



Central West
catchment
management authority

What's On in October?

Useful Drought Hotline Numbers

NSW Drought Hotline:

1800 814 647

NSW Rural Assistance Authority: 1800 678 593

National Drought Assistance: 132 316

Rural Mental Health Line:

1800 201 123

Come and Learn About Farming Systems!

The Central West CMA Farming Systems project involves identifying innovative farming systems and working with landholders to develop these systems on their own properties.

The project enables landholders who are keen to learn to get involved in field days and workshops. These workshops will help them to develop their ideas and implement natural resource management.

Each successful landholder will receive \$200 attendance and \$300 travel per day to attend 20 days of learning over a 6 month period. Landholders will attend field trips and listen to speakers who cover a range of innovative, relevant and topical issues.

The training will be held in different parts of the catchment to ensure that issues relevant to the objectives of the Farming Systems project are covered.

The development of a farm Natural Resource Plan by the participant during the training will be a key component of the project. These plans will be assessed at the end of the project and incentives may be available for participants to carry out sections of their plans. To obtain an Application Form or additional information on this innovative program, visit the Central West CMA website www.cw.cma.nsw.gov.au or contact your local Central West CMA Office.

Applications Close by 5.00 pm, Friday, 12 October 2007

Central West Champions of the Catchment are State Landcare Finalists.

Four of our Champions of the Catchment have become finalists in this years State Landcare Awards. Congratulations to John Blunt (Individual finalist), Little River Landcare Group (Community group finalist), Little Burning Mountain (Aboriginal group finalist) and Orange City Council (Local government finalist).

Native Grasses for a Thirsty Landscape

The 5th National Native Grasses Conference will be held in Mudgee 7-10th of October. You can get more details and RSVP to Vivienne at the following: vivienne.stipa@bigpond.com or phone: 6374 0329

Paddock Plants Day - Bathurst



The Central West CMA office in Bathurst will be holding a paddock plants day on the 1st of November in the Hill end area, (venue yet to be decided).

If you would like to learn how to identify common plants found in your paddock and find out why they are there, this is the day for you! The day will have a focus on native grasses and begin at 9am and conclude at Midday. All interested people please phone Adam Hook at the Bathurst office for further details and to RSVP, on (02) 6339 4915.

Your Farm and Carbon Credits? - Carbon Farming Expo and Conference

When: 14th November 2007 (8:30am - 5pm)

Where: agricultural Research & Education Centre, Mudgee.

Bookings Essential - 02 6374 0329

Namoi Landscape Management & State Landcare Forum 2007

Confronting our future is the theme for this years Landscape Management and State Landcare forum, Tamworth October 25th, 26th and 27th. To register go to the Namoi CMA website and follow the links to the forum or call Tamworth Tourism on 02 6767 5300.
www.namoi.cma.gov.au

Mid-Macquarie Landcare Ripple Group Field Day

Put aside October 26th to attend the Mid-Macquarie Landcare Ripple group Field Day. Come along to the field day and hear about how the Ripple Group are coping with the drought and looking after the landscape and their families. The Field Day will be held at the Oaklands property, Narromine. Further info: Maryan Gavel Ph: (02) 6396 272 or email: GAVEL@bigpond.com

The Latest Techniques to Manage Catchments Forum

Hosted by the NSW Department of Primary Industries Where: Wellington When: Wednesday October 31st. For further information contact: Luke Beange, Advisory Officer, Dubbo 6881 1294 or email: luke.beange@dpi.nsw.gov.au

Pasture Cropping and Soil Health Field Trip to Mudgee/Gulgong

When: (Tue-Wed) October 23-24th
What: Tour Sites include Wellington Research Station-Grain & Graze pasture cropping and no-till trials, Colin Seis's property "Winona", Lowes winery Mudgee, Time Controlled Grazing & No-Kill Cropping Sites. Overnight stay in Mudgee. Fully subsidised by the Lachlan CMA- get in soon places are filling up fast!
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Mosaic Mapping

Find out about projects that have been funded by the Natural Heritage Trust and the NAP_.
Go to: www.nrm.gov.au and have a look at the projects in the Central West

