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**LACHLAN CATCHMENT
MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY**



**Cowra
Council**

**The Cowra Shire Council and the Lachlan
Catchment Management Authority present**

2012 CENTRAL NSW FUTURES FORUM

‘BIODIVERSITY PAYS’

Thursday 1st MARCH

COWRA CIVIC CENTRE



PROGRAM

Day 1. Thursday 1st March

08:30 Registration

BIODIVERSITY: WHERE ARE WE?

09:00 Welcome by Lachlan Catchment Management Authority Chair.
Mr Robyn Williams, AM, introduced as Master of Ceremonies.

09:10 Welcome to Country and Historical Perspective.

09:30 'Biodiversity: Is it Sustainable?' by Professor David Lindenmayer,
ANU, Fenner School of Environment and Society, Canberra.

10:00 Panel Question and Answer Forum.

10:30 Morning Tea.

BIODIVERSITY: WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

11:00 'Production Benefits' by Dr Denis Saunders, AM,
Research Fellow, CSIRO Ecosystems Sciences Canberra.

11:30 'Carbon Policy Trends' by Ms Claire Parkes,
Senior Policy Analyst Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists.

12:00 'Improved Market Access' by Mr Peter MacSmith,
Principal MSM Milling, Manildra.

12:20 'Increased Property Values' by Mr Chris Meares,
Principal, Meares and Associates, Sydney.

12:40 Panel Question and Answer Forum.

13:00 Lunch.

BIODIVERSITY: IT'S ACHIEVABLE AND EFFECTIVE!

14:00 'Balancing Biodiversity and Production' by Mr Geoff Kay,
Senior Research Officer, ANU Canberra.

14:20 'Funding Opportunities' by Mr Geoff Minchin,
Catchment Officer, Lachlan CMA.

14:40 Panel Question and Answer Forum.

15:00 Afternoon Tea.

BIODIVERSITY: CASE STUDIES

- 15:30 Mr Cameron McKellar, 'Inverary Downs', Spring Ridge.
15:50 Mr Dick Richardson, 'Hanaminno', Boorowa.
16:10 Panel Question and Answer Forum.
16:30 Overview by Dr Guy Fitzhardinge, 'Pennyroyal', Mandurama.
16:45 Vote of Thanks by Councillor Bill West, Cowra Shire Mayor.
- 17:00 Close.

ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES

WELCOME COCKTAIL PARTY – Day 1, Thursday 1st March

17:30 – 19:30 Cowra Regional Art Gallery

Opportunity for participants to discuss the day's proceedings while enjoying finger food and wine, just a short stroll across the road from the Civic Centre at the Cowra Regional Art Gallery.

Non-participating partners are welcome to attend at an additional cost of \$50 (registration still required).

SECONDARY SCHOOLS PROGRAM – Day 2, Friday 2nd March

10:00 – 12:00 Cowra High School

Mr Robyn Williams, AM, National Radio Science Show Host, Science Journalist and Author will present alongside Dr Denis Saunders, AM, Research Fellow with CSIRO Ecosystem Sciences, and Ms Claire Parkes, Senior Policy Analyst, The Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists, on the 'The Environment, Water and Carbon'. Free to all secondary science students and teachers from Central West and Central Tablelands High Schools.

BIODIVERSITY: FOCUS TOURS

09:00 – 12:00 2nd March, departing Cowra Civic Centre

Optional escorted bus tours visiting inspiring local landholders who are willing to share their vision, successes and failures in the management of biodiversity on their properties. These tours are free to all registered participants of the Forum.

Option 1 – Vegetation/Grazing Focus:

- 09:30 ‘Euralie’ Woodstock, a 70 hectare Environmental Stewardship Project with Barry Gay (owner), Graham Hodge (DSEWPaC) and Geoff Kay (ANU).
- 10:45 ‘Talinga’ Woodstock, a Holistic Management Approach with Gus and Anna Hickman (owners).

Option 2 – Production/Cropping Focus:

- 09:15 ‘Mulyan’ Cowra, Improved Soil Health Under Intensive Cropping with Edward Fagan (owner) and Ian Packer (LCMA).
- 10:30 ‘Ruer’ Canowindra, a Carbon Sequestration (CAMBI) Site with Rob and Mark Pearce (owners) and David Trengove (LCMA).