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NYMAGEE RESIDENT JOINS WESTERN CMA BOARD

Matthew Nicholson of Nymagee has been appointed to the Board of the Western Catchment Management Authority (CMA) by the Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Carmel Tebbutt.

Matthew Nicholson is a born and bred Nymagee local. He is married to Megan and has two daughters, three-year-old Katie and one-year-old Sarah. With his parents, Michael and Jenny, and his brother's family they operate the family farm, Glenwood Station, which will celebrate its 100th birthday in 2010.

The farming business incorporates a number of activities including beef cattle production, harvesting broombrush and cypress pine, transport and accommodation for hunting groups. During favourable years they also undertake some minimum-till cropping.

He completed his secondary education at Yanco Agricultural High School holds a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture from the University of Sydney.

He is involved in numerous community organisations including the Nymagee Rural Fire Brigade, Nymagee Progress Association and local cricket and tennis clubs.

Matthew is an active member of the Buckwaroon Catchment Landcare Group, was a founding member of the NSW Broombrush Industry Group and says he applied to join the Western CMA Board because he wanted to become involved.

"I have been involved with the Western CMA through the Landcare Group and the incentives program as well as knowing some of the staff socially. The Western CMA is involved in shaping the future of the area and I wanted to be part of that process," Mr Nicholson said.

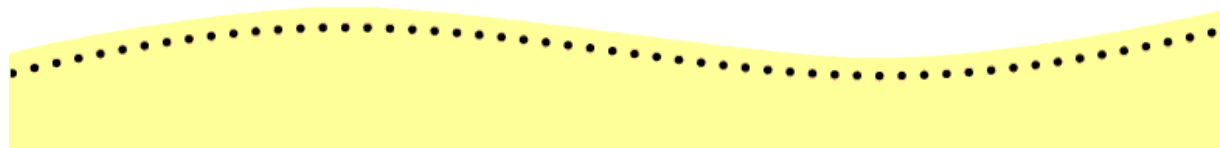
"This is my home and I just love it. There are lots of issues that need to be dealt with such as invasive native scrub, particularly in the Nymagee area, and the ability for younger generations of farm families to be able to stay on the land.

"They are long-term issues that will take time, effort and money and I want to contribute to that process," Mr Nicholson said.

Chair of the Western CMA, Rory Treweeke, says he is delighted to welcome Matthew to the Board.

"Matthew is a progressive and forward-thinking young man and we are very lucky to have such a good mix of experience and members of the next generation of landholders on our board," Mr Treweeke said.

"His appointment means the Western CMA Board has its full complement of members for the first time since it became operational in 2004. He joins Diana Hoffman, Andrew Mosely, Justin McClure, Sam Jeffries and Tony Thompson on the Board.



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"Board appointments are made at the Minister's discretion and the appointment of an additional member indicates Minister Tebbutt's acknowledgement of the variety of issues the Western CMA is managing in far-western NSW," Mr Treweeke said.

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Captions:

Matthew Nicholson was recently appointed to the Western CMA Board.

