

What's On in November?



Investment Framework For Environmental Resources (INFFER)

INFFER is a tool for planning and prioritising the key natural resources in the catchment. It focuses on achieving outcomes cost effectively. It will assist the CMA to identify, protect or enhance specific natural resource assets. Limited funds exist to protect and improve the region's environment, so we need to get the best results with the funding available and INFFER can help us achieve this.

Have your say in identifying key environmental assets in your area!

The Central West Catchment Management Authority is seeking to work with all interested community members to identify the key natural resource assets in the central west catchment. We are aiming to review our Catchment Action Plan (CAP) and attract funding to protect and improve the environmental features that we most value. The first part of this process is to find out about the region's most valued environmental assets. You are invited to a community meeting to share information about what you value most about your local environment.

The following meetings will be held throughout the Central West Catchment during October and November 2009. All sessions run from **6pm – 8:30pm (except Warren 12 – 2:30)** and include a light meal.

Warren – Tuesday November 3

Venue: **Bowling Club**
Time: 12pm – 2:30pm

Trangie – Tuesday November 3

Venue: **Trangie Research Station**

Coonabarabran – Wednesday November 4

Venue: **The Royal Hotel**

Gilgandra – Tuesday November 10

Venue: **Services Club**

Dubbo – Wednesday November 11

Venue: **Dubbo RSL**

Peak Hill – Thursday November 12

Venue: **Ex Services Club**

Wellington – Monday November 16

Venue: **Uniting Church Hall**

Mudgee – Wednesday November 18

Venue: **Club Mudgee RSL**

Orange – Tuesday November 24

Venue: **Environmental Learning Facility (showgrounds)**

Bathurst – Thursday November 26

Venue: **Bathurst RSL**

Please RSVP 5 days prior to the workshop date to Adam Hook on 6339 4915 or adam.hook@cma.nsw.gov.au

'Dust off the Drought'

Thursday, November 5th
EC Pavilion, Cassilis Road, Mudgee
(Site of Mudgee Small Farm Field Days)

A FREE evening for the whole family to enjoy whilst supporting one another through the tyranny of drought. Special guest speaker John Harper who will talk about his self help community program 'Mate Helping Mate'.

There will be a free jumping castle & face painting for the kids, a free BBQ cooked by the Mudgee Men's Shed members and free raffles.

For more information, please contact Mudgee Mental Health on 6378 6260.

**November
Carbon Farming Conference
November 4th & 5th**

The Carbon Farming Conference will be held at the Orange National Field Day Site, Borenore. Speakers and topics over the 2 days include:

Dr. Rattan Lal, the world's most eminent soil carbon authority.

Ken Bellamy has combined his expertise in the environmental application of probiotics with soil enhancement and municipal waste management issues.

Brian Murphy, Senior Soil Scientist, Department of Environment & Climate Change, introduces the Matrix, a method for making soil carbon more easily mapped and measured.

Jeff Baldock, Senior Research Scientist, CSIRO is in charge of the 13 soil carbon research projects funded earlier this year.

Bryan Clark from the Grain Growers Association has been closely involved in negotiations leading up to the Copenhagen Round of Talks

Peter Andrews is famous for 30 years of campaigning for a radical approach to water management that aims to rehydrate the landscape.

Maarten Stapper was ahead of most of his contemporaries in identifying soil biology and the processes of nature as keys to a new view of soil management.

For more information visit: www.carbonfarming.net.au
To reserve your seat at the only Carbon Farming Conference of its type in the world you can:
call 02 6374 0329
Email Louisa@carboncoalition.com.au or use secure PayPal facilities. 2 day Conference & Expo \$225, Conference Dinner \$66.

**No Kill Cropping
Introduction to Pasture Cropping and
No Kill Cropping (Bathurst)
November 10th & 11th**

Pasture Cropping and No Kill Cropping are land management systems that involve the planting of an annual grain or oilseed crop into an existing perennial pasture (native or introduced). The systems mimic the natural functionality of grasslands, with the crop and grasses complimenting each other. FarmReady approved.

For more information contact
Danielle Bonnington 0402 211 657 or
danielle@pasturecropping.com

'Spring into EverGraze'

The Central West CMA in conjunction with the NSW DII's Evergraze project are holding a series of field days throughout the catchment to demonstrate how local landholders are managing perennial pastures under different rotational grazing systems. DII will present research data related to different grazing approaches from their Evergraze sites.

