your local Centrelink office, the Drought Assistance Hotline on 13 23 16 or visit the Professional Advice and Planning Grant page on Centrelink's website.

Westpac Operation Backyard

Grants are available to community groups around the country to help implement local projects that incorporate staff volunteers from local Westpac branches. Landcare Australia administer the grants so for more information visit their website www.landcareonline.com

Vibrant communities...healthy landscapes

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