

What's On in October?



Central West & Lachlan CMA 2009 Australian National Field Days Feature Exhibitor

The Central West and Lachlan Catchment Management Authorities (CMAs) are proud to be the feature exhibitor at the 2009 Australian National Field Days (ANFD) to be held over three days in Orange from the **20th to 22nd October**.

This year's ANFD theme is 'Changing Agriculture in a Changing Environment'. The feature exhibit will concentrate on the challenges and impacts placed on agriculture and the environment and how to better prepare and adapt to meet these changes.

Come and visit our interactive display, there will be plenty there to capture your interests, staff on hand to assist with your inquiries, practical and informative demonstrations.

The display will include:

- Soil pit – bring along your soil samples
- Water quality and efficiency activities
- Michal Inwood's innovative solar powered electric ute and Agroplow disc seeder
- Property Vegetation Planning
- 2009 Photographic Competition winners
- Enviro-Stories from Primary students
- High School Property Planning Competition
- Enter the competition and win a Water tank, proudly sponsored by Clark Tanks.

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.

Nyngan - Tuesday October 27

Venue: Nyngan RSL

Coonamble - Thursday October 29

Venue: Bowling Club

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: RSL

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

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Spring Water Bug Surveys National Water Week October 18 - 24

This year Spring Water Bug Surveys are lined up to coincide with National Water Week. This is a great opportunity to promote your water monitoring activities to a broader audience, by registering your Water Event (such as a Water Bug Survey) on the National Water Week website. www.nationalwaterweek.org.au

Waterwatch runs bug surveys twice a year (Autumn & Spring), and the data is loaded to the Bug Survey database. To learn more about how to sample your stream for water bugs, and to register your group, visit the Bug Survey website. www.bugsurvey.nsw.gov.au or contact the Central West CMA Waterwatch Contact: Laura McKinley at our Dubbo office on 6881 3400

Willie Retreat Opening Day Sunday October 4th

Willie Retreat will be opening the new facilities and viewing of the new constructed wetland. For more information or to RSVP contact Shona Whitfield of the CW CMA. 6847 2923 or email: shona.whitfield@cma.nsw.gov.au

Free PlaceStories Training October 28th & 29th Orange & Dubbo

PlaceStories is a very user-friendly digital story-making software developed over a decade by a Brisbane-based Non Government Organisation (NGO) called Feral Arts (google either one for more information). For past 12 months Landcare NSW has been working with Feral Arts to implement PlaceStories training.

PlaceStories software enables a storyteller to assemble 20 – 40 of their digital photos (images) and audio tracks into a 2 – 3 minute digital story which can be located on Google Maps and uploaded to the web. This is particularly appropriate for landcarers and other community-based NRM/environmental groups as they can easily document and publicise their project stories

The one-day PlaceStories training workshop being offered by Central West CMA is **free**. You will need to bring a laptop computer, story ideas, 15 – 30 images of a project or issues you are working on to make a digital story.

When: October 28 Orange CMA Office 39 William st.

October 29 Dubbo CW CMA Office Level 1, 211 Macquarie St

Time 9am start, complete by 5:00 at latest (often by 3:30)

Contact: Liz Davis on 6363 8603, 0427 452 662 or email liz.davis@cma.nsw.gov.au

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

Market Power Workshop

The City Needs You

**Discover how farmers' markets
can grow your enterprise**

Orange October 7th

(FREE)

Farmers' markets are now part of Sydney's foodscape – where shoppers flock in search of fresh food with a face, sold by hardworking producers who grow, rear, catch make and bake it.

Authentic markets offer farmers and food artisans powerful business opportunities and direct access to hundreds of new customers selling farm direct seasonal fresh food.

The Market Power Regional NSW Workshops will introduce the benefits of farmers' markets and direct food marketing to farmers, growers and artisan food producers interested in participating and profiting from city-based farmers markets.

Who should attend?

Are you a farmer, vegetable, orchardist, poultry farmers, olive grower; beef, lamb or pork producer; specialist cheese maker or winemaker?

