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Injune to Host MBCMA Quarterly Forum

The Injune Bowls club will be the venue for the next quarterly forum of the Maranoa-Balonne Catchment Management Association on the 7th of March starting at 8.30am. Members of the local community are invited to come along and hear from speakers on topics specific to the local area as well as participate in discussion on relevant local issues.

Guest speakers at this meeting include Roxanne Blackley (Taroom Shire Landcare Coordinator), Noel Hill (speaking on the Tooloombillal Wildlife Surveys) and Jennifer Gleeson (Dawson Catchment Coordinator).

Committee members from the MBCMA as well as Queensland Murray Darling Committee representative and technical staff will be on hand to take questions and provide information on the services available from the Maranoa Balonne Landcare and Catchment Centre in Arthur Street, Roma.

One of the ways in which the Maranoa-Balonne CMA is committed to staying in touch with local communities is by taking their meetings to the various parts of the Catchment where members can view the issues specific to particular areas and meet with local people.

Injune, which is actually part of the adjacent Dawson Catchment, was chosen as the venue for this meeting as a large percentage of the people in the district consider Roma as their main business centre and therefore the source of their information about NRM issues and available funding.

The centre of MBCMA operations is the Maranoa Balonne Landcare and Catchment Centre in Roma. From this office, a professional team of technical officers are available to help address any number of Natural Resource Management issues. These issues include the management of Land and Salinity, Water Quality, Riverine and Wetland, Vegetation, Nature Conservation, Property Mapping and Education and Community Capacity Building.

The drive to originally form the MBCMA came from the groundswell of activity in Landcare across the region nearly 13 years ago. Today, as well as the Technical officers there are five Landcare coordinators located across the catchment in Roma, Tara, Miles, Mitchell and Surat. There is also close partnerships with State and Local Governments and other stakeholders such as local industry groups, mining and energy companies and the CWA.

Catchment Team Coordinator Jamie Gorry said all members of the public are welcome to attend. "If you have an interest in, or questions about the Maranoa-Balonne Catchment, Sub Catchment Planning, Natural Resource Management, funding options for NRM works or any other Landcare issue, we will do our best to be of assistance," he said.

For catering purposes, please call 4622 8446, if you are able to join the group at any time throughout the day.

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