



# Lower Murray Darling Catchment Management Authority

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- ⇒ Minister's Visit
- ⇒ Defeating the Weeds
- ⇒ Mutti Mutti Project

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## FROM THE CHAIR

Over the past two months, your CMA Board members and staff have been busy with our core business.

A major funding boost in the fight against weeds has been granted to LMD CMA with a \$614,00 grant supported by the Defeat the Weeds Menace program. Our thanks to RLPB, Country Energy, Perilya Mines, Western CMA, DPI (Broken Hill) and other stakeholders for their support in this funding application. We will continue to work closely with these groups to achieve the desired outcomes against weeds.

Our Minister, Hon Ian Macdonald visited our Catchment on Monday 29 May 2006. It was a sweeping tour that took in the Anabranche Pipeline, CMA's Thegoa Lagoon fish passage and a visit to our Buronga offices to meet staff and Board.

We were present at the inaugural Homebush Field Day on 28 April, and even though it rained (which is always good), the reception from the local landholders was very encouraging. Congratulations to the Homebush Field Day committee on their event and hope that it will be the first of many more.

AgFair (Broken Hill) 5-6 May 2006 was a busy time. Our lime green enviro bags were a sought-after commodity as well as our other successful promotional items. Landholders asked many questions about our RIS training and incentives, and other participants went into the "What Prickle Bush Is That" competition. Paul Dixon (General Manager) and I travelled again to Broken Hill, Menindee and Packers Crossing on 27 May to speak with pastoralists in the area on issues of concern for them.

The Board continues to build its working relationships with Shire Councils within our Catchment by developing and approving Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) between the CMA and the Councils. The interaction with Councils is very encouraging and shows the way forward by being instrumental in developing business partnerships with landholders.

The last Board meeting on 6 June was held at Broken Hill. I spoke to a number of landholders to seek their comments on how your CMA is "travelling". Too often landholders view the CMA with distrust when, in fact, the development of a personal relationship with each and every landholder in the Catchment is very important to the Board. If you require advice on natural resource management, training sessions, access to funding or other issues that are important to you, contact me or any other Board or staff member to discuss your issues.

Kind regards

Mark King



Mark King  
LMD CMA Chair



**Patty Byrnes**  
LMD CMA Board Member

## HOLISTIC MANAGEMENT BUS TOUR

As part of the follow on from the Holistic Management training session, it was time to visit a couple of properties that had been practicing holistic management for many years and to see just how successful these properties were. Our local course graduates needed to compare where they were currently with longer term practitioners. LMD CMA Board member, Patty Byrnes, was there to review.

The bus tour to the Riverina region of NSW (30 & 31 March 2006) was organised by RMAP on behalf of the Holistic Management farming group. "Bestprac" funded the tour. "Bestprac" is funded by the Australian Wool Innovation (AWI) and the Meat & Livestock Association (MLA).



"Tarabah" homestead's walled veggie garden.

**'Holistic management affects all family members to achieve their objectives ...'**

"**Tarabah**" owned by Michael & Anna Couglan (via Morundah, 30km south of Narandera).

- 50,000 acres (20,000 ha) - 425 ml average rainfall with pine, box and red gum
- Land value about \$400 per acre
- Runs 2,000 head of Poll Hereford cows, 63 bulls and calves/weaners
- Carrying capacity is 2,500 cows
- Originally cropping and sheep (seed problem for sheep and looked for lower input)
- 97 paddocks (permanent fencing preferred to electric fencing) average 515 acres
- Watered by 3 permanent creeks, bores and dams
- Planted 9,500 tree seedlings
- Holistic management for 7 years
- Organic status (was not planned but is cost effective)
- Low input—1 dog, 1 x 4 wheel motor bike
- Runs all cattle in same paddock
- Annual grazing plan (stock in paddocks for 1 to 8 days)
- Contracts all labour (calf marking, fencing, lawn mowing etc)

**Achievements include:**

- Reduced weeds in pasture and increase in perennials
- Creek ecology improved (catfish and vegetation returned)
- Groundcover increased with no supplement feeding of stock required.
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"Tarabah" riverine growth.

