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Welcome

Welcome to the April edition of the Central West Local Land Services newsletter.

Central West Local Land Services (LLS) opened doors on 6 January this year – built from Catchment Management Authorities, Livestock Health and Pest Authorities and parts of the Department of Primary Industries Ag extension.

You've received this email because you were on the local mailing list for one of these organisations. You can unsubscribe at any point using the button at the bottom of the page.

Feedback is gratefully received. [Please let us know](#) how we can make this newsletter more useful.

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News

Native vegetation regulation update - codes of practice released

The NSW Government is reforming native vegetation management to deliver the right balance between sustainable agriculture and protecting the environment.

The new [Native Vegetation Regulation 2013](#) started on 23 September 2013 and a number of provisions have already been introduced, including:

The first three self-assessable codes are [now open for public exhibition](#). These place trust in landholders to manage their properties sustainably while maintaining environmental standards.

The codes are for:

- [clearing isolated paddock trees in a cultivated area](#)
- [thinning of native vegetation and](#)
- [clearing invasive native species](#)

We encourage all landholders to review the draft Codes and make comments to the office of Environment about the applicability and ease of use.

The rules for [clearing native vegetation without approval](#) remain in place until the new self-assessable codes are finalised.

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Floodplain harvesting policy information evening – 2 April, Warren

Macquarie 2100 is holding an information night at Warren on April 2 with Glenn Bailey, the Healthy Floodplains Project Manager for the NSW Office of Water.

This is the time for anyone who's uncertain about the impacts or the process itself to hear details and ask questions.

The evening is open to all interested parties.

The information evening will be held at the Macquarie Business Centre conference and function room at the old Warren Bowling Club, 5 Burton St, commencing at 7pm.

Please RSVP to John Ryan, Macquarie 2100 Executive Officer (0429 45 22 45 or m2100@bigpond.com).

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Farmers thoughts wanted on payment for ecosystem services survey

You are invited to give your thoughts on payment for ecosystem services programs at the farm scale. The study is being conducted by the University of Western Sydney in association with Local Land Services, Department of Primary industries, Central West Farming Systems and CANFA, in parts of NSW.

Key information is being gathered on farmers' perceptions of ecosystems services, features of support programs that are attractive to the farmers and farmers willingness to participate in such programs.

Have your say and fill in the [survey here...](#)

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Project monitoring due

Landholders who have received incentive funding from the former Central West CMA for on ground works from 2010 onwards need to have their monitoring forms and photos completed before the end of April 2014.

If you need monitoring forms you can get these from your local LLS project officer. Completed information is to be sent to:

Project monitoring
Central West LLS
PO Box 227
Wellington NSW 2820

For more information contact Tammy White (02 6880 8057 or 0458 006 327 or tammy.white@lls.nsw.gov.au).

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LLS Snapshot - Moving large stock numbers moving through



TSRs

Biosecurity Support Officers Graham Kelly and Mark Knight recently helped move a mob of 900 cattle along TSRs around Dunedoo. As the cattle were travelling on a section of the Castlereagh Highway towards Dunedoo they had to have police on site and LLS staff to ensure safe travel. All up there were two LLS vehicles, two police vehicles and eight people on horseback.

[Find out more about our work on stock routes...](#)

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Kids Teaching Kids

We will be delivering the eighth Kids Teaching

Kids conference in the region this year. The [Kids Teaching Kids](#) conference at **Parkes East Primary School** will be held in on **Wednesday 4 June**. The school will play host to over 100 students and teachers for a day filled with fun activities and learning around Sustainable Agriculture. Please lock it in your calendars!!



Support for schools

Leading up to the Kids Teaching Kids events in 2014, we will be conducting two **Professional Development sessions** for teachers, staff and interested community members. These sessions will be located in Parkes and Blayney.

[Find out how](#) you can access **additional funding** to support your school.

School visits will also be on offer to assist registered schools with the planning of their presentations. These sessions will last approximately 40-60 minutes and aim to introduce the students to the KTK program and work out the best way of getting their messages across.

School visits will be subject to availability, so please get in early!!

Please register early to avoid disappointment – RSVP to Catie Guise (0429 982 197 or

catherine.guise@lls.nsw.gov.au).

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Exploring Aboriginal Culture through EnviroStories

Primary school students in the Central West and Central Tablelands are invited to participate in the [popular EnviroStories program](#) during Term 1 and 2.

EnviroStories is an education program that supports students to create their own story book. Students then strive for the honour of getting their book published in a competition.

The 2014 theme is [Tools, Totems Tucker- Exploring Aboriginal Culture](#). Last year, over 100 entries were received for the "Save Our Species" Envirostories program.

[Read the previous winning books](#) or [watch a short video](#) on the 2013 EnviroStories competition.

The competition is open to all primary school students, individuals and classes.

The education kit and other support materials [are available now...](#)

A reminder that the **closing date** for all stories is Friday 27 June.

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Riversmart Water Cycle event on World Water Day

Saturday 22nd of March was celebrated around the globe as World Water Day. In Dubbo, the celebration took the form of the unique community cycling and WaterCycle education event around the Tracker Riley circuit along the Macquarie River, hosted by Riversmart.

Our staff were on hand to offer support throughout the day.



For further information on RiverSmart suite of educational resources contact Bill Phillips, CEO

RiverSmart Australia (0438 817470) or Shona Whitfield, Central West LLS (02 6881 3400 or shona.whitfield@lls.nsw.gov.au).

