



What's On In September

Useful Drought Hotline Numbers

NSW Drought Hotline:

1800 814 647

Rural Mental Health Line:

1800 201 123

NSW Rural Assistance

Authority: 1800 678 593

National Drought Assistance

132 316

Central West CMA Photo Competition

When: Closes 14th September

What: Capture the essence of the catchment with this year's theme: You can make a difference in the home, in the paddock, in the community and in the catchment.

\$6000 worth of prizes up for grabs in 4 categories

Show how you can make a difference in the Central West CMA catchment

Further Info: Visit

www.cw.cma.nsw.gov.au or your local CWCMA office

Local Government Sustainable Development Conference

When: 11th-12th September 2007

What: Conference for local government staff to identify, plan & implement best practice sustainable development solutions, and showcase leading edge examples of outstanding environmental initiatives by Australian local government.

Where: Melbourne **Further Info:** Visit

<http://www.halledit.com.au/conferences/details.php?id=64&accom=m=1>

CWCMA Community Consultation on Investment Strategy for 2008/09 – 2010/11

If you missed one of our Community Consultations to have your say on our future Investment Strategy it's not too late. You still have a chance to have input on our draft Management Actions proposed for funding through the Investment Strategy to achieve our Catchment Action Plan (CAP) targets. To have your say go to our website: www.cw.cma.nsw.gov.au and forward your feedback via email to cw@cma.nsw.gov.au or fax 6840 7801

Clean Up the World

When: 14th-16th September 2007 **What:** a community based campaign that inspires individuals and communities from every corner of the globe to make their environment a cleaner, healthier place to live. **Where:** Worldwide **Further Info:** Visit <http://cleanup.org.au/au/s>

Renewable Energy & Regional Australia Conference

When: 16th-18th September 2007 **What:** In response to the growing impact of climate change a conference aimed at defining the challenge for Regional Australia to identify alternative energy sources. **Where:** Bendigo, VIC **Further Info:** Visit <http://www.renewableenergyconference.com.au/>

14th Biennial NSW Weeds Conference

When: 24th-27th September 2007

What: Registrations are now open for this conference which will address all aspects of weeds and their management at a National, State, regional and local level. Including new & emerging issues, integrated management options and developing successful on-ground partnerships

Where: Wollongong

Further Info: www.weed2007.com.au

On-Ground Implementation of Conservation Farming

When & Where: 25th Sept- Cumnock, 27th Sept- Coonabarabran

What: A one-day workshop developed by NSW DPI, CWCFA and the Central West CMA to address the soil, agronomy, economic and engineering considerations for adopting Conservation farming techniques.

Further Info: Contact Elizabeth Jones ph:02 6845 4438

On-Site '07: Innovation and Technology for On-Site Systems

When: 25th -27th September 2007

What: A two-day conference addressing best practice for on-site wastewater management and including a wide range of trade displays. **Where:** Armidale

Further Info:

www.lanfaxlabs.com.au/onsite07

Condobolin Ag Research Centre (ARAS) Field Day

When: 26th September 2007

What: NSW DPI displays will feature alternative mulesing technologies, sheep breeding for commercial producers including research results and the new Sheep Genetics database, Wheat, barley breeding, Soil pit viewing of continuous cropping, conventional cropping and perennial pasture systems. Alley farming with saltbush will also be featured. **Where:** Condobolin ARAS **Further Info:** Contact Dean Patton ph:02 6895 1025 or website www.dpi.nsw.gov.au

2007 NSW Youth River Health Conference

When: 19th-20th November 2007

What: Registrations are now open for this conference which is about promoting kids teaching kids as the highest form of learning and aiming for a cultural change in the way we view, use and perceive our natural environment.

