

What's On in May?



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Central West CMA Champions of the Catchment Closing date has been extended until FRIDAY 22nd MAY 2009

We've had a great response for Champions and are able to extend our deadline. Champions are individuals, groups and schools who care for our natural resources and work towards a better future. The Central West CMA would like to recognise the work that is being done in our region and these awards are a wonderful opportunity to share your experience, dedication and story.

Four of our Champions were finalists in the NSW State Landcare Awards in 2007 and two Champions John Blunt, Individual Landcare Award and Orange City Council for Local Government Partnerships Award were finalists at the National Landcare Awards in 2008. You don't have to be a member of Landcare to be a Champion of the Catchment. Download a nomination form and nominate your group, neighbour or friends. Champions of the 8 categories will receive \$2000 and also be automatically nominated for the NSW State Landcare Awards in September at Port Macquarie; second prize will receive \$1000.

Categories include:

- Individual Landcare Award
- Aboriginal Community Group
- Community Landcare Award
- Local Government Partnerships Award
- Education Award
- Primary Producer
- Rivercare Award
- Bushcare Award

Applications close on April 17th, 2009 and are now available on our website: www.cw.cma.nsw.gov.au
For further information please contact Liz Davis on 6363 8603 or 0427 452 662

Visit by Dr Elaine Ingham – Save the Date

Dr Elaine Ingham will be in the Trangie area

When: 28th & 29th May 2009

Further Information: Kirsty Wettenhall, Executive Officer, M2100 on 02 6888 7778

West Women Weaving – 'Coiled Together Gathering'

Weaving workshops will take place where Aboriginal and Non Aboriginal weavers will learn traditional and contemporary weaving methods using many different fibres.

When: Tuesday 19th & Wednesday 20th May 2009

Where: Western Plains Regional Development Inc, 18 William Street Condobolin

Cost: \$20.00 per person for both days. This includes all workshops

Further Information & Registration: Western Plains Regional Development, 02 6895 3301. Funds are available to help with travel if necessary, please call Heather Blackley, 02 6895 3301

Talbragar River Field Day

Presentations on river processes and river styles, followed by a bus tour to examine six sites along the Talbragar River and Coolaburragundy Creek before returning to Dunedoo. Bruce Christie (CWCMA Water Monitoring) will also be on hand to provide information and answer questions. Places are limited.

When: Friday 1st May 2009, 9.00am – 4.00 pm

Where: Meet Meet at the Dunedoo Landcare Office (back of the Westpac Bank)

Cost: Free with morning tea and lunch provided

Further Information and Bookings: Simon Ferguson at Dunedoo and Coolah Landcare on 02 6375 1404 or 0428 664 235 or dacgi@bigpond.com

Bell River Field Day

Presentations including the overview of Hassall's Bell River Plan, river styles, ecosystems/biodiversity/soil health/riparian health & Natural Sequence Farming. Followed by a bus tour of field sites along the Bell River with a wrap up back in Molong. Light lunch will be supplied

When: Wednesday 6th May 2009, 9.00am – 3.30 pm

Where: Molong Baptist Church, Thistle St Molong

Further Information and Bookings: Marita Sydes, Central Tablelands Landcare Coordinator 0429 979 780 maritasydes@bigpond.com by Sunday 3rd May 2009

Time Out 4 Blokes

Little River LCG have funding from Qantas to run the pilot men's course Time out 4 Blokes.

When: 21st & 22nd May 2009 (half day only)

Further Information: Pip Job 02 6846 4569.

Day with Dr Maarten Stapper

Dr Maarten Stapper is a biological agronomist who was a scientist with CSIRO. Maarten's work is helping farmers improve the profitability of their operations by harnessing the power of natural soil processes, improving their use of inputs and understanding those practices that negatively impact their soil health.

When: Monday 4th May 2009, 9am to 4pm

Where: Parkes Services Club

Cost: Free

RSVP: Nina on 0447 452 362 before 1st May 2009.

When: Wednesday 6th May 2009, 9am to 4pm,

Where: Dunedoo Golf Club

Cost: \$15pp

RSVP: Simon Ferguson at Dunedoo and Coolah

Landcare on 02 6375 1404 or 0428 664 235 or

dacgi@bigpond.com

Empowering Aboriginal Women for Strong Communities and Towards Healthy Country – Making it our Business in NSW

Conference will be held for NSW Aboriginal women working (paid and un-paid) in NRM, Cultural Heritage and Land and Sea Country Management. The Conference will aim to improve skills and knowledge and develop a network.