Is your food enterprise located within a four-hour drive from Sydney?

Do you wish to explore new channels in the food supply chain? Better understand the benefits of direct 'farm to fork' marketing? Promote your food business to a new audience? Launch a brand? Test consumer response to a new product... or want to understand how farmers' markets can grow and diversify your business?

October 7th from 10:30 – 2:30 at Orange Agricultural Institute, Forest Rd. Includes a light regional food lunch. Pre-registration is essential, to book call: 9240 8717 or email: sarah.mccann@shfa.nsw.gov.au

Oxley Downs Open Weekend October 3rd, 4th & 5th

The Tourle family will open the doors of the wonderful 'Oxley Downs' over the long weekend. 'Oxley Downs' was created for the television series Outback House. 'Oxley Downs' is the replica of an 1861 sheep station. Experience the wonderful hospitality of the Tourle family and the unique history created by 'Oxley Downs'. Cost: Family (2A, 2C \$30. Adult \$12. Concession \$10. Children (5-16yrs) \$5. Bring a picnic. Drinks available. For further information contact 02 6887 7264 or 0428 348 542

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Education for Sustainability Bathurst October 30 & 31

An Environmental Education conference for teachers across all sectors, parents and other members of the community interested in school, community or household kitchen gardens.

With food being the largest component of many individual ecological footprints, growing food not only addresses health issues but also provides a framework to develop knowledge and skills for individuals to reduce their footprint through living more sustainably. The 2009 Education for Sustainability conference is focussing on Living Sustainably through Kitchen Gardens in schools and in the wider community. Come along and consider how you, your school or community can accept the challenge to develop skills related to a more sustainable lifestyle in our rapidly changing world.

Costs: \$30/day or \$50 for two days.

CSU Student \$20/day

To secure your registration contact Jan Page at jpage@csu.edu.au

November Carbon Farming Conference November 4th & 5th

November 4 & 5th at the Orange National Field Day Site
Speakers include: Dr. Jeff Baldock, Peter Andrews, Louisa Kiely and Maarten Strapper. For more information visit: www.carbonfarming.net.au

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.

Wellington Monday 12th October
Please contact Pip Job 6846 4569
or Angela Hutchinson 6840 7805
angela.hutchinson@cma.nsw.gov.au

Gilgandra Wednesday 14th October
Please contact for further information:
Tim Nalder on 6847 2923
timothy.nalder@cma.nsw.gov.au

Coolah Thursday 22nd October
For further information:
Bruce Christie 6372 8909
bruce.christie@cma.nsw.gov.au

Orange Tuesday 27th October
For Further information:
Jason Mcwhirter on 6372 8903
jason.mcwhirter@cma.nsw.gov.au

Yeoval October 30th In conjunction with Little River Landcare

Please contact Pip Job 6846 4569
Angela Hutchinson: 6840 7805 or
angela.hutchinson@cma.nsw.gov.au

Bathurst Friday 20th November
Please contact for further information:
Clayton Miller 6339 4905
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

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

Did You Know???

That an assessment of the vulnerability of Australia's biodiversity to climate change was commissioned by the Australian Government to help increase our understanding of how to help Australia's rich biodiversity adapt to climate change.

The assessment finds that Australia's biodiversity is at risk from even moderate climate change and already under stress, for example from habitat degradation, changed fire regimes and invasive species. About 85% of Australia's terrestrial mammals, 91% of flowering plants, and 90% of reptiles and frogs are found nowhere else in the world. More than 50% of the world's marsupial species occur only in Australia. Rates of extinction of species are likely to increase as the global average temperature rises by just 1.0 ° or 1.5° degrees C above pre-industrial levels, and likely to accelerate sharply as temperature rises beyond 2 ° degrees C. The Assessment was undertaken by an independent group of experts, led by professor Will Steffen, for the Natural Resource Management Ministerial Council.
www.climatechange.gov.au/impacts/pubs/biodiversity-vulnerability-assessment.pdf

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Landcare

National Perspective ***Australian Framework For Landcare*** ***Your Feedback Welcome***

You are invited to participate in the development of an Australian Framework for Landcare which will guide its direction over the next 20 years. Supported by the Australian Government, it is intended the consultation process for the framework to be inclusive of all related community groups involved in sustainable resource management.