Where: Inverell

Further Info:

<http://www.onelifeoneworldourfuture.com/index.php?pageid=272>

Conservation Volunteers Australia/Toyota Australia - Free Volunteer Management Workshops

This free workshop series is designed to share experience and expertise with volunteer managers and coordinators (paid and unpaid) from environment groups as well as other volunteer organisations. Each workshop runs for half a day (9:30am – 12:30pm) and there is a choice of topics between:

What: Change Management in community groups

When: 11 September 2007

Where: Sydney

What: Motivated Volunteers

When: 13 September 2007

Where: Sydney

What: Team development for community groups

When: 17 October 2007

Where: Sydney

What: Project management in community groups

When: 19 October 2007

Where: Sydney

Further Info: Register at

training@conservationvolunteers.com.au or visit

www.conservationvolunteers.com.au

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

“I Spy Wildlife”

A wildlife Spot-a-thon for WIRES & your school

When: 1st Sept 2007

What: I Spy Wildlife aims to introduce children to the amazing world of native Australian animals. Our wildlife spot-a-thon aims to educate and surprise young naturalists with fascinating details about everyday animals, whilst also raising money to rescue, rehabilitate and release injured and orphaned wildlife.

Where: Everywhere

Further Info: call the ‘I Spy Wildlife’ Coordinator on 02 8977 3327 or contact by email simon@wires.org.au

Rangelands Australia – Short Course Series

When: Short courses will be held in rangeland regions subject to need and demand and at a mutually convenient time and location **What:** These short courses are specially designed for: Land and asset managers, Facilitators and groups, Government advisors, consultants, Local Government, Training and service providers.

These courses include: Being heard as a stakeholder in the rangelands, Introduction to monitoring for management, Being in the rangelands for the long run – Balancing for economic, environmental and social outcomes, Success in Diversification, No Surprises in the Rangelands and Getting into Further Study – Insights, practices and tips for success in distance education. Minimum numbers apply. **Further Info:** To register your interest in holding a short course for a group in your area, please contact

Rangelands Australia 07 5460 1660 or

rangelands@uqg.uq.edu.au

National Landcare Week

When: 3rd to 9th Sept 2007
What: Landcare Week is celebrated each year to encourage the community to help conserve Australia's unique native fauna and flora and reflect on the great work that is being achieved across Australia to protect, restore and rehabilitate our precious natural environment.
Where: Everywhere **Further Info:** Visit the website www.landcareonline.com

10th International River Symposium & Environmental Flows Conference

When: 3rd–6th September 2007
What: The symposium will focus on the emerging field of river management and Environmental Flows, featuring presentations on innovative practices and case studies from all over the world and a wide range of perspectives on managing river flows for people and ecosystem health.
Where: Brisbane
Further Info: Visit www.riversymposium.com or call 07 3034 8230

Diary Dates



September 14: Closing Date for Australia Post Community Development Grants
Further Info: 1800151105 or www.landcareonline.com

September 14: Closing Date for CWCMA photo comp
Further Info: Contact your local CWCMA office or www.cw.cma.nsw.gov.au

September 18: Closing date for NRM Innovation Grants
Further Info: 1800 657 220 or www.daff.gov.au
September 30: Small Grants for Small Communities Applications close
Further Info: 1800 170 020 or www.frr.org.au

Living Sustainably

Go to: www.livingthing.net.au to find out how you can be more sustainable at home, work and play. Information on Rainwater tank rebates for residential properties, an interactive directory of recycling and much more.

National Threatened Species Day

When: 7th Sept 2007 The National Threatened Species Day is celebrated each year to encourage the community to help conserve Australia's unique native fauna and flora. We can all take action to prevent further extinctions by restoring healthy numbers of endangered species and ecological communities in the wild. **Where:** Everywhere **Further Info:** Visit the website <http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/ts-day/index.html>

Central West CMA Cultural Heritage Incentives

The Central West CMA is launching a Cultural Heritage Incentive on September 6, 2007. This incentive is to provide assistance to land managers to conserve, restore and manage the cultural resources on their land. For further information please contact your nearest CMA office or go to our website for more information after the launch date. www.cw.cma.nsw.gov.au

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Australian National Field Days

When: 16-18 October 2007
What: featuring displays of ag machinery & implements, livestock products & displays, farming ideas & advice as well as a range of IT, educational and departmental displays
Where: Borenore, 15km west of Orange
Further Info: www.anfd.com.au

5th Annual Native Grasses Conference "Native Grasses for a Thirsty Landscape"

When: 7-10 October 2007
What: Two-days of presentation, lectures and field trips covering topics such as Doing Business with Native Grasses, Humanity's Interaction with Native Grassland and Enhancing Natural Resources with Native Grass Management.
Where: Agricultural Research & Education Centre, Mudgee
Further Info: www.stipa.com.au

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When & Where: 23rd Oct- Coolah, 25th Oct- Bathurst
What: A one-day workshop developed by NSW DPI, CWCFA and the Central West CMA to address the soil, agronomy, economic and engineering considerations for adopting Conservation farming techniques
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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.