When: 5th – 7th May 2009

Where: Nelson Bay Marina Resort, Nelson Bay

Further Information and Registrations: Wycare Inc,

Phone 02 4352 1199, Fax 02 4333 6323, email

wycare@bigpond.com or web www.wycare.com.au

Little River LCG Bus Tour

Adam & Leonie Coleman, Quambone – grazing management and the Macquarie Marshes

Matt McKenzie, Coonamble – 2008 Conservation

Farmer of the Year. grazing and large scale cropping

running in balance

When: Friday 15th May 2009.

Cost: Members FREE, Non-members \$20

RSVP: essential to Pip Job on 02 6846 4569 by 8th May 2009.

Bathurst Farming Systems Evening with Tim Flannery

The Central West CMA's Farming Systems Program invites you to an evening with a very special guest speaker, Tim Flannery. Light refreshments will be served and places are limited.

When: Thursday 14th of May 2009, from 6pm

Where: Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre

RSVP: Clayton Miller on 02 6339 4905 or 0409 656 585

or email clayton.miller@cma.nsw.gov.au by Wednesday May 6th 2009.

Macquarie 2100 AGM – An Evening with Peter Andrews

Peter Andrews, Founder of Natural Sequence Farming, author of "Back to the Brink" and "Beyond the Brink" presents his theories supporting his belief that our farming and land management practices over the past 150 years have systematically dehydrated the landscape. Nibbles provided, everyone welcome!

When: Thursday 14th May 2009, 5pm sharp

Where: Trangie Bowling Club

RSVP: Kirsty 02 6888 7778 or m2100@bigpond.com

NSW Sustainable Development Conference

The NSW Sustainable Development Conference 2009 will bring together decision-makers from the private and public sectors, industry leaders, local government, scientists, conservationists and others to discuss the current and future directions and frameworks for sustainability in NSW, and how it will affect NSW state and local government, business and the community.

When: 12th & 13th May 2009

Where: Dockside Convention Centre, Sydney

Further Information and Registration: Denise

McQueen 03 8534 5021 or email

denise.mcqueen@halledit.com.au or website

www.halledit.com.au/nswsdc

The Central West Green Team

The Central West Green Team will be working with the cooperation of the Central West CMA, Central West Salinity and Water Quality Alliance and the Wellington Shire and Dubbo City councils to complete on ground environmental works. These works will be aimed at rehabilitating riparian zones along the Macquarie River as well as under taking other projects such as bush regeneration, weed removal and native tree planting in the Wellington and Dubbo areas.

Both Wellington and Dubbo Councils will be holding community days in conjunction with the Green Team where members of the community can come along and assist the team in their works. These days will give the community a chance to learn about bush regeneration, plant species, weed removal and general bush regeneration skills.

When: Monday 11th May 2009

Where: Dubbo

When: Monday 25th May 2009

Where: Wellington

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



Watershed Landcare – Bird Watching Field Day

The field day will take you on a walk through some different habitats, identifying species of birds along the way. The field day will also look at how different bird species impact on biodiversity and control of insects and pests in farming areas. The Central West CMA will be supplying a BBQ lunch

When: 16th May 2009, 9:00am

Where: Rylstone Dam

Further Information: Thea Ridley, Watershed Landcare, 02 6372 4321.

Chemical Card Plus Accreditation Workshops

Get accredited and meet the NSW Pesticides Act requirements of pesticide training for use of common pesticides are herbicides, fungicides, insecticides, pour ons, 1080, rat poison and many other substances.

When: Friday 1st May 2009

Accreditation - 830am to 4:30pm

Refresher - 1:30pm to 4:30pm

Where: Narromine

When: Monday 29th June 2009

Accreditation - 830am to 4:30pm

Refresher - 1:30pm to 4:30pm

Where: Curban

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

Further Information: Kathy Sims or Robyn Diamond
Phone 02 6884 8812, Fax 02 6884 8862, Email

admin@ruralbiztraining.com.au

Koala Conservation Conference

A one-day conference, organised from the coal-face of koala conservation to facilitate dialogue between koala rehabilitators, environmental groups, veterinarians, other practitioners, the interested public and those politicians, academics and bureaucrats who help determine koala conservation policy.

When: Friday 22nd May 2009, 8:30am registration - 4pm

Where: Whitebrook Theatre, Southern Cross University, Lismore

Cost: Pre-paid bookings essential

\$100 Full Fee

\$40 Concession (students, pensioners, voluntary rehabilitators)

Fee includes morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea

Further information: Phone Lorraine Vass 02 6629

8388, Email info@friendsofthekoala.org or website

www.friendsofthekoala.org

Stress Free Stockmanship Goolma/Footprint Area

This is a two day course in advanced animal husbandry showing the full theory and practice of Stress Free Stockhandling methods.

When: 4th & 5th May 2009

RSVP: Colleen Farrow 02 6372 8906.