Free Willow Workshop

Get an understanding of willows across the region and the extent of willow infestations and associated problems across the catchment. Receive training on willow identification and management and learn about the willow Sawfly. **Who:** Anyone interested in willow identification and/or management **Where:** Dubbo - Apex Oval Conference room, Cobra St. **When:** Friday October 5, 2007 9:30 am till 4:30pm or Bathurst on October 23. To RSVP or for more info please contact Clayton Miller on 6339 4905

Conservation Volunteers Australia/Toyota- Free Volunteer Management Workshops

These free workshops are designed to share experience and expertise with volunteer managers and co-ordinators from environment groups as well as other volunteer groups. Each workshop runs for half a day (9.30am-12.30pm). **Further Info:** Register at training@conservationvolunteers.com.au or visit www.conservationvolunteers.com.au

Invitation to Contribute to a National Landcare Publication

The Australian Landcare Council (ALC) has been asked to oversee the publication a new book called Landcare making a difference, celebrating Landcare achievements over the past 20 years. The Council is inviting written land-carer contributions by October 31st, 2007. Please scroll down to "news" on the ALC homepage at www.auslandcarecouncil.org for an information sheet on instructions for providing contributions.

On -Ground Implementation of Conservation Farming

One-day workshops to address the soil, agronomy, economic and engineering considerations for adopting conservation farming techniques.

When: Coolah-: Tues 23rd or Bathurst: Thurs 25th October **Further Info:** Contact Elizabeth Jones: (02) 6845 4438

Australian National Field Days *Better Bush on Farms*

When: 16-18 October 2007
Winners of our Photo Competition and School Farm Planning Competition will be announced and on display.

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 you local CMA office.

Central West CMA Biodiversity Program

The CW CMA Biodiversity Incentive Program is designed to assist land managers to undertake works that will have selected biodiversity outcomes. **Funding assistance is available for:**

- Projects that will improve management of High Conservation Value habitat for biodiversity outcomes
- Projects that address Priority Action Statements or Species Recovery Plans for priority species, populations or communities
- Projects that maintain or enhance instream habitat
- Projects that address management actions for CWCMA priority pest animals

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.

Central West CMA Native Vegetation Incentives

The Central West CMA Native Vegetation Incentive Program is designed to assist landholders manage and restore native vegetation for productive, ecologically healthy landscapes. The program funds a diverse range of activities including Native Grasslands Grazing Management, Native Shrub Establishment for Pasture Enhancement, Remnant Vegetation Management, Revegetation, Riparian management and Innovations in Vegetation and Biodiversity. The Vegetation Program is open all the time, EOI forms and fact sheets are available from your local CMA office or www.cw.cma.nsw.gov.au or for further information please contact the CWCMA vegetation Team on 6881 3400.

Money Matters

Working on Country Programme 07 / 08

A key focus of this initiative is to create jobs with all the benefits of employment for Indigenous people including opportunities for people currently participating in Community Development Employment Project (CDEP) programme. However, Working on Country is available to all Indigenous people, not just CDEP participants. There are two main objectives: To provide the means for Indigenous people to undertake environmental work on country that meets both their aspirations for caring for country and the Australian government's environmental responsibilities; and to provide a mechanism through which Indigenous people, including those involved with the CDEP programme, can move into jobs. **Assessments for Round 2 close on October 19, 2007.** For further information and applications go to: www.environment.gov.au

On-Ground Implementation of Conservation Farming:

Incentive funding is available for soil testing. The soil testing incentive is to help land managers improve their soil knowledge and soil management skills. Included is a soil testing package so managers can find out about the current state of their soil's health, with an incentive to have soils tested to provide basis soil health information. **Application forms are available from www.confarming.org.au.** Further information: Wellington DPI Office on 02 6845 4438, Parkes DPI Office on 02 6862 1000, Wellington Central West Conservation Farming Association on 02 6845 1044 or your nearest CWCMA office.

Farmbis

The new Farmbis programme started in New South Wales on 1 July 2007 giving primary producers and rural land managers access to business and natural resource management training and education at a reduced cost. For more information call 1 800 195 543 or visit www.farmbis.gov.au/nsw.html.

Junior Landcare Grants

Round 4 closes October 18. For more information and applications go to: www.landcareonline.com/funding

Dilmah Water Quality Funding Best Tea, Best Water

Next round of applications close October 26th, for more information www.landcareonline.com/funding

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

Vibrant communities...healthy landscapes

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