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## Workshops and field days

**9 - 11 May**

[Healthy farm dams workshops](#) at Eumungerie (9 May), Mendooran (10 May) and Wellington (11 May)

**17 May**

[Bull health and selection - Coonamble](#)

**19 May**

[Seed collection workshop - Dunedoo](#)

**25 May**

[BullSELECT workshop - Coonabarabran](#)

The BullSELECT workshop will educate beef producers about how to use the available tools to select the best bull for their enterprise.

**28 - 29 June**

[Healthy farm dams workshops](#) at Gilgandra (28 June) and Narromine (29 June)

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## Coonamble vet flies to Nepal for foot and mouth disease training

Our Coonamble-based regional veterinarian, Dr Jillian Kelly, will be jetting off to Kathmandu in [Nepal](#) in May on a foot-and mouth disease (FMD) clinical investigation training mission, delivered by the European Commission for the Control of FMD.

As part of her selection in the real-time training program, Dr Kelly will receive intensive training to recognise and sample animals for FMD. She will also visit and investigate potential cases of infection on Nepalese farms with FMD.



[Read the full article about Dr Kelly's trip to Nepal and how it will benefit our region ...](#)

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## From 'bitumen road' to biodiversity for free range pork producer



Free range pig producers [Michael and Alex Hicks from Extraordinary Pork](#) are making an extraordinary change to the environment on their Eumungerie property, 'Trenton'.

The Hickses are working with us to undertake a major tree and shrub planting program to improve production and environmental sustainability.

The project is supported by Central West Local Land Services through funding from the Australian Government.

To find out more about how Local Land Services is working with farmers to improve our environment visit [our website](#) or phone Land Services Officer, Libby McIntyre (0429 019 309 or [libby.mcintyre@lls.nsw.gov.au](mailto:libby.mcintyre@lls.nsw.gov.au)).

[Watch a short video on the work on 'Trenton' ...](#)

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# Watch for footrot

[Our District Vets](#) have seen a number of cases of footrot across the Central West over recent weeks.

[Read more about footrot](#) and how you can manage it ...



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## New Local Landcare Coordinators on board

Six new Local Landcare Coordinators are now on board in the Central West, with another position soon to be appointed by Little River Landcare in the Yeoval/ Cumnock area.

More than 60 people have been recruited Statewide as part of the NSW Government's four-year \$15 million [Local Landcare Coordinators initiative](#).

In the Central West region, supported Landcare Coordinators include:

**Ian Kelly** hosted by Coonamble Neighbourhood Centre (Coonamble)  
0457 221 872 or [ian.kelly@bigpond.com.au](mailto:ian.kelly@bigpond.com.au)

**Helen Smith** hosted by Macquarie 2100 (Trangie/ Narromine)  
0457 887 770 or [m2100@bigpond.com](mailto:m2100@bigpond.com)

**John Ryan** hosted by Mid Macquarie Landcare (Wellington/ Dunedoo)  
0429 452 245 or [lrc@mml.org.au](mailto:lrc@mml.org.au)

**Marg Applebee** hosted by Central West Lachlan Landcare (Parkes/ Peak Hill/ Forbes)  
02 6862 4914 or [pdlsc@bigpond.com](mailto:pdlsc@bigpond.com)

**Mikla Lewis** hosted by LachLandcare (Weddin/ Young)  
0401 936 176 or [youngdistrictlandcare@gmail.com](mailto:youngdistrictlandcare@gmail.com)

**Libby Roesner** hosted by LachLandcare (Condobolin/ Lake Cargellico)

## Farm dam workshops - Dubbo, Mendooran and Wellington

How can you improve your livestock health and farm biodiversity through dam management?

Come along to our free farm dam workshops in May and find out more.

Dubbo (9 May), Mendooran (10 May) and Wellington (11 May).

[Read more about the workshops](#) and see [what is being covered](#).



## A guide to the use of common sheep vaccines

*Dr Cecily Moore, District Vet (Coonabarabran)*

### To vaccinate or not to vaccinate?

With an ever-expanding range of vaccines on the market, it has become very difficult to work out which vaccines are necessary and which are cost effective to use on your sheep.

Dr Cecily Moore has put together a summary of the most commonly used vaccines and when you should use them.

[Read the full article ...](#)

## Chance to learn about local wildlife with expert help

Our new program offered to help farmers learn about their property's fauna and flora is proving popular.