Grain and Graze Wrap Up One Day Meeting

Overview of the Grain and Graze project and summary (outputs of activities),

- Pasture cropping
- Alley farming
- G&G whole farm model
- Integrated Pest Management (IPM)
- Biodiversity - case study farms and alley farming
- Little River study: implications of land use change of economics, biodiversity and salinity. Morning Tea, lunch and afternoon tea provided

When: 1st May 2009, 9:30am

Where: Gilgandra Services Club, 33 Morris St

When: 5th May 2009, 9:30am

Where: Grenfell Country Club, Gooloogong Rd

RSVP Elizabeth Makonnen, DPI Trangie 02 6880 8056 or 0409 459 815 or Email

elizabeth.makonnen@dpi.nsw.gov.au by 13/04/2009

Reminder – Rural Services Support Network Meeting

When: 1st May 2009, 10:00 am

Where: Central West Livestock Health & Pest Authority office, Nyngan

Dubbo City Council – Energy and Water Smart Expo

5th Annual expo aims to provide the community with the opportunity to speak to the experts on the latest water and energy efficient technology and appliances available for use in their home and to a source local suppliers.

When: Monday 4th May 2009, 5:30pm to 8:30pm

Where: Dubbo Civic Centre, Darling St Dubbo.

Further Information: Debbie Archer (Environmental Planner) Dubbo City Council 6801 4000

Up Coming Events

The National Community Education and Participation Conference

When: 10 & 11 June 2009

Where: The Marque Hotel, Canberra

Further Information: 02 9431 8755, or website

www.liquidlearning.com.au

Practical WET Workshop on 'Recent Approaches and Techniques in

When: 4th and 5th June 2009

Further information & Bookings: Email

wetworkshop@sopa.nsw.gov.au or phone 02 9714 7888

or website www.sydneolympicpark.com.au

Diary Dates



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Bookings Simon Ferguson, 02 6375 1404, 0428 664 235 or dacgi@bigpond.com

1st May Narromine & 29th June Curban: Chemical Card Plus Accreditation Workshops.

Registration Kathy Sims or Robyn Diamond 02 6884 8812 or admin@ruralbiztraining.com.au

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RSVP Elizabeth Makonnen 02 6880 8056, 0409 459 815 or elizabeth.makonnen@dpi.nsw.gov.au

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4th & 5th May: Stress Free Stockmanship, Goolma/Footprint Area. RSVP Colleen Farrow 02 6372 8906

4th & 5th May: Dubbo City Council – Energy & Water Smart Expo, Dubbo. Further Information Debbie Archer 02 6801 4000

4th May Parkes & 6th May Dunedoo: Day with Dr Maarten Stapper.

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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 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.

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:

Coles and Yates grants are awarded quarterly. Round 1:
Round 1: Friday, 6th March

Round 2: Friday, 15th May

Round 3: Friday, 7th August

Round 4: Friday, 23rd October

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

NSW Environmental Trust Annual Grants

The NSW Environmental Trust Grants are now open for Community Groups, Eco- Schools, Protecting our Places, Environmental Restoration & Rehabilitation and Environmental Research.

- Eco Schools - closes 22nd May 2009
- Protecting Our Places - closes 5th June 2009
- Restoration and Rehabilitation - closes 29th May 2009
- Urban Sustainability Program - closes 15th May 2009
- Lead Environmental Community Groups - closes 5th June 2009

There are various closing dates. For more information go to: www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants

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/>

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: 30th September 2009

Further information: www.frrr.org.au

Norman Wettenhall Foundation Grants

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. These multi-stakeholder projects are the ones we believe are most likely to have a long term effect and to most widely spread knowledge and understanding.

<http://www.nwf.org.au/index.html>

Closing Dates: Tuesday 30th June 2009 and Wednesday 30th September 2009.

NRMA Community Grants Program

NRMA support programs in the community grants category that raise awareness and/or promote actions to combat climate change. Programs that focus on areas such as renewable energy and carbon reduction will also be considered. Examples include programs that promote reducing emissions in vehicles, households and businesses, as well as programs which focus on areas such as renewable energy and carbon reduction. For more information: <http://www.nrma.com.au>

Community Heritage Grants

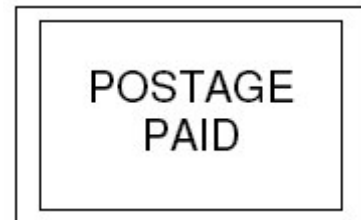
The Community Heritage Grants (CHG) Program aims to preserve and provide access to locally held nationally significant cultural heritage collections across Australia.

Applications close: 05 June 2009

Further Information: <http://www.nla.gov.au/chg>

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We're on the web: www.cw.cma.nsw.gov.au



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