These field days will be held during October & November with a focus on suitable systems for your local region. A local Agronomist will be on hand as well as discussion on infrastructure design and sustainable grazing techniques for perennial pastures.

Bathurst Friday 20th November

Please contact for further information:
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clayton.miller@cma.nsw.gov.au

Orange Monday 23rd November

Please contact for further information:
Jason McWhirter 6372 8903
jason.mcwhirter@cma.nsw.gov.au

**Conservation Cropping Tour
Little River Landcare
November 10th, - Yeoval**

A road trip to look at crops managed with conservation technology and an opportunity to look at conservation farming equipment. Little River Landcare will launch its 'Machinery Conversions' program and incentive funding project on this day. The will include speakers from Ag'N'Vet, Conservation & No Till Farming Association and local farmers. Meet at Little River office in Yeoval at 9:30am. **RSVP to 02 6846 4569 prior to the 6th November.**

**Soil Carbon Farming & Your Future
Little River Landcare
November 17th 9am – 5pm
Yeoval Golf Club**

Leaders in the area of soil carbon will deliver a 1 day program that will cover new ways of soil management to build soil carbon; new markets and opportunities and how to measure whole farm soil carbon. John Lawrie (CWCMA), Dr. Brian Murphy (DECC) and Michael & Louisa Keily will be the speakers for the day, including local landholders.
RSVP to 02 6846 4569 by November 13th

Macquarie Blue Festival

**Sunday November 22,
12pm – 5pm**

Join RiverSmart and Central West CMA for an afternoon at **Sandy Beach** cheering the finale of the 3 day Paddle-a-thon and Dragon Boat races. Learn about the Macquarie River and how you can reduce your river footprint. The day includes: river tours, clowns, roving performances and food stalls.

For more information call 6334 3442 or visit www.riversmart.org.au

'Women in the Landscape' Forum

**Macquarie 2100 - Narromine RSL
November 26th**

Women in our landscape have to be & are resilient, resourceful, powerful and caring as they manage family,, farms, school, work, sport, committees...and the weather! M2100 presents a great opportunity to learn and be inspired from some fantastic speakers – a day not to be missed. Cost \$20 pp including am/pm tea & lunch. 8:45am – 5:00pm
RSVP by Friday 20 November, 2009 to m2100@bigpond.com.au 02 68887 778

Farm Financial Forum

**December 3rd
Parklands Resort Mudgee**

Speakers include: Michael Pascoe – one of Australia's most respected and experienced finance and economics commentators with 36 years in newspaper, broadcast, on-line journalism and is currently chair of ABARE. He's also a most entertaining and provocative speaker on matters financial, economical and political and concentrating on agriculture.

John Francis – Holmes & Sacket (Rural Consultants). Talk about future trends in Agriculture, benchmarking results and analysing agricultural commodities. Specifically looking at how some businesses can cope with drought and downturns, what they do differently to other businesses.

Peter Druit – Peter Druit & Co. Local trends in rural property pricing and how this may impact on your business. Real Estate trends over time, and relating agric returns to non agricultural returns. Is agriculture a good business to be in?

RSVP Clare Hamilton 0428 791359 or clarehamilton@bigpond.com

Wetlandcare Australia National Art & Photography Competition 2010

Entries are now open for artworks and photographs exploring the theme of Wetlands, Biodiversity and Climate Change. For more information or get an entry form go to: www.wetlandcare.com.au
0428 348 542

Fishing Competition

**November 27th, 28th & 29th
Burrendong Dam - Wellington**

The Wellington Federal Hotel is holding a fishing competition with over \$7000 in prizes. **For more information contact Mark Rich 0418 611 545**

Industry & Investment NSW for Macquarie Marshes Paddock Plants Day

**December 3rd, 2009 (a second day will be run on
Friday December 4th if numbers are sufficient)**

The Paddock Plants day will give landholders the opportunity to learn more about the identification, conservation & grazing value of some important Marshes wetland plants and the implications for livestock performance. An industry & investment (formerly Primary Industries) botanist, agronomist and beef cattle officer will run each day. All participants will be provided with a *glove box guide to plants of the Gwydir Wetlands & Macquarie Marshes*.

From 8:00am – 12:00pm, morning tea is provided, but bring your own chair and lunch. Venue is Garry & Leanne Hall's property "The Mole". The day is free to all participants.