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Success at Coonabarabran show

We had a stand at the Coonabarabran Show held on the 14th and 15th March. The stand was attended by Biosecurity Support Officers Mark Knight and Graham Kelly for the two days. There was a lot of interest in the stuffed pest animals that are always a drawcard for young and old. It was a good opportunity to remind the Coona community of the drought information day that was held on 26 March.



To top off the show Graham Kelly was the winner of the Sheaf Tossing Competition. This involves using a pitchfork to pitch a small hessian bag full of straw (representing the sheaf) over a crossbar that can be raised as the competition progresses. This is held alongside the bar on the Saturday night so the 21 contenders had a boisterous audience. With a height of 11 metres Graham won. The record is 14 metres.

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Nuffield scholarships open

Nuffield Australia has announced the opening of the 2015 round of farming scholarships. They are offering 25 scholarships to practicing farmers and farm managers, which includes a Contemporary Scholars Conference, Global Focus Program and individual study.

Applications open 1 April and close 30 June 2014.

More information on the scholarship program can be found [here...](#)

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Meetings and Events

Riversmart Benefit Concert starring Sara and Greg Storer - 11th April, Warren

There is not long to go until this landmark concert on Friday 11th April being held at the Warren Sporting and Cultural Complex.

Tickets are \$30 per person with funds raised going to the development of an education, tourism development and community centre in Warren – Window on the Wetlands.

Tickets are available at:

1. Warren - at the SPAR supermarket (ask Damien about VIP seating in the front rows option too).
2. Orana Mutual branches in Dubbo, Narromine and Trangie
3. Bridge Motel, Wellington
4. Glass Garden Nursery, Gilgandra
5. On-line through the [RiverSmart website](#)
6. Langley's Coaches (02 6882 8977) are offering bus-concert ticket packages of \$75 from Dubbo, also picking up in Narromine. Departs Dubbo 5pm and returns immediately after the concert. These tickets can only be purchased through Langley's.

Note - this is not a BYO event. Bar service will be available at the venue. Concert starts at 7pm with a charity auction to be held after Greg Storer (and friends) warm the crowd up.

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Sustaining regional communities forum - 2 May, Cowra

The Cowra Shire Council and NRM Advisory Committee are proud to be hosting the 2014 Futures Forum: Sustaining Regional Communities on Friday 2 May at the Cowra Showground Pavilion.

The agenda and registration form are [available here](#). Topics covered include:

- sustaining our regional communities through the challenges of climate change
- droughts and flooding rains – how do we manage our most precious resource in the

context of a changing climate?

- regional sustainable development and integrated catchment management
- sustainability in communities
- sustaining the human element
- weather report and wrap of forum.

For more information contact Claire Jonstone (0499 518 868 or claire.johnstone05@gmail.com).

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Natural sequence farming field day - 14 April, Bylong

Peter Andrews' former property 'Tarwyn Park' has been the laboratory of investigation into the unique water and fertility efficiencies found to exist in the Australian landscape.

'Tarwyn Park' is an aggrading system using only water and a bio-diverse collection of plants. Come and see how water can work even during dry times.

The day costs \$20 per person with lunch and refreshments provided. The address is Tarwyn Park, Upper Bylong Rd, Bylong.

More information is available here or from Duane Norris (0425 777 454 or duane@nsfarming.com).

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Dubbo Field Nats meeting - 2 April

The Dubbo Field Naturalists and Conservation Society welcome all committee members and anybody else interested in hearing what they do, to a meeting on the 2 April at 6pm.

If you have any ideas for new projects come and meet the committee. Contact Tim Hosking for more information (0438 600 837).

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Training Opportunities

Take a step towards cell grazing greatness

PrincipleFocus have joined forces with the Central West LLS to deliver a series of three day workshops across central west NSW.

Day one and two focus on **cell grazing in practice**:

- working with natural ecological practices to reduce costs and improve productivity
- learning how to redesign grazing management to increase profits and improve sustainability
- visit a local property using grazing management principles
- understand the principles of holistic farm management.

Day three will **examine grazing charts**:

- identify trends which are an early warning signs to lower rainfall
- plan grazing management to maximise pasture production and animal performance
- measure paddock yield in dollars
- match stocking rates to carrying capacity
- plan and monitor your feed budget.

Register online through the [PrincipleFocus](#) website.

Where and when

Molong: 8-10 April 2014

Dubbo: 6-8 May 2014

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Landcare update

Want to join your local Landcare group but don't know who to contact?

If you would like more information on a Landcare group near you call our Regional Landcare Facilitator Danielle Littlewood or check out the LLS [Landcare webpage](#). Likewise, if you would like your group included on our Landcare Group page, email some details and a picture to Danielle Littlewood (02 6881 3404 M: 0418 280 616 or danielle.littlewood@lls.nsw.gov.au).

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Landcare in Focus Quaterly Magazine

Landcare Australia manages editorial for the quarterly magazine '[Landcare In Focus](#)'. This 12 page, full colour magazine is inserted into all the Rural Press weekly publications: The Land (NSW), The Stock & Land (VIC), Queensland Country Life (QLD), North Queensland Register (QLD), Farm Weekly (WA) and Stock Journal (SA).

For more information or to submit an article, email enquiries@landcareaustralia.com.au.

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