Under the 'What's in my Patch?' program, you have the chance to walk through your land with wildlife experts.

Under the guidance of environmental experts, Mikla Lewis and Ryan Sims, you can explore your property and identify the wide array of plants and animals that have made it their home.

The project has seen Mikla and Ryan visit local properties to record local wildlife and share practical tips for farm management. All participants will receive a detailed report listing the species present along with a collection of photographs – all tailored to your property.

To find out more, contact Catie Guise (0429 982 197 or [catherine.guise@lfs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:catherine.guise@lfs.nsw.gov.au)).

[Places are limited - book your spot today.](#)

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## New Primefacts on chemical use and handling: critical information for chemical users

New Primefacts articles are now available on the NSW DPI website on:

- [Storing pesticides safely on farm](#)
- [Preventing and treating pesticide poisoning](#)
- [Legal responsibilities in applying pesticides](#)
- [Safe disposal of empty pesticide containers](#)

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## Farmers urged to report sightings of intensely irritating buffalo fly

The intensely irritating, blood-sucking buffalo fly, *Haematobia irritans exigua*, has been [reported in the Central West](#) in the Quambone and Macquarie Marshes areas.

We're calling on people in the cattle industry to report buffalo fly sightings as soon as possible to their local vet so that authorities can gain a better idea of how many properties may be affected and how far they have spread.

Buffalo fly aren't thought to survive all year round in the Central West, however they will migrate from the north and east of the state in the right seasonal conditions.

A Primefact article about [Buffalo flies and their control](#) is available from NSW Department of Primary Industries website at [www.dpi.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au)

For more information contact Dr Jillian Kelly (02 6822 1588 or [jillian.kelly@lts.nsw.gov.au](mailto:jillian.kelly@lts.nsw.gov.au)).

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## New arrangements for delivering baits in Coonabarabran

Central West Local Land Services is trialling a new way of [preparing and delivering baits](#) in Coonabarabran.

All bait deliveries **must now be pre-ordered**. Baits will no longer be handed over the counter without pre-ordering.

Place your order at the Coonabarabran Office (02 6842 6600) or with Biosecurity Officer Mark Knight (02 6842 6605, 0459 030 599 or [mark.knight@lls.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mark.knight@lls.nsw.gov.au)).

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## Out and about in Dubbo ...





One of our Biosecurity Officers, Mark Knight, inspects sheep at the Dubbo saleyards. It was a big day with a yarding of over 40,000 sheep.

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## Chemical Card Plus (AQF3) Training

### - Marra Creek

Wednesday 25 May

Are you applying pesticides or using agricultural chemicals in your business?

Are you aware that you must be accredited or you will be liable for a fine or other penalty?

We're working with [RuralBiz](#) to hold training courses for landholders to [get their Chemical Card \(AQF3\)](#).

If you are getting your card for the first time, you will need to attend the whole day.

If you are updating your current card, you'll need to come from 1:00 pm until 4:30 pm only.

To RSVP or for more information contact Matt Lane (02 6881 3406 or [matthew.lane@lls.nsw.gov.au](mailto:matthew.lane@lls.nsw.gov.au)).

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## Find out about the NBN's Sky Muster satellite

GrainGrowers is working with the National BroadBand Network to facilitate a series of regional meetings ahead of the product launch of the NBN's Sky Muster satellite at:



