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CONSERVATION & FLOODPLAIN RESERVES INCENTIVES LAUNCHED

Landholders get \$\$\$ to conserve that special piece of paradise!

The NSW Lower Murray Darling CMA used the recent *Landholder Biodiversity and Monitoring Information Day* to launch its next Incentive Round which targets the formation of Conservation and Riparian Reserves throughout the catchment.

Mr Noel Hayward, Team Leader for the CMA's Property Vegetation Planning (PVP) and Rangelands Management Section explained to those present that the Information Day provided an opportunity for landholders to ask questions about the new **Conservation, Threatened Species Habitat and Riparian Reserves Incentive Round** which is targeting large areas and/or priority vegetation communities in the Rangelands and along the rivers and flood plains of both the Murray and Darling rivers.

The incentives will cover both establishment costs and on-going maintenance of areas to be managed for conservation for periods of up to 15 years.

The CMA was primarily targeting areas of Belah Rosewood, Chenopod Shrubland and Chenopod Mallee in the rangelands, and areas of Redgum and Blackbox woodland, and lignum shrubland on the flood plains in this incentive round.

The CMA is targeting areas that create corridors between existing reserves, both private and public, or assist in providing improved habitat or linkages for threatened species.

Landholders are encouraged to contact CMA staff who will personally assist landholders to identify appropriate areas on their property and to assist them with preparing applications for funding.

Mr Mark King, Chairman of the LMD CMA, said "Any landholder with an area they believe has special values worth managing for conservation should contact the CMA Rangelands Officers who will assist them with either further information or determining a budget and preparing an application."

"The Rangelands Incentives offer landholders a dual opportunity to care for the environment and to obtain some income from the land which is being managed for conservation" he said.

Landholder Biodiversity and Monitoring Information Day are held two or three times per year and are open to all landholders. These Information Days seek to assist landholders to

understand the environmental values of their land and how to monitor its health and condition, as well as highlighting plant identification, bird surveys and monitoring.

Landholders requiring further information on either the Conservation and Reserves Incentives Round (Jade Temby or Joanne Robinson) or the Biodiversity and Monitoring Information Days (Claire Wilkinson) should contact LMD CMA on 03 5021 9460 or hit the website at www.lmd.cma.nsw.gov.au

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