

**Thursday 1 May 2008**

## **Farm water supply workshops for Upper Hunter landholders**

**The Hunter-Central Rivers Catchment Management Authority (CMA) is offering Upper Hunter landholders an opportunity to register their interest in attending workshops on how to best plan and design their stock water supply systems.**

The two day workshops, which have been funded through the Australian Government's Natural Heritage Trust program, will assist landholders to develop a plan that identifies farm water supply improvements for their properties. These informative workshops will be conducted at six Upper Hunter venues with a maximum number of twelve participants at each workshop.

CMA Chairman, Dr WEJ Paradise, said, 'The CMA is keen to help landholders better manage their farm water supplies. Planning and managing farm water supply is an important part of successful farm management. At these workshops, landholders will have the chance to sit down with advice at hand and re-evaluate and enhance their farm water supply design suitable to their farming practices.'

Course presenter, Mr Graeme Brooker of Brookley Consulting Pty Ltd will be delivering the workshops on behalf of the CMA. Graeme has a lifetime of experience in all aspects of farm water supply, including design and installation. He has conducted various workshops while working in the Farm Water Supplies branch of the Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission, Soil Conservation Service, Department of Land and Water Conservation and now Brookley Consulting Pty Ltd.

Landholders who attend these workshops will be provided with an aerial photo of their property on which to assess their current water supply requirements against their current water supply situation and to consider their options and then identify future improvements needed. Participants will also receive a comprehensive manual written by Graeme Brooker on improving farm water supply.

There will be six, two day workshops offered to landholders in the 'Improving Farm Water Supply' series. Dates and venues are as follows:-

- 5 and 12 May at Gundy Hall
- 6 and 13 May at Murrurundi RSL Hall
- 19 and 26 May at Denman RSL
- 20 and 27 May at Merriwa RSL
- 3 and 10 June at Mitchell's Flat Hall
- 4 and 11 June at Mount Olive Hall

Landholders interested in attending will need to complete an Expression of Interest form and submit it to the CMA. Numbers for the workshops will be limited, so landholders are encouraged to contact CMA staff members, Jon Thorne at Muswellbrook CMA office on 65424426 or Steve Clarkson at Singleton Council office on 65787346 as soon as possible.

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