A paper that starts the process, titled: Community Landcare Speaks: Realising our Future – The Beginnings of an Australian Landcare Framework for Landcare, can be accessed on the National Landcare Facilitator website. [www.](http://www.landcareonline.com.au/)

If you are interested in open discussion and comment on your ideas, a Landcare Speaks Blog has been set up.

Visit www.landcarespeaks.wordpress.com/about

For more information visit Landcare Australia at:

<http://www.landcareonline.com.au/>

NSW Perspective ***NSW Landcare Committee***

<http://www.landcarensw.org>

The NSW Landcare Committee, the peak body for Landcare in NSW, met for the first time on Wednesday 10 August 2005. The committee consists of representatives of the NSW Landcare community as well as State and Local Government representatives and indigenous interests.

The Chair of the Committee also represents the NSW Landcare Community on the Natural Resources Advisory Council (NRAC), the peak natural resource management body in NSW. The NRAC provides a high level forum for stakeholders to advise the NSW Government on natural resource management issues.

The Committee is supported by the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water (DECCW). The Department is committed to supporting Landcare, believing that the Landcare community has an important role to play in working with the Catchment Management Authorities, particularly in involving the community in implementing the Authorities' Catchment Action Plans.

Landcare NSW Inc.

<http://www.landcarensw.org.au/>

Landcare NSW Inc evolved from a community desire to have a representational body of Landcarers at the state level. Following the Musters at Lake Macquarie and Tamworth in 2007, a number of issues were raised that threatened the ongoing effectiveness and existence of Landcare and Landcare groups in NSW. Landcare NSW Inc was formed to provide a forum to address those

issues seen as barriers to the success of Landcare in NSW.

The membership of Landcare NSW is comprised of endorsed members from Landcare regions, districts or composite groups. Landcare NSW Inc has developed clear objectives and terms of reference to guide the direction of the organisation as it moves forward to promote Landcare.

Aims

Landcare NSW Inc exists to be a strong representative body to work for grassroots community driven natural resource management in NSW. Our aim is to promote and encourage awareness and education in sustainable natural resource management, to foster community and individual action in environmental reparation, nature conservation and the adoption of regenerative production systems, and to advocate ecologically sustainable development. For more information visit

<http://www.landcarensw.org.au/>

Regional Perspective ***Central West NRM Working Group***

www.cw.cma.nsw.gov.au

There are over 75 active Landcare groups in the Central West region. Included in these groups are the main 8 over-arching Landcare Groups in the Central West these are: Watershed Landcare, Central Tablelands Landcare Committee, Mid Macquarie Landcare, Little River Landcare, Macquarie2100, Dunedoo Area Community Group and Sustainable Nyngan Agriculture Group (SNAG). Members from these groups form the Central West NRM Working group, which meet 4 times a year to network, give feedback to the Central West CMA, assist with Theme (biodiversity, land, water & people) team and investment priorities. The Central West CMA is in the process of uploading information about our Landcare groups on our new website, this will enable volunteers to locate groups and projects they are interested in.

Watershed Landcare – Thea Ridley 0417 074 673

Central Tablelands Landcare Committee – Marita Sydes 0429 979 780

Mid Macquarie Landcare –Cameron Tomkins 6846 6292

Little River Landcare – Fergus Job 6846 4569

Macquarie2100 – Kirsty Wettenhall – 6888 7778

Dunedoo Area Community Group – Simon Ferguson 6375 1404

Sustainable Nyngan Agriculture Group (SNAG) – Nicole Klante 6833 4441

Parkes & District Landcare
Gerald Carnie – 0428 743 846

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Money Matters

Fish Habitat Grants

**2009 Habitat Action Grants
CLOSE on October 16th**

Grants of up to \$30,000 are available to improve fish habitat in NSW and enhance recreational fishing.