### LMDCMA Board

Mark King (Chair)—Pomona  
Stan Dineen—Broken Hill  
Howard Jones—Dareton  
Paul Dixon—General Manager

Patty Byrnes—Wamberra Station  
Gary Doyle—Petro Station  
Vin Byrnes—Dareton



"Tarabah" tree grove and sheltered trough.

### LMDCMA Events calendar

**June—**

- LMD CMA Board Meeting at Broken Hill..... 6th
- Defeating the Weeds Menace Working Group, Broken Hill (closed meeting)..... 26th
- ..Defeating the Weeds Stakeholders Meeting, Broken Hill (open meeting) ..... 27th

**August—**

- LMD CMA Board Meeting ..... 9th
- NRM Workshop for Local Government, Broken Hill ..... 16th

## PRACTICAL MANAGEMENT TRAINING

The Lower Murray Darling Catchment Management Authority is offering subsidised training courses for land managers to develop the skills and ideas for implementing NRM best practice on farm.

If you are interested in ....

- Improving the condition of your property?
- Developing sustainable grazing schemes?
- Increasing ground cover?
- Reducing erosion?
- Managing native vegetation?
- Implementing best practices for irrigation?

*Then consider practical management training.*

Sustainable grazing management courses are fully funded for training (except travel and accommodation). Irrigation management courses are partially funded.

*Pathway to \$ for on-ground works and stewardship incentives.*

Completion of relevant CMA approved courses will provide land managers with the opportunity to access Incentive Funding for on-ground works (irrigation & rangelands), enter into funded sustainable grazing plans and access stewardship payments. For funding of under \$10,000 no PVP training is required,

*Some courses require as little as two days in practical workshops.*

Training courses include:

- Planning for Profit
- Biodiversity Assessment for Landholders
- Holistic Management
- Grazing for Profit
- Tactical Grazing Management
- Irrigation Management Training (Introductory)
- Irrigation Management Training (Advanced)

Recently held courses have included:

**Irrigation** — 9 growers attended the Drip Course on 2/5/06 and 6 growers attended the Filters Course on 3/5/06.

**Grazing for Profit** — a sustainable grazing management course was run at Wentworth 24-31 May 2006. CMA funded 7 farm businesses and 8 people from the LMD CMA. A total of 17 participants were in attendance from Conargo, Booligal, Tungkillo, Hampton (Vic) and LMD CMA.

**Contact the LMD CMA on 03 5021 9460 for more details on Rangeland and Irrigation topics and to book your next training session.**

### Grazing for Profit

**Training hours:** 72hrs over 8 consecutive days.

#### Aim of course:

To develop strategic skills to manage a profitable and sustainable farming and grazing business. At the conclusion of the course, all participants will have a detailed action plan for farm enterprise improvement.

#### Key learning outcomes for improved management skills:

- Natural resource management
- Farm business analysis and planning
- Managing and motivating staff
- Animal and crop husbandry
- Manage human resources—communication
- Negotiation and leadership
- Budget for farm production
- Review of strategic directions of the business
- Manage livestock production.

### Biodiversity Assessment for Landholders

**Training hours:** 2 or 3 days as needed.

#### Aim of course:

Develop land management & conservation skills to understand/enhance biodiversity and the sustainability of natural resources.

#### Key learning outcomes:

- Ecology and plant identification
- Landscape function
- Nutritional value of plants
- Habitat values/value and monitoring

**This course is a requirement for conservation stewardship funding.**



“Pooginook” homestead.

### Holistic Management Bus Tour—continued from page 2

**“Tarabah” has goals of:**

- Achieving 100% groundcover
- Continuing spending more time with family
- Building herd to 2,500 cows
- Keep fencing
- Provide more water points
- Establish an open woodland property (shelter for stock very important).



“Pooginook” shearing shed.

From “Tarabah” the group travelled to another famous property “Pooginook”. Here the group was able to compare the complexity of the Pooginook property with the apparent simplicity of Tarabah.

