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Welcome

Plenty of great info from around the region this month including, kids teaching kids round two, fox baiting, the rise of feral pigs and a great new app for your phone, Feral Scan, which can help you track them in our area and more!






If you want to get regular updates from us, a great way to keep in touch is via our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages where you can get daily updates of news and events around the region. All you need to do is become our friend :)

We have also received your feedback and this month we have included the [DPI seasonal conditions report](#) which will be a monthly feature in our newsletters from now on and a link to the [GRDC events page](#).

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



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Calendar of events

7 th	August	Agribusiness	Today	Forum	-	Blayney
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7 th	August	Cancer Council NSW 'Eat it to Beat it' volunteer training - Dubbo
11 th	August	Urabrible Landcare ordinary meeting and AGM
12 th	August	Fodder/Silage/Conservation Seminar - Cowra
12 th	August	Fodder/Silage/Conservation Seminar - Forbes
13 th	August	Fodder/Silage/Conservation Seminar - Narromine
13 th	August	Fodder/Silage/Conservation Seminar - Mudgee
14 th	August	Introduction to grazing management workshop - Oberon
15 th	August	Introduction to grazing management workshop - Lithgow
19 th	August	Introduction to grazing management workshop - Orange
23 rd	August	Dubbo Sustainable City Expo
1 st	September	Introduction to grazing management workshop - Bathurst

News

Illegal wood collection on Travelling Stock Reserves (TSRs)

How much wood, would a woodchop chop, if a woodchop could chop on a TSR??...None.

It's illegal to remove timber from Travelling Stock Reserves (TSR). If caught you can be issued with a penalty infringement notice.

LLS staff are currently investigating the removal of trees and illegal dumping on a number of TSRs across the central west...



[Read more about TSR surveillance and reporting...](#)

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Local Land Services Board of Chairs visits Dubbo dairy

Local Land Services leaders came from across NSW to Dubbo this week to meet and progress the organisation's strategic direction.

As part of the short visit, the eleven regional Local Land Service Chairs and Board members toured

award winning dairy farm The Little Big Dairy Company. The tour was a chance to see first-hand the local farming industry and its issues and opportunities.

The single source dairy farm is owned and managed by the Chesworth family who sells direct to the public and retail outlets.

[Read more about the visit...](#)

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Fox baiting season here again

It's fox baiting time again. Out Biosecurity Officers have been active working with community groups across our region.

Bait is available to help landholders limit fox predation on livestock and native fauna.



[Find out more about fox baiting and how LLS can help....](#)

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Direct contact details for Central West LLS staff

Just a reminder that staff contact details (including mobile phone numbers) are up on our webpage if you need to contact someone directly.

[View the contact details...](#)

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Feral pigs on the rise

Recent reports around the region have shown that local landholders are experiencing an increase in numbers of [feral pigs](#). Pasture has increased in the region lately and [feral pigs](#) tend to get braver and leave cover when conditions are good.

[Feral pigs](#) cause damage to crops and loss of stock (especially now as there are plenty of lambs around), and spread diseases such as Leptospirosis which are a concern for both humans and livestock.

We are encouraging landholders to report feral pig activity and get in contact with our biosecurity officers who can offer information and advice on [baiting and trapping feral pigs](#). Contact us on 1300 795 299 or [visit the website](#).

[Find out more about Feral Pigs and how Local Land Services can help to control them...](#)

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Returning your annual land and stock return

Hopefully you have received your Annual Return of Land and Stock as they have been sent out to all landholders.

This year there is **no return envelope** for the forms to be sent back.

Completed Annual returns forms can be dropped off to any [LLS office](#) or post back to LLS PO Box 993 ORANGE 2800.

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Grains Research and Development Corporation (GRDC) events link

The GRDC events link for the region will be featured in every newsletter from now on! Follow the link below and click on the blue markers on the map for events in your area.

[Access the GRDC events page...](#)



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DPI Seasonal Conditions Report – July 2014

The NSW Government is replacing state drought declarations with a new Regional Seasonal Conditions Report. The new reporting mechanism acts as a management tool to help landholders manage operations and prepare for worsening seasonal conditions and drought.

[Summary of the July 2014 Seasonal Conditions Report](#)

[July 2014 Seasonal Conditions full report](#)

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No ammo in Nyngan...

Due to the organisational change of name to [Local Land Services](#) resulting in amendments with the licensing department, community members are temporarily unable to purchase ammunition from the Nyngan office.

This should be resolved in the next few weeks - we will keep you posted! [Staff at Nyngan](#) can be contacted on 6831 1500.

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You views wanted on climate variability...

What climate variability information and initiatives would you like to see delivered in your community?

You can let us know by taking a [few moments to respond...](#)

[We would like your input](#) to help inform and develop the regional needs for climate variability and the carbon economy

[Have your say and the chance to win an ipad...](#)

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Kids teaching kids is on again!

The [Kids Teaching Kids conference](#) is on again this time at Neville Public School on Wednesday 13th August.

Over 100 students and teachers will be participating in a day of learning and fun, hands on activities around the theme of Sustainable Agriculture.

[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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LLS out and about - Mudgee Small Farm Field days

The cold weather couldn't keep us away from attending the Mudgee small farm field days with Central Tablelands LLS. An impressive display set up and plenty of helpful info available for the visitors to our tent.

Coming up: We will be at the [Nyngan Ag Expo](#) on 2nd August located in section C. Call in and

have a chat!

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LLS out and about - Eugowra Paddock Plant ID Workshop

A great day was had by all at the Eugowra Paddock Plant ID Workshop on 16th July. Locals discovered identifying features to help recognise local pasture plants and native grasses and learned to understand their value in terms of animal production and land management. A very worthwhile day for all!

