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Welcome

June is an exciting month with plenty happening in the region and it also contains a few relevant world environmental awareness days.

[World Environment day](#) falls on June 5 and Dubbo Bushcare group has a great way to get involved and recognise the biggest day for celebrating positive environmental action. It happens to be the day after (6th June)... but positive action is positive action, no matter what day it is! Get your office together and head to Dubbo to join the 'River Guerrillas' corporate team challenge. Read the article below for all the details.

[World day to combat desertification and drought](#) on June 17. While this United Nations declared day focuses mainly on Africa... it is an opportunity to acknowledge the drought situations and tough times that have been occurring in and around our local regions and act as a reminder of the critical role LLS plays in providing advisory services and support to help farmers manage operations when seasonal conditions deteriorate. [Visit our website](#) for a guide on the drought services that LLS offer.

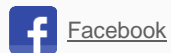
Unfortunately there isn't a 'world day' to celebrate everything that is happening in our region in June, however hopefully this month's newsletter will provide you with a good overview of the latest news and information from the central west LLS.

Read on and enjoy!

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Calendar of events

28-30 May	Landcare Forum - Dubbo
30 May	Australia's biggest morning tea - Forbes LLS
30 May	Yarn up - Dubbo
31 May - 2 June	Sustainable farming and seed growing expo - Mudgee
4 June	Kids teaching Kids conference - Parkes
6 - 7 June	River Guerrillas - Dubbo
7 June	Warren Show
11 June	Field day - Maximising beef production with fertility and cross breeding
15 - 16 June	Holistic management course - Forbes

17 June	Field day - Goolma fauna & flora, cultural heritage
23 - 27 June	Workshop - Technology, tablets and tips, managing your business on the go (various locations)
24 – 25 June	National Red Angus sale - Dubbo Showground

News

Local Aboriginal community invited to 'Yarn Up'

We are holding a 'Yarn Up' day in Dubbo on Friday 30 May.

The day is being held to better understand the issues concerning our local Aboriginal communities and to give Aboriginal people the chance to have a say about cultural heritage and natural resource management issues.

The Yarn Up will be an informal session to talk about issues and community thinking. This will help the work of the Aboriginal Reference Group (ARG).

We are keen to hear from groups and individuals who want to add their voice to the consultation process and have a say in how we work together.



[Find out how LLS is supporting Aboriginal cultural heritage...](#)

Anyone interested in being part of the day should contact Louise Mathieson to register on 02 6881 3400.

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[National livestock identification scheme \(NLIS\) - useful information and FAQs](#)

Local Land Services are key partners in Australia's National Livestock Identification System (NLIS), the national traceability system for cattle, sheep and goats.

It is a requirement in NSW for owners of livestock such as cattle, sheep, goats and pigs to be registered on the NLIS and have a Property Identification Code (PIC) and when trading or moving these livestock.

FAQs are available on:

- [Cattle](#)
- [Sheep and goats](#)
- [Property Identification codes \(PICs\)](#)
- [LPA National vendor declaration \(NVD\)](#)

[For more information](#) contact us on 1300 795 299

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District vet advice - recent losses from barbers pole worm

While not widespread across central west, landholders experiencing good seasons also need to be aware of potential animal health issues, particularly barber's pole worm.

In the last month landholders around the southern area of the central west LLS region have lost sheep due to increased cases of barber's pole worm.

Central West LLS District Vet Belinda Edmonstone is warning landholders in these regions to be aware of the issue and manage accordingly.

You can [read more about Barbers Pole worm](#).

Our district vets work with ratepayers and groups via field days to keep producers updated on the latest advance in management, parasite control, feeding and nutrition issues and changes to livestock programs.

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Wild dog concerns for local landholders

Our region has been fortunate in the past to have had little known predation from wild dogs on our sheep and livestock industry.

However wild dogs move across the landscape mainly at night time, searching for easy prey or to establish a new area where the opposite sex is accepting of the territorial move.

The obvious signs of dog activity, both from domestic and wild dogs, usually occur on the change of the season from summer to autumn, as the night time temperature become colder and their demands a higher ratio of protein to combat the cool conditions.

To report dog attacks please call Local Land Services on 1300 795 299.

[Read more about wild dogs in the central west...](#)

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Waterwatch - local students making a difference

During May, our staff and hundreds of school students from Wellington, Geurie, Dubbo, Narromine, Warren, Marra Creek and Quambone visited sites on the Macquarie River to test water quality in a bid to determine the health of our river.

The students also collected water bug samples. These water bugs are either sensitive or tolerant to differing water quality within their natural environments.

Waterwatch is a national water quality monitoring initiative through which people in the community become actively involved in protecting and managing local waterways and catchments.

The results of the water quality data collected from 17 sites along the Macquarie River will be entered into the [WaterWatch database](#). This will enable an ongoing record of the water quality in the Macquarie River which anyone can access [via the website](#).