**“Pooginook” Merino Stud owned by David and Jillian Taylor**

- 34,000 acres (13,750 hs) - 365 ml average rainfall with pine, myall and box
- Runs 6,000 merino ewes (including 4,000 stud ewes—20.5 micron)
- Sells 1,000 stud rams per year
- 450 cows and calves—great tool to tidy up paddocks—220 ha flood irrigation
- Value-add to wool—sell woollen garments/hats to corporate companies
- Holistic management since 1995
- Cropping –review in autumn (sow 3-4 years in 6) - use of contractors
- 2 permanent employees—Contract labour when needed
- Watering points—most important management tool/issue
- Contract to plant 10,000 old man saltbush each year—use as holding paddocks for shearing etc then put cattle in to eat tops
- Originally put in 100kms electric fencing—permanent best
- Had 3 clearing sales— contract cropping, irrigation (4 wheel bikes to muster)
- Foxes and wedge tail eagles a problem—runs 31 alpacas with sheep
- Annual grazing plan—all paddocks at least 120 days rest
- Stock out of paddocks in plant seeding time
- Fenced sand hill country—use early fed then close off
- 15-20 photo and monitoring points (but recommended only 5 to 6)
- Feed ewe and ram lambs (corn good for milk production)

**“additional watering points in paddocks are an important management option ...”**

**Goals are:**

- Reduce sheep numbers to 4,000—4,500 ewes
- Run more cattle—kinder on country—Aim—high fertility ewes (120% lambing)
- Increase groundcover—eat 1/3 and move stock onto new paddock
- Increase regeneration of Myall and perennials.



“Pooginook” rams.

**Achievements / lessons include:**

- More watering points per paddock—minimum of 2 per paddock
- Revert to larger paddocks with more water—Sheep and cattle work well
- Should review goals more often—Perfect graze—big bash—big rest
- Too much fencing earlier—should have run more poly for waters
- HM course changed life / decisions



The Bus Tour Group.

**Summary:**

Both landholders considered installing additional watering points in paddocks as the most important management option for their properties, more so than fencing extra paddocks. This allows stock to utilise the whole paddock and reduce grazing pressure on and around waters. It is anticipated that another HM tour will be held in July/August to the Cobar region. The buzz word on this bus tour was CONTRACT CONTRACT CONTRACT!!!



## VISIT FROM MINISTER NATURAL RESOURCES

A \$56 million Darling Anabranch Pipeline contract at Fort Courage near Wentworth was officially launched on Monday 29 May 2006. Mitchell Australasia Pty Ltd were awarded the contract in March and has commenced construction.

Minister Macdonald said "The pipeline will provide a secure stock and domestic water supply for more than 40 landholders along a 460km stretch of the Great Darling Anabranch. Receiving tanks and off takes will be constructed as the pipeline is installed, allowing for more efficient operation with the two main pump sites being at Fort Courage on the Murray River and Polia on the Darling River. NSW is serious about water reform and to see this priority infrastructure project for NSW reach the construction stage is a testimony to the ongoing partnership between the NSW government and local landholders."

The Minister then travelled to Thegoa Lagoon to officiate the commencement of works for the CMA's Fish Passage and to unveil a commemorative plaque.

"As a community we are always concerned for water quality and salinity levels. This fish passage will provide salinity benefits through the better water connection to the river rather than relying on a regulator above Lock 10 to replenish water levels" Minister Macdonald said. "The benefits to the local Catchment and community will be an increase in tourism through this area as parents and their children view the vegetation rehabilitation, use the bird hides and walk the interpretive trails around the Lagoon, as well as the sites of significant cultural heritage."

The Minister's attention was drawn to the Nanya Station project being the largest conservation reserve of nearly 30,000ha of native vegetation.

The Minister and his entourage enjoyed a short lunch with Board, management and staff of the CMA and DNR at the Buronga offices before leaving for Mildura airport and returning to Sydney.