RSVP is essential. Please provide your name, number of participants and a contact number to Harry or Carol Rose. Phone 6562 6244 or mobile 0427 001 903 or email harry.rose@industry.nsw.gov.au

Free Family Business Booklets

Family Business Australia has produced a set of free booklets designed to assist families manage their businesses and families. To order a set of 4 free booklets visit www.fambiz.org.au/FourBooklets.php

Do you know about???

H2O = Life

Bottles From The Basin

This international exhibition will be launched on December 8th, 2009 at the National Museum of Australia Canberra. To coincide with *Water: H2O = Life*, the National Museum of Australia is undertaking a number of public events and programs. One of these, in partnership with ACT Waterwatch, is an exciting outreach project that invites members of communities along the Murray Darling Basin (MDB) to contribute a water sample from their local river, lake, wetland or other source together with a water analysis and accompanying words and images.

The information that participants contribute will be plotted on an online map which will show the people and places, the water quality and issues that communities along the MDB are dealing with. Over the course of the exhibition, this map will grow and develop and show visually the important connections from state to territory across Australia's largest water system. The objective is to help reveal the issues we are facing as a nation and recognize some of the people in our communities who are working to resolve them. This project is coordinated by the National Museum of Australia and ACT Waterwatch.

The Project: What we invite you to do

If you decide you want to be part of this project then you will receive a 100ml plastic bottle with a unique serial number and a return stamped addressed envelope. We ask you to:

1. Take a water sample from your local water resource (e.g. river, creek, wetlands, lake)
2. Undertake an analysis of the water sample and document the results
3. Take a digital photo of the place where the sample was taken
4. Take a digital photo of the person who took the sample holding the bottle
5. Answer the questions on the attached questionnaire
6. Return the bottle to us in the stamped/addressed envelope
7. email the digital photos and the questionnaire to the email address on the questionnaire

We hope to receive replies from many people along the length of the MDB. The information we receive will be plotted on a map of the MDB on the museum's website. The aim of the map is to show that despite state borders, local government jurisdictions and local authorities, the MDB is a natural resource in crisis that needs to be treated as a whole water system. A display of the bottles themselves at the National Museum in the Main Hall during the summer school holidays so that children in particular who visit the Museum can see the results. For more information or to register contact Adam Blackshaw or Tanya Rucosky on 02 6208 5230 or email bottles@nma.gov.au

Money Matters

Woolworths – Sustainable Farming Grant

The Woolworths Sustainable Farming Program is a collaboration between Landcare Australia and Woolworths to develop, improve and encourage sustainable farming practices. We are seeking applications from farmer groups, farming organisations and Landcare groups who wish to undertake projects in any primary production industry.

Grants of up to \$22,000 (incl. GST) are aimed at supporting farmers to develop or implement good ideas to improve the sustainability of farming practices. The projects should develop or support the adoption of improved farming practices, production techniques, technology or products. Projects could focus on issues such as climate change adaptation, crop or animal production, water or nutrient use efficiency, management of waste or salinity. The projects should also provide results of interest and benefit to other farmers. Innovative ideas that will share information about successful strategies for adapting to climate change and managing under variable rainfall are most welcome.

Closing date for application – Monday November 9 open for groups

For applications go to:

www.landcareonline.com/funding_opportunity_details.asp?fo_id=18

Central West CMA Funding

The Central West CMA is commencing funding in early November for Natural Resource Management Short Courses and Small Grants. Information will be available on our website. Contact your local CMA office for more detailed information regarding funding available in your area.

www.cw.cma.nsw.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/>

Diary Dates



NSW Government Climate Action Grants

More than 101,000 rebates have been claimed by NSW householders, saving more than 2 billion litres of water and 88,000 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions a year.

You can apply for the rebates after the purchase and installation is complete.

Hot water systems, insulation or rainwater tanks installed to comply with [BASIX \(the Building Sustainability Index\)](#) for new homes and major renovations are not eligible for a rebate.

[Rainwater tank rebate](#) - up to \$1500 for rainwater tanks connected to toilets and washing machines

[Hot water system rebate](#) - up to \$1200 to switch from electric to solar, heat pump or gas hot water systems

[Washing machine rebate](#) - \$150 for buying a 4.5 star or higher WELS rated washing machine

For more information or to see if you are eligible go to:
<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/rebates/>

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/finding_funds/accessing/

If you have a community event, workshop, field day or forum you want announced in What's On please send to liz.davis@cma.nsw.gov.au

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Contact: clayton.miller@cma.nsw.gov.au

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Where: Orange
Contact: jason.mcwhirter@cma.nsw.gov.au

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Contact: m2100@bigpond.com or 68 887 778

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