

Community Planning & Information Forum Buronga @ Australian Inland Botanic Gardens Friday 30th October 2009



Registration from 1.30pm (EST) Tea/Coffee on arrival.

Prompt start at 2pm

2.00pm	Welcome Acknowledgement of Country	Gary Doyle – CMA Board Gary Doyle
Purpose of Forum is to increase understanding of NRM issues, to increase community engagement in NRM and to consolidate Community/CMA collaboration.		
2.05pm	Information Session LMD CMA's Role	Gary Doyle
2.15pm	Financial Incentives & Targets	Lesley Palmer
2.25pm	Speakers <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DII financial Assistance Update 2. Skills Recognition 3. Climate Change 	Gary Doyle Danny Byrnes (NSW DII) Riverina Tafe Greg Moulds (NSW DII)
2.55pm	Q&A from audience on above sessions	Gary Doyle
3.05pm	Invited speakers: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction to Aquaponics in Sunraysia 2. Options for Sustainable Farming 3. Aquaponics in a commercial setting 	Gary Doyle David Bush (MADEC) Colin Beasley (Thurla Farms) Murray Hallam (Practical Aquaponics QLD)
4.05pm	Q&A from audience	Gary Doyle
4.20pm	Afternoon Tea	
4.35pm	Invited speakers: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Water Policy - Impacts on Regional Communities 2. Rural Land Use Issues 	Gary Doyle Cheryl Rix Western Murray Irrigation Ken Ross (Wentworth Shire Council) Director Development & Environment
5.15pm	Q&A from audience	
5.25pm	Panel Discussion Ask your questions to the CMA on issues important to you! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rangeland incentives – an overview • Training for the future. Development options. Seeking practical suggestions from you. • How can the CMA best assist you and your NRM & farm business? Summary of issues and discussions	Gary Doyle Gary Doyle
6.00pm	Close & BBQ Dinner All family members & children welcome	

IMPERATIVE: MUST RSVP by Friday 23rd October for catering purposes