

LMD CMA FACT SHEET No 028

Forging Partnerships

Leadership and Capacity Building Project 2006–2007

Background

The Lower Murray Darling Catchment Management Authority (LMD CMA), with funding from the Natural Resource Advisory Council's Forging Partnerships Program will deliver a number of leadership and capacity building activities during 2006 and 2007.

The project will promote ideas and innovation for Natural Resource Management through workshops, field trips, and also give young land holders/managers opportunities to attend short courses in leadership and governance skills.

The outcomes will strengthen community networks and leadership in the LMD catchment and increase the capacity of land managers to deliver improved NRM outcomes on the ground.

The project commences in September 2006 and will be completed by September 2007.

The project activities include:

- 1) three workshops across the catchment with guest speakers for leadership and innovation
- 2) two short TAFE courses to provide an introduction to governance and meeting procedure which are open to young land holders/managers from the catchment
- 3) funding for bus study tours and field trips on application
- 4) subsidies up to \$500 for a limited number of individuals to attend NRM forums and conferences.

The workshops

In a joint exercise, the LMD CMA's Think Tank Committee and the Young Farmer's Group will organise leadership and innovation workshops across the catchment. Funding has been committed for the cost of a guest speaker for each workshop.

The first workshop will be delivered as part of the Young Farmer's Group Conference in Broken Hill in 2007. The other two workshops will be held in locations across the catchment which will ensure greater accessibility for isolated landholders.



TAFE introductory short courses for leadership and governance skills

Two introductory level short courses on governance and meeting procedure (Introductory Directorship Skills) will be run through the Coomealla Campus of the Riverina Institute of TAFE. Participants will receive Certificates of Competency for completion of the three day course.

The course will be run over three days each and cater for two groups of up to twenty participants. The courses will cover practical governance and leadership skills for young land managers and the skills will be of value to both private sector managers and also those working with NRM groups.

How do groups or individuals apply for financial support for attending conferences and field trips?

Individuals or groups seeking support for travel to field days or conferences should send an Expression of Interest to the LMD CMA, care of the Regional Facilitator.

The EOI should be limited to a single page and outline:

- the purpose of the travel and the NRM benefits,
- the total cost of the event and how much is being sought from the Forging Partnership funds and
- how the applicant will share their learning with other land managers in the community.

Application forms will be available through the Young Farmer's Group, on application to the LMD CMA or on the LMD CMA website.

Timeframe for activities

Information on the timing and agendas for the workshops and TAFE courses will be promoted in the local press, NRM groups, the LMD CMA Think Tank Committee and the Young Farmer's Group.

Source of Funds	NSW Natural Resource Advisory Council (NRAC) Forging Partnerships Program
Project Duration	This is a one year program which will run from September 2006 until August 2007.

For additional information, contact:

Jill French, Regional NRM Facilitator

LMD CMA, 32 Enterprise Way, BURONGA NSW 2739

Ph: 03 5021 9460

Fax: 03 5021 1308

Email: Jill.French@cma.nsw.gov.au



**NOTE - This document was current at time of production, please check latest details with LMD CMA.
Created September 2006 – current as at 27/9/2006**