## FUNDING FOR MESQUITE ERADICATION

The LMD CMA is pleased to announce the success of its application for Defeating the Weeds Menace funding to control and eradicate mesquite and other Category One Weeds of National Significance (WoNS) in western NSW.

The application was developed on behalf of a consortium of stakeholders which included Broken Hill Rural Lands Protection Board, PAWD and Department of Primary Industry and the grant consists of \$614,390 from the Defeating the Weeds Menace program. Substantial cash and in-kind contributions from State and Local Government agencies and private landholders have been pledged to ensure the success of this project.

Some of the identified activities will include:

- On-ground control and eradication works on identified properties in the Broken Hill area
- Monitoring and maintenance measures to manage current outbreaks; and
- An extensive public awareness campaign to increase skills and the identification of mesquite and other WoNS.

Landholders and agencies in the western areas of NSW at all levels will work together to assist the implementation process. A Reference Group will be established to implement the project. For more information contact the Buronga office on 03 5021 9460. 



Minister for Natural Resources. The Hon Ian Macdonald

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Mesquite



Logo of the Murdi Paaki Regional Enterprise Corporation Ltd.

**‘... Noola Station, a site of an innovative and progressive approach ...’**

## MPREC Assists in Species Conservation

*Reprinted courtesy of MPREC Ltd*

Through the co-operation of a number of partners, including Murdi Paaki Regional Enterprise Corporation Ltd (MPREC), the habitat of the endangered Mallee fowl is being protected, while providing valuable opportunities for local aboriginal students to build skills through on-the-job training.

“Noola Station”, in the far west of the State is owned by NSW on behalf of the Murray Darling Basin Commission and is the site of an innovative and progressive approach that aims to achieve environmental, educational and social outcomes and harnesses resources from across state borders, institutions and social groups.

MPREC provided the several Community Development Employment Project (CDEP)\* participants to implement the on-ground works in partnership with Sunraysia TAFE (National Centre for Sustainability) located in Mildura who provided the accredited training and resources to undertake the project.

Initial funding has enabled the construction of fencing to protect Mallee fowl habitat, and to establish a flora and fauna monitoring program in the old Mallee growth area on Noola Station.

Daryl Walters who heads the Mallee office of the “National Centre for Sustainability” initiative within Sunraysia Institute of TAFE said “This process is a vehicle used to deliver training for local Aboriginal youth in conjunction with Sunraysia Institute of TAFE. When completed, trainees will receive accredited certification in natural resource management.”

“Additional projects are being developed that will provide on-the-job training for up to two years allowing participants a greater level of development and accreditation for future employment choices.”

Mr Walters is enthusiastic about the approach and believes these types of initiatives are important in providing more field based “apprenticeships” over longer periods of time. “It could offer the opportunity to many indigenous community people who just need a chance to show their abilities and preference for a career in Natural Resource Management.”

“The Mallee fowl don’t understand where boundaries lie, and that is why we all need to work together to protect our icons.”

Other partners in the project include the Department of Natural Resources, the Lower Murray Darling Catchment Management Authority, Barkindji Elder Council and SA Water Corporation.

### Key Project Outcomes:

- Install 11.3km of stock proof fencing (boundary fence)
- Establish flora and fauna monitoring program over the designated mallee area (document this program for future training and operational use)
- Carry out baseline survey (and establish initial database)
- Deliver accredited training outcomes to Koori participants (commencement of natural resource management training program for Barkindji Koori group).




Noola Station at Lake Victoria.

\* CDEP is a Commonwealth Indigenous program. <http://www.cdep.com.au/>

## PROJECTS UPDATE

Projects that now have commenced include:


- **Wetland Rehabilitation**— a works program to re-instating wetting and drying regimes and associated rehabilitation works for wetlands to improve health of flora and fauna and increase biodiversity on the Murray & Darling River systems.
- **Gol Gol Lake and Swamp**— final investigation and costing to re-instate wetting regimes for Gol Gol Lake and Swamp to increase the biodiversity on the Murray River system.
- **Aquatic Ecological Communities** (including Fish Monitoring) - to improve the native to introduced fish ratio including biomass ratio, abundance ratio and species ratio. 