[To find out more about water quality issues](#) or for more information contact Central West LLS Waterwatch

Coordinator Jan Diamond on 0409 159 538.

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LLS - out and about

Western Plains Orienteers and LLS at Brummagen Reserve cleaning up Tiger Pear.

A great effort by everyone involved!

(Pictured left to right: Paul Gremin; Dale Wallace (sitting); Maureen Hughes; Dave Lotty; Sally Devenish; Karen Wallace)

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Flora and fauna field days - April 2014

A few shots from our flora and fauna field days held in April in Dunedoo and Eumungerie. Locals enjoyed improving their understanding of Aboriginal cultural heritage and skills in identifying native flora and fauna.

Thanks to all those who participated!

Our next flora and fauna field day is to be held in Goolma on June 17. [Read on](#) for more information

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Crown Land review - open for comment

The NSW Government has recently conducted the [Crown Land Management Review](#) to assess and improve the current management of Crown land and increase the benefits from Crown land for the community.

In response to the recommendations, a White Paper proposing a single Act to govern Crown land has been released for public comment, providing the opportunity to comment before Government proceeds.

[A full outline of proposals](#) can be found at the [Crown Land website](#).

The closing date for comments is 20 June 2014.

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Archived CMA and LHPA publications still available

Looking for a previous publication from our predecessor agencies Catchment Management Authority (CMA) and Livestock Health and Pest Authority (LHPA)?

Selected publications can still be accessed by [searching our Archive site](#)

[For more information](#) contact your local land services office on 1300 795 299

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Expressions of Interest sought for Annual Grazing Permits

The Central West Local Land Services (LLS) is inviting expressions of interest (EOIs) for Annual Grazing Permits for selected travelling stock reserves under its control.

Permits are for the period 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015.

Reserves are located in the Dubbo, Coonabarabran, Coonamble, Forbes, Molong and Nyngan areas within the Central West LLS region.

[For more information](#) please call our Dubbo office (6882 2133). The EOI package will also be placed on [our website](#) later this week.

All EOIs will be assessed on merit. Original EOIs must be received at the Dubbo office of the Central West LLS by 18 June 2014.

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Farmers thoughts wanted in "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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LLS - showing off

Gilgandra Show

The LLS stand at the Gilgandra Show was a big hit! Thanks to LLS team members Angie Kelly, Marita Basham, Dave Scadding, Jason Gavenlock and Board member Jenny Bradly for leading the fun on the day.

There was a lot of interest in everything from baiting to native vegetation. We even had "guess the poo" competition for the kids!



Warren Show – 7 June

LLS will be at the Warren show on 7th June. We have plenty of local projects happening and a lot of information and advice for the local community.

Come by and say hello and see what the LLS can do for you!

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Who is Quentin?

The Nature Conservation Trust of New South Wales (NCT) has started a new fundraising campaign, *Who is Quentin?* to protect Tiger Quoll (*Dasyurus maculatus*) habitat in NSW.

The campaign aims to raise \$100k which will be used to secure areas of Tiger Quoll habitat under private land conservation agreement, supporting the ongoing conservation of this species.



[Find out how](#) you can support the campaign to save the tiger quoll or [follow the updates on Facebook](#)

If you would like more information about the work of the NCT, contact them at info@nct.org.au or call 1300 330 717.

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Meetings and events



River Guerrillas going commando for the Macquarie!

The Dubbo Bushcare Group are calling for organisations and businesses to participate in a corporate challenge on Friday the 6th June.

Teams of "River Guerrillas" will contribute to the health of the Macquarie River in Dubbo by carrying out weed control, planting trees and collecting rubbish.

Get involved and put together a team. BBQ lunch is provided and there are prizes for:

- best commando outfit
- greatest team effort
- most rubbish collect.

Not to mention you will be making a positive difference to your local environment!

Details:

When: Friday 6 June, 2014

Time: Midday – 4pm (BBQ lunch provided)

Where: Ollie Robbins oval

Community River Guerrillas

If you can't make it on Friday (or even if you can!) the Bushcare group will also be running a community River Guerrillas event on Saturday the 7th from 9am to midday.

Details:

When: Saturday 7 June, 2014

Where: Ollie Robbins oval

Time: 9am - Midday

[For more information on what to bring...](#)

Contact [Danielle Littlewood](#) (0418 280 616 or Danielle.Littlewood@lfs.nsw.gov.au) or [head to Facebook...](#)

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Goolma fauna & flora, cultural heritage field day - 17 June

Come along and enjoy a morning with other landholders to improve your skills to identify of local native flora and fauna.

You can also increase your understanding of Aboriginal cultural heritage and identification of artefacts.

