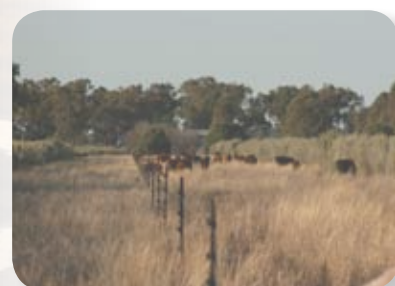
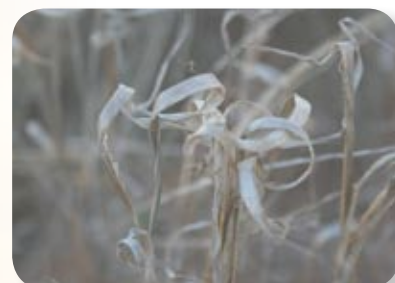


Partners towards a healthy Catchment

3-4 September, Wellington NSW



Individuals and communities across Central West NSW and beyond are invited to this practical two-day conference on managing and improving our natural resources.

Landholders will be discussing how they have improved their natural assets through a range of projects dealing with water, land, biodiversity and communities. Speakers are from all corners of the Central West Catchment and will focus the practical elements of their work, what sparked them to action and the results they have seen.

The conference is being held 3-4 September at the Wellington Soldiers Memorial Club, 75 Arthur Street, Wellington, NSW.

The conference dinner will be held on the evening of Wednesday 3 September at the Wellington Civic Hall, Swift St, Wellington.

Registration and all meals are free. However, numbers are limited and booking is essential. To RSVP and reserve your place, visit www.cw.cma.nsw.gov.au or call (02) 6881 3430 by Wednesday 27 August.

Day one - Wednesday 3 September 2008

Wellington Soldiers Memorial Club, 75 Arthur St, Wellington

Time	Speaker	Topic
8.30am	Registration	
9.10	TBA	Welcome to Country
9.15	Mike Sutherland, Central West CMA Vice Chair	Conference opening, day one conference Chair
9.30	Sam Davis, NSW DPI Fisheries	Creating fish habitat in the Castlereagh River Sam will discuss the project to reinstate fish habitat in the Castlereagh River on "Toorawandi".
9.50	Tim Cox, Ben Chifley Dam Steering Committee	Sediment and nutrient management Tim will discuss project works undertaken on major tributaries leading into the Bathurst water supply, Ben Chifley Dam in partnership with local Landholders, Bathurst Regional Council and the Central West CMA.
10.10	Sam Davis Ken and Carole Wiley "Clovelly" Springside	Wetlands on farms Sam will discuss the value of wetlands in farming systems. Ken and Carole will talk about their on-ground project.
10.30	Question time	
11.00	Morning tea	
11.30	Frank McKillop, "Melrose" Nyngan	Waterponding for revegetation and improved biodiversity Frank will discuss waterponding and saltbush rehabilitation work carried out on his property over the last 20 years and the results achieved.
11.50	Matt McKenzie, "Loyola" Coonamble	Integrated conservation farming and grazing management in a western landscape 2008 Conservation Farmer of the Year, Matt will discuss conservation farming, time controlled grazing and pasture cropping.
12.30	Question time	
1.00	Field trip or native fibre weaving	
OPTION 1	Packed lunch/afternoon tea and bus tour of local on-ground projects: 1. Mount Arthur Reserve. Land manager Tony Layland to demonstrated results of riparian revegetation project at the reservoir. 2. "Karuga Park". 2008 NSW Farmer of the Year Nigel Kerin to demonstrate fencing, water, pasture, machinery and pasture cropping. 3. "Catombal Park". Brian and Hamish Munro to demonstrate wire and water projects for improved grazing management through the Central West CMA, the Mid-Macquarie Landcare RIPPLE project and pasture establishment through Little River Landcare. 4. "Wongalee". James and Sal Morse will demonstrate Cundumbul Landcare and Mid-Macquarie Landcare projects including the STORM project (involving 20 farmers).	
OPTION 2	Basket weaving workshop (includes lunch and afternoon tea) Members of the West Women Weaving group will demonstration and teach the cultural practice of native fibre weaving. NOTE: Places are limited so please nominate at registration.	
Approx 5.00	Bus return to Wellington Soldiers Memorial Club	

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Day two - Thursday 4 September 2008
Wellington Soldiers Memorial Club, 75 Arthur St, Wellington

Time	Speaker	Topic
8.45am	Reg Kidd, Central West CMA Board Director	Conference opening, day two conference Chair
9.00	Ken Rogers, Dubbo City Council	Local Government and NRM The Central West CMA has forged partnerships with Councils in the Catchment through the Local Government Reference Group and the Salinity and Water Quality Alliance, resulting in the implementation of on-ground projects to improve water quality and biodiversity. Ken will outline how the partnership works and describe some of the projects being undertaken.
9.20	Will Burns, Central West CMA Aboriginal Communities Catchment Officer	Opportunities and synergies in Cultural Heritage and Natural Resource Management Will Burns explains significant landscapes, the Central West CMA Cultural Heritage program and the opportunities available to incorporate these incentives into your NRM projects to protect the Cultural Heritage of the central west NSW.
9.40	Fergus and Pip Job, Rob Lee (Chair), Little River Landcare Group	Promoting a healthy, productive and diverse biological and social environment In 1998 the Little River Landcare Group (LRLG) made a commitment to the catchment community to tackle the challenges of NRM. The LRLG has focused on engagement, education and basic extension in meeting these challenges.
10.00	Question time	
10.30	Morning tea	
11.00	Bruce Maynard, "Willydah" Narromine	Integrating biodiversity on farms Bruce will discuss wildlife corridors, grazing systems and biodiversity conservation.
11.20	Warwick Doulman, Cabonne Council	Willow removal and resnagging Warwick will give an overview of this project to improve the health of Molong Creek, with benefits such as providing shade and increasing the range of habitats for fish, waterbugs and platypus.
11.40	Mike Augee, Mount Arthur Trust Reserve	Conservation management of public lands Mike will talk about managing water to control grazing pressure, Grassy Box Woodland regeneration and biological control of tiger prickly pear.
12.00	Question time	
12.30	Lunch	
1.30	Breakout sessions: group workshops on NRM and community themes	
2.30	Facilitated by Reg Kidd	Feedback from breakout sessions
3.00	Reg Kidd	Close

Conference Dinner - Wednesday 3 September 2008

Wellington Civic Hall, Swift Street, Wellington

6.00pm	Arrival - refreshments and nibbles available
6.30pm	Sit down dinner
8.00pm	Keynote speaker Sam Bailey
9.00pm	Dessert and coffee
9.30pm onwards	Shuttle bus drop-off with Wellington
10.30pm	Last bus departs

Dinner keynote speakers: Sam and Jenny Bailey

Sam Bailey is a farmer, pilot, husband and now best selling author. He has achieved all of these paralysed from the chest down and has an incredible ability to take an audience on the journey of his life.

Sam tells his story in his own down-to-earth laconic style that captures the great Australian spirit of 'having a go' and is changing the lives of people of all ages and walks of life.

Sam found his soul mate in former Tamworth-based ABC radio Rural Reporter, Jenny Black who he proposed to 'live' on regional radio. Today they live and work together on Sam's family property in northern NSW, in between travelling the country telling their story and giving inspiration to others.

Mr Sam Bailey appears by arrangement with Saxton Speakers Bureau.

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