### Irrigation Incentives

Irrigation incentives are now available from LMD CMA and are managed by Jeremy Giddings of the Department of Primary Industries.


Incentives are being offered (dollar for dollar except training) for Irrigation Management Training (\$120 per person); Part A Irrigation Drainage Management Plans (max \$7,500 per irrigator), Part B Irrigation System Upgrade (max of \$15,000 per irrigator); Part C Irrigation Scheduling- to a (max of \$7,000 per irrigator).



Incentives are available for works in areas that have not previously received funds by a government incentives project. This incentives program is also only available to irrigators outside of the Western Murray Irrigation Area as a separate incentives program. **Please note that completion of the Irrigation Training Management Course is a prerequisite for application for other incentives.** 


### Native Fish Strategy

The Murray-Darling Basin Native Fish Strategy has been explained to communities throughout southern NSW and northern Victoria along the Murrumbidgee

and Murray rivers. This was organised by the MDBC's Community Stakeholder Group and was an opportunity to provide information about the strategy and to listen to the communities' concerns on the issue and identifying ways for them to be involved. For more information on the Native Fish Strategy visit [www.mdbc.gov.au/NFS](http://www.mdbc.gov.au/NFS) or contact Adrian Wells (02) 6021 3655. 


### Community Water Projects now to be Launched Mid-year

The five-year Community Water Grants program is part of the Federal Government's \$2 billion national fund for water-related projects. A new round of Community Water Grants will open on 1st July and close on 25th August. The Round 2 Application form has been changed but guidelines and criteria are similar to Round 1.

**Local Workshops:** The Community Water Grant Team and the LMD CMA expect to hold a series of workshops in the region during July. Dates for the workshops will be advertised in local media and posted on the LMD CMA website when they become available. For further information please call Jill French, Regional Facilitator for the LMD CMA on 5021 9640 or [www.communitywatergrants.gov.au/index.html](http://www.communitywatergrants.gov.au/index.html) 


### Murray River Forum

La Trobe University Lecture Theatre  
Thursday 8 June at 8pm.

A forum with Nick Roberts from Victorian National Parks Assoc and Greg Hunt of Australian Waterkeepers. Review of environmental management issues along the river. Contact Helen Healy on 03 5021 5100 for more information and registration. 




### 2006 Local Student Photo Competition

Students who either live or attend school in the LMD Catchment are encouraged to enter this competition. Details available from your school principal or on the LMD website. 

### 2006 Rangeland Conference

Australian Rangeland Society Conference  
3-7 September 2006 at Renmark, SA

LMD CMA will offer a \$500 subsidy to 10 rangeland managers to attend this Conference. Send (fax, email or post) an Expression of Interest to LMD CMA by 1 August to go into the draw for this subsidy towards registration and accommodation costs. This offer of assistance is being funded under the National Landcare Program. 



## AGFAIR 2006—WE WERE THERE !

It was very rewarding for LMD CMA to be involved in AgFair 2006 from 5 to 6 May 2006 at Broken Hill. This was the 9th Agfair for the area and proved to be highly successful with competitions and new exhibitors from the local community.

The CMA was housed in the Woolshed with NSW DPI, Western CMA, DNR, as well as other exhibitors such as Wilderness School, PAWD, Rabobank, Darling River Action Group, BeMax Resources, as well as demonstrations from celebrity chef Belinda Jeffery, guest gardener Brian Slater and various displays.



Daryl Green (GM Western CMA) with Paul Dixon, (GM LMD CMA.)

The AgFair is unusual in that it has a traditional field day concept that has been enhanced to include attractions that would appeal to residents of Broken Hill, surrounding districts, pastoralists from outlying areas and interstate visitors. The regular attractions included agricultural and horticultural displays, machinery and equipment displays, rural merchandise and clothing, exhibition pavilions and children's entertainment.