NRM Innovation Grants

The Natural Resource Innovation Grants are one-off grants to encourage people in farming, food, aquaculture and forest industries to contribute to sustainable production. They can do this by developing or promoting the adoption of innovative practices, production techniques, technologies and products

Applications Close Monday 18th September 2007. For more info call **1800 657 220** or www.daff.gov.au

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.

Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal

The FRRR has small grants for small communities and Regional Education Programs (REP). for more info go to: www.frrr.org.au

Australia Post Community Development Grant

Community groups can apply to help improve their local community and environment. Round 2 closes Sept 14th, 2007 For more information and applications go to: www.landcareonline.com/funding

Money Matters

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.

Working on Country Programme 07 / 08

Working on Country builds on Indigenous knowledge of protecting and managing land and sea country, and provides funding for Indigenous people to deliver environmental outcomes to the Australian government. 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 closes on October 19, 2007. Applications must be lodged before October 19 2007 to be considered in the second assessment round. For further information and applications go to: www.environment.gov.au

Junior Landcare Grants

Through the Junior Landcare Grants Program, any school or organisation that would like to involve their students in landcare projects, in conjunction with local landcare groups, can apply for grants to assist them with the cost of their projects. The program targets major issues relevant to our natural environment including:
Water quality/conservation,
Waste reduction/recycling,
School Gardens, Biodiversity.
Round 4 closes October 18. For more information and applications go to:
www.landcareonline.com/funding

National Award for Women Innovators of Projects for the Community

The Australian virtual Centre for Leadership for Women (CLW) will be running its 2008 National Leadership Achievement Award for Women again from 1 September 2007 and closing for applications on 22 December 2007. The CLW Leadership Achievement Award, established to recognise women in the community who use their own initiative to create and implement projects for the benefit of the community and in collaboration with the community, is open to all Australian women 18 years and above who can nominate themselves or be nominated by others. There is no fee for entry. This Award is unique in that it is a nation wide award for women who take on voluntary leadership roles in the community. For more information so to:
www.leadershipforwomen.com.au

Solar Hot Water Rebate Programme

The Australian Government is helping Australian households install greenhouse friendly hot water technologies. Rebates of \$1000 are available in eligible circumstances to install solar and heat pump hot water systems. This measure, costing \$252 million over five years, will mean households can save money and help fight global warming. Water heating is the largest single source of greenhouse gas emissions from the average Australian home, accounting for around 28 per cent of home energy use (excluding the family car). For more information on eligibility and guidelines go to:
www.greenhouse.gov.au/solarhotwater/index.html#households

Farm Help - Supporting Families through Change

The Farm Help - Supporting Families through Change programme offers: financial assistance to farmers and their families who are experiencing financial difficulties and who cannot borrow further against their assets; tailored assistance to farm families to adjust and make decisions about their future in the industry; access to professional advice and training to assist farmers to consider their options for the future, to find alternative sources of income or to re-establish themselves outside of farming; and a re-establishment grant for those who choose to exit farming. Farm Help is one of a number of programmes developed as a part of the Australian Government's Agriculture - Advancing Australia package. For more information contact Centrelink
Postal: PO Box 7788 Canberra Post Business
Centre Fyshwick ACT 2610 Phone: 1800 050 585

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**.

Dilmah Water Quality Funding Best Tea, Best Water

Grants are on offer to help groups and schools improve our water quality. Grants of up to \$1,650 are up for grabs for the following: Water quality testing kits, Water quality testing training and water quality testing kit consumables and additions. Next round of applications close October 26th, for more information
www.landcareonline.com/funding