The day will be informal and practical based on two different sites on the property. At each site we will consider:

- Overview of vegetation type on this site, what other vegetation types, what fauna? Importance of identification
- Cultural Heritage on this site, what to look for, what would have been important for Aboriginal people here?

You might also win one of our lucky "paddock" prizes - a variety of valuable reference books for your natural resource management library!

[You can take a virtual tour of 'Cromer' and meet our hosts the Cooney's beforehand...](#)

When: 17 June, 2014
Where: "Cromer", 235 Lambing Hill Rd Goolma
Time: 9.30am – 12.30pm (morning tea and lunch provided)
RSVP: Monday 16th June 2014

[More information...](#)

RSVP please contact Libby McIntyre (6881 3429 or libby.mcintyre@lils.nsw.gov.au).

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Discover more about beef - Maximising beef production with
fertility and cross breeding field day

~ **FIELD DAY** ~

**MAXIMISING BEEF PRODUCTION
WITH
FERTILITY & CROSS BREEDING**

**11TH JUNE 2014 AT 10AM
"THE PINES" BEDGERABONG**



Dr. BOB RHEINBERGER:	Importance of vaccinations - pre mating & Fertility in replacement females.
Prof. MICHAEL D'OCCHIO:	Speaking on genetics.
SANTA GERTRUDIS CLASSIFIER:	Cattle selection and Soundness.

DISCOVER MORE ABOUT BEEF

MORNING & AFTERNOON TEA SUPPLIED
LUNCH AVAILABLE

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Dennis & Gail Moxey
Greg & Nadine Moxey
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Phillip, Judy & Dean Hague
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Mb.0427966670

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Discover more about beef at the Maximising beef production with fertility and cross breeding field day in Bedgerabong on 11th June.

Featuring presentations on:

- importance of vaccinations
- genetics
- cattle selection and soundness.

Details:

When:	11	June,	2014
Where:	"The	Pines"	Bedgerabong

Time: 10am

For more information please contact David Trengove (0419 985 878 or david.trengove@lfs.nsw.gov.au)

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Workshop - Technology, Tablets and Tips, Managing your business on the go

This is a 1-day interactive, hands on workshop for farmers who currently use IPad, Tablets, Smart phones etc.

- Get the best out of your tablet and smart phone
- Quick tricks & getting to know your device
- Access & security • Cloud computing – set up, filing & syncing
- Version control
- Social media & it's relevance to Ag
- Apps – downloading, buying & handy apps
- Demo of useful apps such as: Dropbox, Google apps
- Troubleshooting – question time / open forum.

When and where:

23rd	June	- Narrabri
24th	June	- Warren
25th	June	- Lake Cargellico
26th	June	- Grenfell
27th	June	- Corowa

Cost: \$115.50.



For more info: 0408 366 202 or nsw@partnersingrain.com.au

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CWLLS putting the kettle on for a cause

The Central West LLS Forbes office would like to invite the community to join together and celebrate Australia's biggest morning tea with them in support of the fight against cancer.

Come down for a cuppa and some delicious treats on Friday May 30.

Details:

When: Friday May 30

Where: 2 Sherriff St, Forbes in the undercover carpark

Time: 10am onwards



For more information contact Shannon Morrison on 6851 9500

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Sustainable farming and seed growing expo - Mudgee

The expo will include presentations from speakers on a range of topics as well as a drive-around tour on Monday visiting a number of business with sustainability at the heart of their philosophy.

Cost:

- \$50.00 per day for Saturday or Sunday, including morning/afternoon tea and lunch.
- Two-days is \$90.00.
- Monday drive-around is free to attendees, or Monday-only \$35.00.

Details:

When: 31 May, 1 & 2 June,

Where: Stables Complex, Market Street, Mudgee.

For more details and registration, call Dennis Grimshaw 0428 588 552 or Rosemary Hadaway 0411 755 682.

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Free webinars - advances in weed management

Independent consultants Australia network (ICAN) will be hosting a series of webinars on weed management in June. This is sponsored by the Grain research development corp (GRDC).

The webinars are targeted at grain growers and advisers.

Jump on your computer on Tuesday afternoons to link into a short 30 minute presentation from industry experts in their field, which will be followed by approximately 15 minutes for questions.

Webinar topics include:

- [Tuesday 10th June - Webinar 1 - Weed control on paddock boundaries and fencelines](#)
- [Tuesday 17th June - Webinar 2 - Managing wild radish, the latest research](#)
- [Tuesday 24th June - Webinar 3 - A beginner's guide to harvest weed seed control](#)

Webinars start at 3.00 pm and are free of charge, however participants will be required to pre-register to receive a link to the software.

[Register for an upcoming webinar](#) or visit the [ICAN website](#) for further information.

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It's finally here! - Kids teaching kids - Parkes 4 June

The [Kids Teaching Kids conference](#) at Parkes East Primary School is being held on Wednesday 4 June.