**“... interacting  
with  
landholders is  
a valuable  
asset ...”**

Landholders from Broken Hill and Menindee attended our stand and discussed their issues with staff and Board members. Landholders from interstate and Western CMA showed an interest in our investment strategies and initiatives. Local school students eagerly gathered natural resource material as part of their school projects and were rewarded with LMD CMA promotional items such as the sought-after lime green enviobag, ruler, keyring and mousemat.

A number of students and field day participants entered our “What Prickle Bush Is That” competition. Our thanks to Karen Grundy and Carol Roberts (and her husband John) from our Broken Hill office for their assistance and a special thanks to Daniel Stokes (DNR) for gathering our prickly bush specimens. Congratulations to our competition winners who were Alison Palmer (Ivanhoe), Sue Temminck (Crafers, SA), Kyara Fisk (Broken Hill), Colin Bornholm (Broken Hill) and Tab Bright (Broken Hill). 🇺🇸

## HOMEBUSH FIELD DAY—28 APRIL 2006

Eventhough the weather was wet and fairly dismal, the Homebush Field Day held on Friday 28 April 2006 can only be described as very successful. Congratulations to the Homebush Landcare Group for organising this event.



Homebush Field Day

“The rain did not dampen the spirits of the enthusiastic crowd who attended and made their way around the sites, whilst enjoying the tasty refreshments provided by local school and community groups.” Tim O’Halloran, President Homebush Recreation Club said. “The Committee was very pleased with the turnout of both exhibitors and visitors on the day. A wide variety of exhibitors gave the “something for everyone” feel to the Field Day.. Those attending spent the day viewing and supporting the 60 exhibitors who endured the weather to showcase their products.”

LMD CMA and RMAP shared a marquee with the NSW Farmers Federation, DPI and RLPB (Balranald). Many landholders who had ventured to the field day gathered within our marquee and talked freely about issues of importance to them. LMD CMA was able to assist many of these landholders with information on the Rangelands Incentives Strategy and training courses. 🇺🇸

## Cliffhouse Station Revives Dying Red Gums

Very stressed and dying River Red Gums in the Lower Murray region have received much needed environmental water to help reduce their plight. The NSW Murray Wetlands Working Group (MWWG), in conjunction with Mr. Mick Greatz owner of Cliffhouse Station and the Lower Murray Darling Catchment Management Authority (LMD CMA), has been working to prevent further decline of red gums and other vegetation on one of the property's wetlands.



"It's been over 10 years now since this wetland received a flooding and the trees, especially the red gums, are really starting to stress quite badly. I've noticed a marked decline in their condition especially over the past 18 months, so it's excellent to see that the trees will get some water" explained landholder Mick Greatz. "The response seen at other wetland watering projects has been tremendous and we anticipate having just as good a response here. Although it's not a large wetland it still plays an important role in the overall health of the river and floodplain systems".

Cliffhouse Station is situated south-west of Lake Victoria on the banks of the Murray River. In mid-March approximately 40 megalitres was pumped into the four hectare wetland which will be allowed to dry naturally. Monitoring of the vegetation by the MWWG will help provide valuable information that can be used to improve the management of wetlands within the region.

The water used in the project has been donated by a local family to the LMD CMA for use in environmental projects. As explained by Mark King, LMD CMA Chairman, "The Lower Murray-Darling Catchment Management Authority, with assistance from the MWWG, administered the transfer of the water. It is hoped this will be the first of many donations that could be used to improve wetlands and rivers in NSW".

"Where possible, we want to make sure that donated water is used in the same catchment from which it came from," said Mr. Howard Jones, MWWG Chairman. "The MWWG has been very pleased to help the LMD CMA and donors in facilitating the use of the water this year."


"The MWWG has undertaken watering of a number of wetlands in the catchment recently and have been fully supported by the LMD and Murray CMAs, DNR and the Barkindji Elders Council. The monitoring results will be used as part of a PhD study being conducted by Ms. Jess Butler from LaTrobe University. Such projects not only achieve good on-ground results but also help to build good working relationships between landholders, community groups and government agencies" explained Howard.