**Narromine - Monday 23 May**

**Forbes - Monday 23 May**

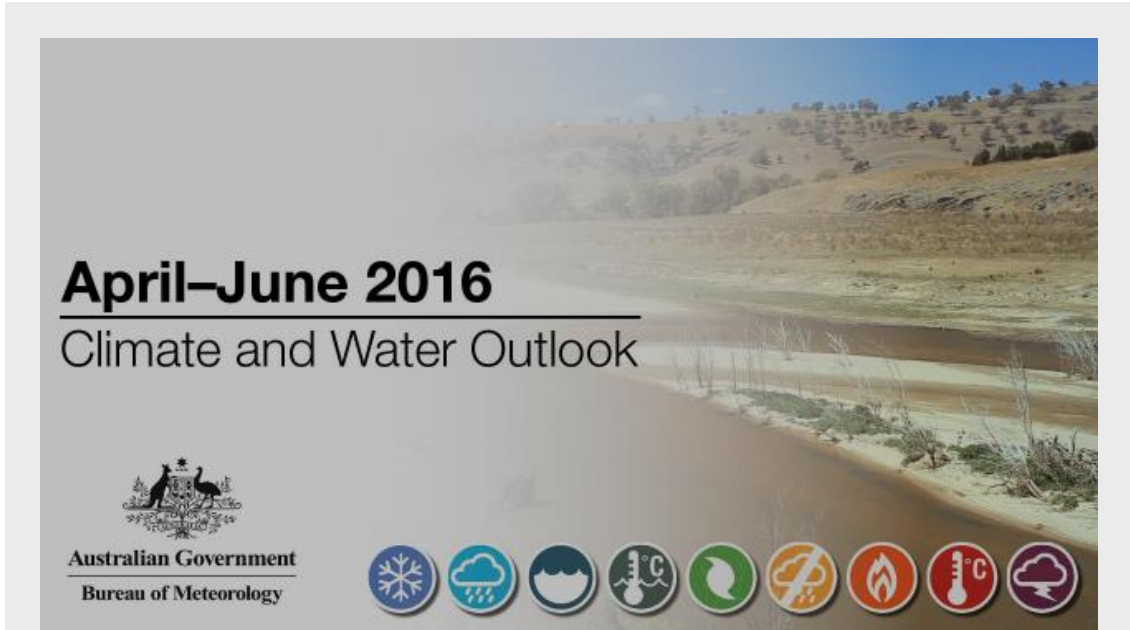
**Grenfell - Tuesday 24 May**

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## Bureau of Meteorology outlook (April-June 2016)



The Bureau of Meteorology has released their latest monthly [climate and water outlook video](#) – covering rainfall, streamflow and temperature for the next three months and beyond.

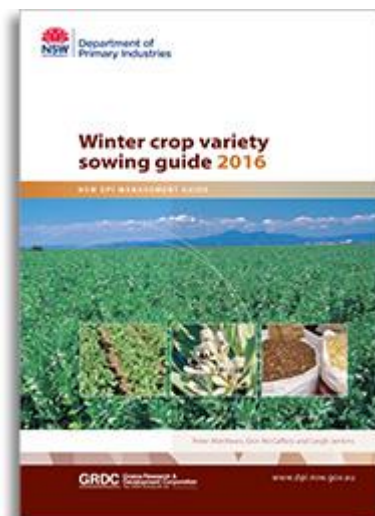
The [rainfall outlook for April to June](#) indicates wetter than normal conditions are likely across western and western-central NSW. There is a near-neutral outlook for remainder. This means there is a near-equal chance of drier or wetter than normal conditions in these areas.

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## Grab a copy of the 2016 winter crop guide

The latest [NSW DPI winter crop variety sowing guide](#) is now available [online](#) and from offices of NSW DPI and Central West Local Land Services.

[Grab your copy today.](#)



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## Out and about learning about silverleaf nightshade in Parkes ...

There was plenty of discussion and positive participation at the Central West Local Land Services' silverleaf nightshade workshop in Parkes on April 6.



Participants are pictured inspecting a silverleaf nightshade plant following heavy summer grazing. All the leaves have been removed with just the stem remaining.

[See more pictures from the workshop ...](#)

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## Free seed collecting workshop - Dunedoo

We're working with Dunedoo Coolah Landcare to deliver a free seed collection workshop in

Dunedoo on 19 May.

Practical and hands on, the workshop will cover:

- basic species identification
- picking seasons - when is the best time to collect seed?
- equipment - what tools will you need?
- drying, cleaning and storing seeds.

Dunedoo Golf Club, Wargundy St, Dunedoo.

Contact - Marie Hensley on 0408 708 803.

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## Board tours cultural heritage sites



[Our Board](#) visited a number of [Aboriginal cultural heritage](#) sites in the Dubbo area earlier this month to get a better understanding of how we can protect these important local assets.

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## Not in the Central West? Links to other regions

If you are in another Local Land Services region, you can also subscribe to their newsletters.

Links to some of our neighbours below. You can find out which region you belong to at the [State Local Land Services](#) site.

- [Central Tablelands](#)
- [Riverina](#)
- [Western](#)

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## Direct contact details for our staff

You can find out who your local staff are and their details in just one click.

Staff contact details (including mobile phone numbers) are up on our website to help deliver our services to the community.

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