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Graziers Managing Carbon Flows

“CARBON What the!” Conference

It is only one week to go before the “Carbon ... what the “ conference starts on Friday 3 April 2009 at the Coomealla Club, Dareton.

“It will be a full program with keynote speakers from across the nation speaking on the aspects of the carbon issue to get us on track” said Mark King, Chair of the Lower Murray Darling CMA.

Alan Lauder from The Gap in Queensland is a grazier who has taken ownership of the carbon science and is author of “*Carbon Grazing: The Missing Link*”. He brings an holistic approach to the subject in which a farmer must be successful. The book is a group of hypotheses based on experience which can be modelled and tests – which is good science. It is also a blend of observation and scientific enquiry and brings together fragments of this new revolution in thought in a way that future graziers will see themselves as “managers of carbon”.

Mark King said “Alan will speak on managing carbon flows in a grazing operation and will explain the type of management required to reduce methane emissions by ruminant animals (cattle and sheep). His session is compulsory attendance for each grazier in the catchment.”

The strong partnership with NSW Department of Primary Industries has enabled their expert staff to join in the conference and share their current knowledge and experiences.

“In light of the recent announcement of more than \$3.5 million in Commonwealth and Industry funding for research into reducing greenhouse gas emissions and locking up carbon in farm soils, NSW DPI staff are a welcome addition to our conference program” said Mark King.

“Kate Lorimer-Ward and John Friend both from NSW DPI will tell us about recent changes in legislation as well as explaining the reliable soil carbon sequestration models from overseas and their relevance to our catchment landscape” he said.

“All catchment and non-catchment residents, landholders and community members will be warmly welcomes at our conference and the day will start with a communal breakfast in The Bistro of the Coomealla Club. I invite you all to have breakfast, a chat and stay for the day’s proceedings” said Mr King.

The “Carbon ... what the” conference will be held at the Coomealla Club, Dareton on Friday 3 April with post conference network opportunities on Saturday 4 April. For more information visit www.lmd.cma.nsw.gov.au or phone LMD CMA on 03 5021 9460.

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