

# MEDIA RELEASE



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## **FAR WEST WORKSHOPS PROVIDE INFO ABOUT ACCESSING FUNDING**

Workshops will be held in four locations to outline funding opportunities available through the Western Catchment Management Authority (CMA).

They will provide detailed information about the 2008 Incentive Program, which was officially launched today. The workshops will also assist people interested in applying for up to \$10,000 for on-ground works through the 'Planning for the Next Drought' program.

The workshops will be held at:

Fowlers Gap Station, 10am Tuesday, March 25

Tibooburra Hostel, 10am Wednesday, March 26

White Cliffs CWA rooms, 10am Thursday, March 27

Wilcannia Hospital meeting room, 10am Friday March 28

People interested in attending the workshops should RSVP to Louise Turner, Catchment Officer, Western CMA on 08 8082 5200 or 0428 268 925 or 8091 3538.

Funds are available for people wanting to improve the natural resources of their area through conservation farming, grazing management, natural resource improvement including invasive native scrub control and rangeland rehabilitation, animal and plant pest management, riparian and water quality improvements, Environmentally Significant Areas, Enterprise Based Conservation and training.

"The workshops are held to assist local people who may be interested in undertaking works, activities or training to improve natural resources in their area," Ms Turner said.

"They provide an opportunity to talk face-to-face about the incentive program and walk people through the application process.

"This is the fourth year the Western CMA Incentive Program has been held. During the past three years, \$8.43 million was provided to 199 land managers in the Western Catchment," Ms Turner said.

People interested in attending the workshops are advised to read through the guidelines and application forms which are available by calling 1800 032 101 or at [www.western.cma.nsw.gov.au](http://www.western.cma.nsw.gov.au)

Applications for the 2008 Incentives Program will be accepted until April 30.

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