## MUTTHI MUTTHI 'PLANTS OF CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE'

The "Plants of Cultural Significance" project was undertaken by the LMD CMA in partnership with the Mutthi Mutthi Traditional Owners Group (ToG). The objective of the project was essentially to provide Mutthi Mutthi ToG with the opportunity to identify and record plants of cultural significance, and correlate those plant species with vegetation communities that occur in Mutthi Mutthi country to the east of the Catchment.

The LMD CMA has a strong interest in supporting Aboriginal groups in the collection of information that can accurately, comprehensively and meaningfully define Aboriginal cultural links to the landscape. The long-term objective of the LMD CMA is the preservation of cultural heritage in the Catchment and the promotion of Aboriginal cultural values.

Other contributors to the Mutthi Mutthi "Plants of Cultural Significance" project include:

- Balranald Aboriginal Health Service
- Australian National University
- Monash University
- Department of Natural Resources (DNR) 

**Project funded by Natural Heritage Trust.**

**For more information contact: Michael Gilby at the LMD CMA on 03 5021 9460.**



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## BITS & PIECES


### Surf'n the Net

- ⇒ Murray Sustainable Farming— [www.msfp.org.au/](http://www.msfp.org.au/)
- ⇒ Irrigation Association of Australia Ltd— [www.irrigation.org.au/](http://www.irrigation.org.au/)
- ⇒ Murrumbidgee College of Agriculture—[www.mca.nsw.edu.au](http://www.mca.nsw.edu.au)
- ⇒ CDEP—[www.cdep.com.au](http://www.cdep.com.au)
- ⇒ Rangelands Australia—[www.rangelands-australia.com.au](http://www.rangelands-australia.com.au)
- ⇒ Innovative Farming — [www.innovativefarming.com](http://www.innovativefarming.com)
- ⇒ Rural Women's Award—[www.ruralwomensaward.gov.au](http://www.ruralwomensaward.gov.au)
- ⇒ Young Australian Rural Network—[www.yarn.gov.au](http://www.yarn.gov.au)
- ⇒ Australian Assoc of Bush Regenerators (AABR) - [www.aabr.org.au](http://www.aabr.org.au)

### Events Calendar—2006

- June 5—World Environment Day
- June 8—World Oceans' Day
- June 8—Murray River Forum—La Trobe University Lecture Theatre, Mildura
- July 7-9—NAIDOC Week
- July 31—National Tree Day
- August 12-20— 9th Annual National Science Week
- August 2-3—Speed Field Days
- August 26-27—Wentworth Show (& 2006 Student Photo Competition display)
- September—Biodiversity Month
- September 2-17— Mungo Festival - [www.mungofestival.com.au](http://www.mungofestival.com.au)
- September 4-7—14th Biennial Aust Rangeland Society Conf, Renmark, SA
- September 4-10—Landcare Week
- September 7—National Threatened Species Day
- September 20-23—Murray Darling Assoc 62nd Annual Conf, Barham, NSW
- October—National Water Week
- October—Bushcare Month
- October 2—World Habitat Day
- October 6-7—Swan Hill Show
- October 9—Weedbuster Week
- October 19-21—Mildura Show
- December 4-10—Coastcare Week

### Events Calendar—2007

- May 5—Pooncarie Field Day, Pooncarie, NSW
- April 13—Homebush Field Day, NSW
- July 10-13—Society for Conservation Biology—UNSW, Sydney
- 2007 Murray Darling Association National Conference, Bourke, NSW 

## GRANTS AVAILABLE

### NSW City and Country Environment Restoration Program.



The NSW Government's Environmental Trust invites applications for the following grants:

- Environmental Research
- Environmental Education
- Eco Schools Grants Program
- Environmental Restoration and Rehabilitation
- Protecting our Places Aboriginal Grants Program

Each grant has differing closing dates for both Expressions of Interest (EOI) and applications. Guidelines, application forms and more information is available on the Trust website at [www.environment.nsw.gov.au/envtrust](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/envtrust) or by phoning the Trust on 02 8837 6093.