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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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Get social with us!

Are you on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter?](#) So are we!

[Facebook](#) is a great way for you to stay in touch with what's happening in the central west on a daily basis. We are constantly posting interesting photos, articles, updates and events from around the region.



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National Landcare Program submissions now open.

Inviting comment on: the history, effectiveness, performance and future of the National Landcare Program, including:

The closing date for submissions is 8 August 2014.

Please contact your [Landcare NSW Council member](#) if you have material to contribute, who will forward your information from your region to LNSW.

For direct submissions: Committee Secretary Senate Standing Committees on Environment and Communications PO Box 6100, Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600, Phone: +61 2 6277 3526, E: ec.sen@aph.gov.au

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Looking at Landcare

Landcare NSW Inc has some great resources available on their website such as their Insurance Toolkit for Landcare Groups. This and many more resources to help your group are [available on their website.](#)



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Map wild dogs and other feral pests using your mobile phone

Help map feral sightings in your area!

[Feral Scan](#) is a free mapping service that you can use to help with feral pest control in your local area.

iPhone, Android and iPad users can now access [WildDogScan](#) and record wild dog data much more quickly while in the field. This is a valuable addition to [WildDogScan](#) and can be used by farmers, NRM groups, wild dog control associations, community groups, and local governments.

[Find out how you can use Feral Scan...](#)

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Central west Rural Financial Counselling Service (RFCS)- updated contact list

The [RFCS](#) provides free, impartial and confidential financial counselling to help farmers, fishers and agriculture-dependent small businesses in their decision making.

[Access the updated contact list for RFCS Central West...](#)

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Meetings, events and workshops

Fodder/Silage/Conservation Seminars

Central West and Central Tablelands Senior Land Services Officer's, will be presenting information on addressing the feed gaps in farm systems and outlining animal nutritional requirements of stock during the feed gaps at our Fodder Conservation Seminars during August.

We have four different locations.

Cowra	-	12 th	August
Forbes	-	12 th	August
Narromine	-	13 th	August
Mudgee	-	13 th	August

For more information, [read the media release](#) or view the event links above.



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Introduction to Grazing Management workshops

Central Tablelands LLS will be running grazing management workshops at the following locations:

14th	August-	Oberon
15th	August-	Lithgow
19th	August	- Orange

25th August - Sodwells

[For more info:](#) Clare Edwards on 0428 435 615.

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Urabrible Landcare ordinary meeting and AGM

When: 11th August

Time: 730pm,

Where: "Lynwood" Coonabarabran.

[For more info](#) contact brmmpoole@gmail.com

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Agribusiness Today Forum - Blayney

The event will focus on profitable beef in a changing environment and is a joint event presented by [Agribusiness Today](#), [Regional Development](#), [Charles Sturt University](#) and [The Graham Centre](#).

Topics covered by a range of professional speakers during the forum will include:

- Australian beef production in a global market,
- future of Australian beef markets,
- how to produce more beef from your herd,
- improving reproductive efficiency in females,
- beef retailing in a competitive market,
- animal welfare in beef production,
- greenhouse gas emissions & beef production.

When: 7th August, 2014

Time: 8:30am - 4:30pm

Where: Blayney Shire community centre

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Dubbo Sustainable City Expo - Dubbo

The Expo helps the local community to reduce its environmental footprint, providing opportunities to speak with experts on the latest sustainable living technology, appliances and services.

When: 23rd August
Time: 9am – 2pm
Where: Dubbo Regional Botanic Gardens

[For more info](#) or call 6801 4000

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Conference - Food Security and the Murray Darling Basin

The Murray-Darling Basin, where one third of Australia's food is produced, is facing serious and growing challenges as a result of climate change, declining farm incomes, foreign ownership of farmland, conflicts over the use of land and water, and rising fuel costs.

Conference themes:
Day 1 : Feeding the world? Global food security and the MDB
Day 2 : Climate Change and Food Security in the MDB
Day 3 : Alternative Food Futures in the MDB.

When: 19th - 21st November, 2014
Where: Albury Entertainment Centre, Albury NSW

Registration: <http://foodsecuritymdb.wordpress.com/>

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Help prevent cancer in our local kids

The [Cancer Council NSW](#) is hosting an '[Eat It to Beat It](#)' volunteer facilitator training on Thursday 7th August, 9am – 5pm at Fitness Focus, Dubbo.

They need some great volunteers to be trained up in this program in order to deliver effectively in schools around the Central West and make some positive moves in reducing obesity and the risk of lifestyle diseases in our kids.

If you would like to attend the FREE training or for more info contact Camilla Barlow camillab@nswcc.org.au or phone 6392 0800.

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Scholarships and Grants

Farm Household Allowance.

The Farm Household Allowance (FHA) provides eligible farmers and their partners who are experiencing financial hardship with assistance and support to improve their long-term financial situation.

Eligible farmers and their partners will be able to access up to three years of payment. This is designed to give farm families time to get back on their feet and the opportunity to take steps to improve their circumstances.

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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.

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Caring for Ageing Rural Australians (CARA)

The Caring for Ageing Rural Australians (CARA) program is a targeted small grant program, designed to support projects and activities that benefit and support older people living in small rural and remote communities.

Grants of up to \$10,000 are available and eligible projects.

Closes 15th August.

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ANZ Seeds of Renewal

ANZ provides grants of up to \$10,000 to community organisations for projects focused on enhancing education and employment opportunities in rural, regional and remote areas, with preference given to projects that benefit communities with a population of fewer than 15,000 people.

Closes

26th

August.

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