Please note: preference is given to projects that are from, involve or are supported by recreational fishers. Contact Charlotte Jenkins 6626 1107 or email:

fish.habitat@dpi.nsw.gov.au

For applications go to

[www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/recreational/info/habitat-action-grants-funding-up-to-\\$30,000](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries/recreational/info/habitat-action-grants-funding-up-to-$30,000)

\$5 Million for Small Grants & Local Land Management

The Rudd Government has listened to the concerns of community groups and announced it will provide small grants to support local environmental and land management work. The program is expected to provide up to 500 grants of between \$5000 and \$20,000 to support smaller, local projects run by groups SUCH AS Landcare and Indigenous groups.

The Community Action Grants will be funded through Caring for our Country and are designed to support some groups which have not yet received funding.

Eligible community groups may include

- Groups of farmers or land managers working on sustainable farming or improving natural resource management
- Indigenous partnerships involved in protecting or managing our natural resources.

Projects could include tree planting, revegetation, field days and natural resource management in remote and northern Australia. For guidelines and application information call 1800 552 008 or visit:

<http://www.nrm.gov.au/funding/cag.html>

Online applications **close at 5pm (AEDT) Thursday 22 October 2009**. If you are unable to submit your application online, you may send a hard copy application post dated by **close of business** Thursday 22 October 2009. Online applications are preferred.

Protect Your Box Gum Grassy Woodland

Landholders are encouraged to apply for payments from the Australian Government to conserve box gum grassy woodland on their property for up to 15 years.

Under the Caring for our Country initiative these payments can cover all labour and capital costs involved and any losses from current production on your box gum grassy woodland site.

Box gum grassy woodland provides habitat for at least 19 threatened species, including the superb parrot, the swift parrot and the tiger quoll.

Less than five per cent of this ecological community remains in good condition primarily as scattered remnants across its geographic range.

If you are a land manager in the Central West CMA region with a patch, or patches of Box Gum Grassy Woodland of more than 10 hectares on your land, we would like to invite you to participate in the tender round which is currently open. Requests for Site

Assessments will need to be received by 31 October 2009. For further information or to request a site assessment, please contact the Box Gum Grassy Woodland team on free call: **1 800 239 453**

Alternatively contact us via: Fax: 02 6932 3269 or email – boxgum@cma.nsw.gov.au or visit website:

www.nrm.gov.au/stewardship

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.

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/>

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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 4: Friday, 23rd October

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

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

Diary Dates



October 3,4 & 5: Oxley Downs Open Weekend

Contact: 6887 7264 OR 0428 348 542

October 4: Willie Retreat Open Day

Contact: shona.whitfield@cma.nsw.gov.au

October 7 Market Power Workshop

Where: Orange

Contact: 9240 8717 or

sarah.mccann@shfa.nsw.gov.au

October 18 – 24: Spring Water Bug Surveys

Where: Across the catchment

Contact: www.bugsurvey.nsw.gov.au

Or Central West CMA 6881 3400

October 20 - 22 Australian National Field Days

Where: Orange / Borenore

October 28 PlaceStories Training

Where: Orange

Contact liz.davis@cma.nsw.gov.au

October 29 PlaceStories Training

Where: Dubbo

Contact liz.davis@cma.nsw.gov.au

October 30 & 31: Education for Sustainability

Where: Bathurst

Contact: jpage@csu.edu.au

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Gilgandra 23 Warren Rd (PO Box 181)

Ph: 6847 2923 Fax: 6847 2997

Mudgee 90 Market St. (PO Box 174)

Ph: 6372 4044 Fax: 6372 6719

Nyngan 91B Pangee St. (PO Box 121)

Ph: 6832 1303 Fax: 6832 1031

Orange 39 William St (PO Box 1344)

Ph: 6363 8600 Fax: 6363 8601

Trangie Trangie Research Station (PO Box 181)

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