

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST



Expression of Interest to attend the Australian Rangeland Society Conference: Sponsorship of land managers within the Western Catchment Due – 8 August 2008

The Australian Rangeland Society Conference in Charters Towers from 28 September -2 Oct 2008 provides five days of presentations and discussions from national and international experts and practitioners on rangeland management. It provides an excellent opportunity for land managers within the Western Catchment to widen their vision of rangeland management.

The Western CMA proposes to sponsor four landholders from within the Western Catchment to attend this conference.

- These individuals will travel with a handful of Western CMA staff on a 4-day journey to Charters Towers.
- There will be stops at several properties of interest on the trip north and a 2-day tour of the eastern portion of Qld with property visits on the way back.
- Travel, accommodation and registration costs will be covered by the Western CMA (approximate value up to \$2,500).

If you are interested in attending the Conference and participating in the tour please complete the **Expression of Interest (EOI)** overleaf:

- Submit it to your local Western CMA office before 5pm on Friday, August 8. Entries will be accepted at the Western Catchment Landcare Forum in White Cliffs.
- A selection panel will assess all entries. If there is a large number of quality EOIs more information may be requested to determine the final four.

Timeline

- Closing date for EOI: 8 August
- Notification of delegate selection: 13 August
- Approximate departure date: 24 September
- Conferences date: 28 September to 2 October

If you are able to fund the trip yourself and would like to travel in convoy with the group we would be pleased to have you attend. Please contact Chris Higgins on 0418 211 016 for more information.

For information on the conference visit:

<http://www.austrangesoc.com.au/2008welcome.asp>

The following overview of the conference was taken from this website.

The conference theme "A Climate of Change in the Rangelands" will focus on the changing environmental, social, cultural and economics facing Australia's rangelands in the future and linking this dynamic to the broader community's real values concerning the rangelands.

This will be a conference that facilitates networking and provides a programme full of discussions on the latest scientific innovations for rangelands and the challenging issues facing land managers. Under our theme "A Climate of Change in the Rangelands" we will hear about biodiversity, bio indicators, carbon sequestration, climate risk assessment, duty of care, ecological health, ecosystem services, environmental services, greenhouse budget, landscape condition and sustainability indicators. These will be explored in sessions on grazing management, land condition and monitoring, biodiversity management and conservation, multiple land use, environmental risk management, capacity building and action learning tools.



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Contact Name:	
Property within the Western CMA:	
Ph Number:	
Fax Number:	
Postal Address:	

EOI Question: Please state below in 300 words or less how attending this field tour and conference relates to the past and present management of your property and will influence future management decisions and strategies.

