

News from the CEO:

Welcome to our mid-year newsletter.

By now a lot of landholders would have been contacted by South West NRM staff to finalise their mid-year projects. We also have a number of programs coming to a close this June, including the Business Meets Biodiversity, Drought Assistance Program and Queensland Government NRM 02 program.

There have been several announcements in regard to future funding rounds, including one recently called for by the Queensland Government in which South West NRM applied to continue our weeds and pest program - this time targeting Coral Cactus. Another new program will look at how we can improve the long term use of the Ward River waterhole for all users.

The third round of Collaborative Area Management (CAM) cluster fencing proposals are in and have been approved and will get underway shortly. Congratulations to the Coban Cluster group near Cunnamulla which is the first group to finish their fence under the second round of funding. The Wellwater group near Charleville are also close to finishing, which is a great achievement by all involved. All our round one cluster groups have now finished their fences, which puts seven cluster areas now under completed fences. Please see pages 10 - 17 of this edition for a report on each phase of our CAM projects, including a feature article outlining an economic analysis of one property which is part of the Tambo South CAM Cluster.

On another front, Project Officer Kevin Collins is leading our push to deliver a wide range approach to cactus control in the Wyandra area using a biological bug (see page 9 for details). The next 12 months will see a large increase in these efforts with landholders.

Be on the lookout on our website and social media pages in July and August as new funding announcements are called for across the region.

Regards,
Phil



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Did you know?

Croxdale Station (15km west of Charleville along the Quilpie Road)

is a property which is available to the community to use as a free training facility.

If your community group would like to access this facility, please get in touch with us at the South West NRM Office on (07) 4656 8500.

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