

# What's On in July?



## Do you have an email address?

To produce a hard copy of 'What's On' we are using the equivalent of 3 trees per month so if you have internet access and are still receiving 'What's on' in the post, please forward your email details to [cw@cma.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cw@cma.nsw.gov.au)

## Are you interested in Compost Teas?

### Macquarie 2100 is hosting a Microscope Course with Melrine Olson, Soil Foodweb International

Spend a day of learning how to identify different organisms, bacteria, fungi, protozoa and nematodes. Learn Kohler illuminating and shadowing techniques. Learn how to tell if your tea is ready and examples of different organisms present in teas. Learn what to look for when monitoring changing tea, and some techniques to fix bad teas.

**Cost:** \$30.00. Highly recommended to bring your own microscope, but not essential.

For more information or to book your place (bookings are essential) contact Kirsty at [m2100@bigpond.com](mailto:m2100@bigpond.com) or phone 6888 7778 by July 6<sup>th</sup>.

**When:** July 8<sup>th</sup> 2009, 8:30am to 5:00pm

**Where:** Trangie Bowling Club

## RuralBiz Training QuickChecks

Coonamble – Monday July 27<sup>th</sup>  
(ProFarm Approved)

Have you given your farm a checkup recently? Do you know if its health is improving? deteriorating? staying about the same?

Your farm health is essential for the health of your farm business, so you need to keep an eye on how it's going.

Learn how to monitor the health of your land through 6 tools covering: Pastures, soils, woody vegetation, watercourses, paddock production and birds. These tools will only take you about 3 – 4 hours a couple of times a year to give you ongoing monitoring.

**For more information visit**

[www.ruralbiztraining.com.au](http://www.ruralbiztraining.com.au) or contact Robyn Diamond or Kathy Sims on 6884 8862 or email [admin@ruralbiztraining.com.au](mailto:admin@ruralbiztraining.com.au)

## 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 ([robyn2@bigpond.com](mailto:robyn2@bigpond.com)) by COB Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2009. The successful ambassador will be notified on or before Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August. Further enquiries can be directed to Robyn on 6337 2415 or 0419 372 419.

## 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](http://www.farmready.gov.au)

## Wetland Plant Courses

A day with Geoff Sainty discussing wetland plants and those indigenous species of the area. Learn planting techniques for this newly constructed wetlands. And propagation lessons with hints and techniques of Wetland plants.

**Where:** Wambangalang Environmental Education Centre (30 km

**When:** 3rd August 2009

**Time:** 9.30 - 3.30

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

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

[shona.whitfield@cma.nsw.gov.au](mailto:shona.whitfield@cma.nsw.gov.au) or

Bruce Christie 6372 8909 or

[bruce.christie@cma.nsw.gov.au](mailto:bruce.christie@cma.nsw.gov.au) for directions and catering requirements

Planting techniques for the newly constructed wetland

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:** 4th August 2009

**Time:** 9.30 -3.30pm

**Where:** Yeoval

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

## The WetlandCare Australia National Art Competition

*Will on display across the Central West*

Winning entries will be on display in Gilgandra and Narromine. 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:** July 4 & 5, 2009

Official opening on Friday July 3<sup>rd</sup>, with guest speaker, Gill Hogendyk

**Where:** Narromine CWA Hall

**When:** August 1 – 16, 2009

**Where:** Cooee Heritage Centre, Gilgandra.

## 'Perspectives. Art. Ecology'

Dubbo Regional Art Gallery till July 19th

Dubbo Regional Art Gallery is hosting an exhibition by former ABC Radio personality Kim Goldsmith. The exhibition included local personalities and other artists with a similar theme.

## The Central West Green Team

The Central West Green Team is working with the cooperation of the Central West CMA, Central West Salinity and Water Quality Alliance

The Central West Green Team will be continuing their restoration works with the Councils of the Central West this month. The Team will be working along the Bogan River in Nyngan on 9 to 16 June, the Castlereagh River in Gilgandra on 22 to 25 June and the Macquarie River Narromine 25 to 30 June. **When:** June 9 - 16 2009

**Where:** Warren

**When:** July 6 - 14

**Where:** Coonamble

**When:** July 20 - 22

**Where:** Wellington

**When:** July 23 - 28

**Further Information:** Chris McCulloch at the Salinity and Water Quality Alliance 02 6363 8608

## Diary Dates



### 3<sup>rd</sup> July: Wetland Plant Course

**Where:** Wambangalang Environmental Education Centre Obley Road

**When:** 9:30 – 3:30

### 4<sup>th</sup> July: Wetland Plants

**Where:** Yeoval – Little River landcare

**When:** 9:30 – 3:30

### 8<sup>th</sup> July: Microscope Course

**Where:** Trangie Bowling Club

**When:** 8:30 – 5:00.

Bookings essential contact Kirsty at [m2100@bigpond.com](mailto:m2100@bigpond.com) or phone 6888 7778

### 27<sup>th</sup> July: RuralBiz QuickChecks training

**Where:** Coonamble

**Contact:** [www.ruralbiztraining.com.au](http://www.ruralbiztraining.com.au) or phone 6884 8862

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To order your copy contact us on

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# 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](http://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](http://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, we aim to aid local charities and organisations whose cause addresses issues and activities relating to health, education and the environment. To apply for support, visit this site and fill out application form and hand it in to the store manager of your local supermarket 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](http://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:** 30<sup>th</sup> September 2009

**Further information:** [www.frrr.org.au](http://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 30<sup>th</sup> 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/](http://www.communitybuilders.nsw.gov.au/funding_funds/accessing/)

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**What's On ...in July and Money Matters**

Central West Catchment Management Authority  
We're on the web: [www.cw.cma.nsw.gov.au](http://www.cw.cma.nsw.gov.au)



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