Over 100 students and teachers will be participating in a day of learning and fun, hands on activities around the theme of Sustainable Agriculture. As an added bonus students will have the chance to meet and learn from celebrity garden specialist Costa Georgiasis (pictured).



The Central Tablelands LLS will also be delivering a further two conferences.

- Neville Public school Wednesday 13th August.
- A high school conference will also be a focus this year with an event scheduled to be held Wednesday 10th September.

2014 is the International year of Family Farming and we aim to raise the profile of farming families within our region.

This broad theme means that schools can focus on everything from soils and salinity to worm farms, sustainable production to gardening, bees to pest animals and much more.

[To find out more](#) about Kids Teaching Kids or to register for an event, contact:

- Catie Guise - Central West LLS (0429 982 197 or catherine.guise@lls.nsw.gov.au)
- Liz Davis - Central Tablelands LLS (liz.davis@lls.nsw.gov.au or 0427 452 662)

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Support for schools

[Kids Teaching Kids](#) is a FREE program.

Financial support will be offered to the host school through [Local Land Services](#) and [Kids Teaching Kids](#).

All presenting schools are invited to apply for a \$330 Target Teacher Relief Grant that will assist in the planning of your presentation.

Presenting schools will also receive a \$100 gift card from Target to assist with their presentation (costumes, props, etc).

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

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Exploring Aboriginal culture through envirostories

High School and primary students in the Central West are invited to participate in [EnviroStories](#).

[EnviroStories](#) is a 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...](#)

New closing date- Term 3, Week 2, Wednesday 23rd July.

We are looking forward to seeing some great stories!!

For more information contact:

- Liz Davis (Central Tablelands) 6363 8600 or liz.davis@lls.nsw.gov.au
- Catie Guise (Central West LLS) 0429 982 197 or catherine.guise@lls.nsw.gov.au)

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Landcare NSW Forum Dubbo 28-30 May

For more information:

- contact Danielle Littlewood (6881 3404 or danielle.littlewood@lls.nsw.gov.au)
- visit [the LLS Landcare webpage](#)

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Holistic management course - book now

Central West Lachlan Landcare is working with Tafe Western to run a Holistic Management Course, Forbes 15 – 16 June.

This course provides participants with training that promotes restoration and productivity of grasslands through grazing and business management.

The course is being delivered by Paul Griffiths who is an Accredited Educator certified by the Savoury Institute to teach Allan Savoury's Holistic Management.

[Full information and course flyer](#)

For more information about the course and how to register your interest in participating, you can call Central West Landcare Lachlan on 6862 4914 between 12:30pm – 3:30pm or send your expression of interest to cwllpo@hotmail.com

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National Red Angus Sale

Where: Dubbo Showground
When: 24 -25 June



[For more information](#) contact Red Angus Society 02 6773 3022

Scholarships and Grants

Nuffield scholarships open

Nuffield Australia has announced its [2015 round of farming scholarships](#).

They are offering 25 scholarships to practicing farmers and farm managers.

Applications open 1 April and close 30 June 2014.

[Find out more and apply...](#)

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Rural education Australia program - REAPing rewards

The [REAPing Rewards small grant program](#) is a national program targeting education.

It supports locally-driven projects that directly benefit children and youth (0-18 years) and their educators in rural and remote communities.

Grants are up to \$10,000. Closes 25th August.

[For more info...](#)

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Landcare Grants

25 grants of up to \$1000 are available for Landcare groups to hold events and activities that will help them attract new volunteers.

Closes 13th June.

[For more information visit the website](#)

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Planting the Future Junior Landcare grants

The Landcare community has been building the next generation of Landcarers for 25 years.

To celebrate, 25 grants of up to \$1000 will be awarded to successful recipients who can implement Junior Landcare projects that demonstrate Landcare's commitment to protecting, restoring and sustainably managing Australia's natural environment and its productivity.

Closes 13th June.

[For more information visit the website](#)

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Investing in Women funding program

Women in NSW is offering an exciting new funding opportunity for projects that lead economic empowerment of women through training and employment in non-traditional trades.

Up to \$25,000 is available through a submission process.

Closes 30th June.

[For more information visit the website](#)

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FRRR ABC Heywire youth innovation grants

This year, the foundation for rural and regional renewal (FRRR) is providing up to \$100,000 to assist not-for-profit organisations in regional Australian communities to 'adopt' and act on one of eight innovative Heywire project ideas:

- beating the blues in the bush - mental health
- all women - gender equality
- e-read - migration
- the tools of survival - first aid and education
- one mob - multiculturalism
- TRACTA: - try rural Australian careers
- try agriculture - young people in farming
- mirror mirror on the screen - drugs and alcohol
- "It's OK to ask" day - community spirit and volunteering.

There is up to \$10,000 available to pilot one Heywire project idea in at least eight communities.

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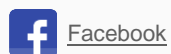
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