

What's On in May?



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Pasture Cropping Field Day

What: One-day session with Col Seis, innovator of Pasture Cropping.

- Technical aspects of pre- and post-sowing management for best pasture and crop response
- Visits to 3 properties
- Hosted by Little River Landcare Group and Stipa Native Grasses Association.

When: Friday, 2nd May, 9am (for 9.30) until 4pm.

Where: "Karuga Park", Bournewood Rd., Yeoval

How much: Free for members of LRLG and Stipa. \$20 non-members. Please bring 4WD and a chair.

Further info and RSVP (essential): 02 6846 4569

CMA Incentive Funding Field Days

What: Field days to showcase the benefits of the current incentive programs and to show land managers what can be achieved with CMA funding, such as the Biodiversity, Wetland and Cultural Heritage programs.

Field Day	Date	Location
Lower Catchment Incentive Program Field Day	2 nd May, 10.30am-3.30pm	Turk n Skow's Block, Bulgandramine Road, Bulgandramine via Peak Hill
Upper Catchment Incentive Program Field Day	9 th May, 10.30am-3.30pm	"Kennedy Park", 185 Loch Erin Road (off Campbells River Road), Mt David via Bathurst

Further info: For more information about the incentive programs and field days contact the Dubbo office of the CWCMA on 02 6881 3400 or look for fact sheets and EOI forms on the CWCMA website www.cw.cma.nsw.gov.au (follow the 'Incentives' links).

Farm Planning

When & Where: Orange - Group to start May 08

What: Farm Planning Courses.

- Links to **CMA Incentive Funding**
- Includes full resource kit
- Interesting and Practical sessions
- 7 full day sessions (or equivalent)

Further Info: Contact Fiona Watts 0428668707 or the Wellington Campus on 02 6845 1844

What is Carbon Farming?

What: Anne Williams

(B.App.Sc., Grad.Dip.App.Sc.) will present a 30 minute lecture followed by question time and morning tea.

When: 9am, Friday 2nd May

Where: CWA Hall, Coonamble

More info: Anne Williams 6825 6212

Entry by gold coin.

Representatives welcome.

Drought Preparedness Workshops

Stipa Native Grasses Association will be running the following workshops, with no cost to participants.

Date	Workshop	Location
Wed 7 May	Saltbush Establishment and Management	Narromine
Mon 12 May	The Road Ahead	Gilgandra
Mon 12 May	Pasture Establishment and Management	Orange

For more details (times, venues, agenda and to RSVP), contact Angela Roberts, Stipa Native Grasses Association on 6845 1044 or 0424 228 725.

Earthworks Course

21st April - 4th May, Wellington TAFE

No cost, open to Aboriginal community members
More info: Su Williams, CWCMA 68407806 or 0437 135 635.

Native Grass Identification

7th May, Gulargambone.

Conducted by Stipa Native Grasses Association

No cost, open to Aboriginal community members.

More info: Su Williams, CWCMA 68407806 or 0437 135 635.

Diary Dates



2nd May: Pasture Cropping Field Day, Yeoval
Further info: 6846 4569

2nd May: Carbon Farming lecture and discussion,
Coonamble
Further info: Anne 6825 6212

2nd May: CWCMA Incentive Funding Field Day (Lower
Catchment), Peak Hill
Further info: 6881 3400 (Dubbo Office, CWCMA)

3rd-4th May: Regent Honeyeater treeplanting, Capertee
Valley
Further info: Tiffany 6350 3115

7th May: Saltbush Establishment and Management,
Narromine
Further info: Angela 0424 228 725

9th May: CWCMA Incentive Funding Field Day (Upper
Catchment), Mt David, via Bathurst
Further info: 6881 3400 (Dubbo Office, CWCMA)

12th May: Pasture Establishment and Management,
Orange
Further info: Angela 0424 228 725

12th May: The Road Ahead, Gilgandra
Further info: Angela 0424 228 725

Help save the Regent Honeyeater!

The Regent Honeyeater is a nationally endangered bird threatened with extinction, principally from habitat loss. The good news is that YOU CAN HELP SAVE IT! Come along to the spectacular Capertee Valley (90 kms / 1½ drive NE of Bathurst) in May and help us to plant 2,600 trees and shrubs that will provide vital resources for the Regent Honeyeater in the future.

New recruits are most welcome, so if you have not yet taken part in one of our planting weekends, why not join us on the **3rd-4th of May**. While previous experience is an advantage, don't let the lack of it deter you, as "on-the-job" training is provided. For more information about the weekend, contact Tiffany Mason on 6350 3115 or e-mail: Tiffany.Mason@cma.nsw.gov.au

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

Cell GrazingFocus Course

When & Where: 27-30 May, Dubbo

What: Course conducted by Principle Focus.

- Practical applications of grazing management
- 2 half day field trips
- Understand the use of animal impact, herd density, rest and recovery to optimise plant quantity, quality, desirability and groundcover.
- Learn the principles to develop, plan and design cell-grazing system for your property

For more info: go to www.principlefocus.com.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

2008 Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Prize

What: Entrants are being urged to head outdoors to find inspiration! "Forests, Feathers, Fins and Fur" is this year's theme for the country's largest poetry-writing competition for students, celebrating the work of well-known Australian poet Dorothea Mackellar. The awards are an activity associated with National Literacy and Numeracy Week, and are supported by the Australian Government.

Where: Open for primary and secondary students across Australia.

When: Entries close 2nd June.

A National Presentation Ceremony will be held in Gunnedah on 5th September.

More info: www.dorothea.com.au or dorotheamackellar@bigpond.com

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>

Money Matters

NSW Environmental Trust

Central West CMA Wetland Incentive Program 2008

The CWCMA has made a specific commitment to the improvement of wetlands across the catchment. The activities eligible for funding are: Stock proof fencing, Alternative stock watering points, Wetland plant establishment, Wetland plant management, Weed and pest animal management, Erosion control works, Educational activity support, Wetland management plans and Cultural Heritage surveys. For further information please contact the CWCMA water team in our Dubbo office on 6881 3400 or visit our site: www.cw.cma.nsw.gov.au

The NSW Government's Environmental Trust invites applications to grant programs for Environmental Restoration and Rehabilitation and Protecting our Places Aboriginal Grants Program. To obtain application and guidelines visit their website: www.environmentaltrust.nsw.gov.au or phone 8837 6093

Landcare Funding Opportunities

For more information on Landcare funding such as Junior Landcare Grants, Australia Post Community Development Grants and Dilmah Water Quality funding visit: www.landcareonline.com/funding_opportunity_details.asp?fo_id=10

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

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.

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

Central West CMA Biodiversity

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

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.

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.

Central West CMA Native Vegetation

The Central West CMA Native Vegetation Incentive Program is designed to assist landholders manage and restore native vegetation for productive, ecologically healthy landscapes. The Vegetation Program is open all the time, EOI forms and fact sheets are available from your local CMA office or visit www.cw.cma.nsw.gov.au

Irrigation Industries Workshop Event Cotton

May 6th from 10am - 12:30 at the Hillston Ex-Services Club and in Trangie from 4:30 - 7:00 pm at the United Services Memorial Club. For info phone: 1800 268 866

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