

# Media Release



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## MEDIA RELEASE

### **GET TO KNOW YOUR CMA! INDIGENOUS & EUSTON COMMUNITY PLANNING & INFORMATION FORUM**

The Euston community members will have double the opportunity to interact with the Lower Murray Darling CMA on Friday 24 April 2009 at Euston Club, Nixon Street, Euston.

An Indigenous Community Forum will start off the discussions from 10.00am while the Community program will commence from 2.00pm.

Getting to know your local Catchment Management Authority is the preliminary method of gaining access to financial assistance to ensure the sustainability of the catchment. All participants attending the community forum on Friday 24 April 2009 will be able to discuss options for improving the natural resources in this catchment area.

Current drought relief funding will be expanded on by Danny Byrnes (Drought Relief Officer, NSW DPI) to ensure that farmers have the most up to date information to assist them.

Lower Murray Darling CMA Chair, Mark King says that the LMD CMA is able to provide funding for projects that can improve the natural resources in the area and on landholder properties and can assist with empowering the local people to better manage these resources.

“Community input is essential to the success of this Forum and we invite everyone who is interested in engaging with the LMD CMA, in the Euston/Balranald area, to attend and discuss their issues” Mr King said.

“We want to open the floor to interested members of the public. It is their opportunity to have a say on how LMD CMA can establish better networking with the Euston community and to give the Board some ideas for future direction and projects” he said.

“The LMD CMA cannot use its funding to lobby government on policies such as water management or legislation, but by knowing what the LMD CMA can do, enables a better understanding by the community of the CMA’s role within the Catchment.”

2008 LMD CMA activities have included Rangeland incentives for Conservation Farming, Conservation Threatened Species Habitat & Riparian Reserves, and Total Grazing Pressure Management. Irrigation incentives, training for approved courses, WaterWatch for schools and community groups and youth forums are fixed on the 2009 CMA calendar.

This indigenous community forum will be held from 10.00am at the Euston Club, with the Euston Community Forum starting from 2.00pm. Light refreshments will be available during the day. At the close of the forums, community members are invited to join and network with Board members, speakers and CMA staff.

More details on this community forum can be found on the web at [www.lmd.cma.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lmd.cma.nsw.gov.au)

Community members wishing to attend are asked to RSVP for catering purposes as soon as possible to Susan Walla or Sheridan Gale at the LMD CMA on (03) 5021 9460.

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