

THE PROPERTY PLANNING COMPETITION

For more than 10 years, the Property Planning Competition has been run for Schools in the North West of NSW. This competition will again be run in 2009, organised jointly by Namoi and Border Rivers/Gwydir Catchment Management Authorities. With the contributions of tremendous sponsors, and assistance from many other organisations, this competition is shaping up once again to be an excellent opportunity for schools.

Students from both Junior and Senior years will compete based on the same property, but will be judged separately. Junior and senior Namoi winners will be awarded, then measured up against the winners from the competition run in the Border Rivers/Gwydir catchment. A Grand Champion will be awarded from these

The winning entries will be the ones that produce the most realistic and useful plans for sustainable management of 'Trelawney'.

Winner and runner up teams (and their teachers!) will all be presented with prizes in a special ceremony at Ag-Quip 2009! All finalists will receive judges' comments and participation certificates.

What people said about previous Property Planning Competitions:

"Fantastic experience for students, -very comprehensive"

"Hands on"

*"Just goes to show how business, government and community
can co-operate"*

"Students were able to gain a real insight into the principles of planning"

Timetable for 2009

March 16 Resources sent on a CD and will be available on the web at

www.namoi.cma.nsw.gov.au

March 18 Property Planning Competition Launch

May 19 Field Day at "Trelawney", Somerton between Tamworth and Gunnedah for Namoi students

May 25 to 29 Tutorial series to towns around the catchment. See below for more information.

June 23 The Two best entries per class due for marking. Post to Atten: Col Easton, Namoi CMA, P.O. Box 550, Tamworth NSW 2340

August 20 Award Ceremony at Ag-Quip, Gunnedah

Disclaimer

This manual has been prepared by Col Easton, Angela Baker, Simon Turpin and George Truman of the Namoi Catchment Management Authority for the purposes of the 2009 Schools Property Planning Competition. Information included in this manual may be fictitious to be used only as part of the competition.

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Tutorials

After the field day, an education officer from Namoi CMA goes on the road to run a Property Planning Competition Tutorial at a school near you. The aim of the tutorial is to help students learn and produce the best plan they can.

The time table below lists schools Namoi CMA would like to host these tutorials at.

Please contact Col Easton at: col.easton@cma.nsw.gov.au or ph: 6764 5940 fax: 6764 5995 as to your school's availability to host or attend as a guest.

Monday May 25	9:30 to 11:00	Walgett
Monday May 25	1:00 to 2:30 pm	Wee Waa
Tuesday May 26	9:30 to 11:00	Coonabarabran High School
Tuesday May 26	1:00 to 2:30 pm	Baradine
Wednesday May 27	9:30 to 11:00	Narrabri
Wednesday May 27	1:00 to 2:30 pm	Gunnedah High School
Thursday May 28	9:30 to 11:00	Manilla Central
Thursday May 28	1:00 to 2:30 pm	Barraba Central
Friday May 29	9:30 to 11:00	Quirindi High
Friday May 29	1:00 to 2:30 pm	Farrer MAHS High

What you need to do

To complete your property plan you need to:

- ◆ Check out information on the CD or from Namoi CMA web page.

Follow the prompts at: www.namoi.cma.nsw.gov.au

- ◆ Attend the fully paid for field day on May 19
- ◆ Get to one of the tutorials in May/June
- ◆ Learn all you can from as many sources as possible.
- ◆ Get the best two entries per class to us by June 22: Post it to: attention Col Easton Namoi CMA P.O. Box 523 Tamworth NSW 2340 or drop it into your local Namoi CMA Office to attention Col Easton.

What you need to get

- ◆ Coloured textas which do not “bleed” on paper.
- ◆ A cover page for your entry of 5 written pages and a map of your plan. The cover page must have the name of your school, the category being entered (Junior or Senior) and all contributing students names clearly marked. See Appendix VI for a template.
- ◆ Download the resources – manul and maps. The chapters are broken up to make it easy to view and download. The entire manual can also be printed as a single document. These chapters will help you compile a property plan from drawing the first line to your references. It also provides information about ‘Trelawney’, your study property and what to look out for.
- ◆ Also from the CD and web page the following maps are available:
 - Boundary (for drawing on) satellite image of the property
 - Infrastructure
 - Contours
 - Land Management Units
 - Soils
 - Vegetation
 - Existing Landuse and
 - Landuse hazards.

Check out the Powerpoint presentation on the CD. Take your students through this to get them started. It also contains a descriptive notes page.

The competition web page at www.namoi.cma.nsw.gov.au also has numerous thirty second videos about natural resource management for a few extra tips.

Competition Updates

See the awards announced at Ag-Quip Wednesday August 19 at 11:00 am at the Namoi CMA stand site: K-L/19-20.