

5<sup>th</sup> October 2007

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### **Drought Assistance Supports Communities**

The NSW Farmers' Association says it is grateful for the Federal Government's pledge of a \$714 million package to help farmers hit by the worst drought in living memory.

Association President Jock Laurie says the amendments to the eligibility criteria for Exceptional Circumstances (EC) drought assistance as well as a range of important support programs is recognition of the seriousness of the situation.

### **President's interview on Lateline.**

Association President Jock Laurie flew directly from a drought meeting in Hillston this week to appear in a live televised debate with columnist Brian Toohey on the ABC's Lateline program, hosted by Tony Jones.

The debate covered issues such as farm viability in the face of drought assistance and Global Warming. To see this interview, or read the transcript, head to [www.nswfarmers.org.au](http://www.nswfarmers.org.au) .

### **Nominate your favourite Ag teacher**

Do you know an agricultural teacher who deserves to win the \$10,000 inaugural Institute for Trade Skills Excellence Award?

The Institute For Trade Skills Excellence is now taking applications for the inaugural Australian Trade Teacher of the Year Awards which will be held in November 2007.

There is a category for Rural & Farming trade teachers and/ or teams of trade teachers. The winners of the Trade Skills Excellence Award receive \$10,000.

### **Flooding proposal should go down the drain**

The NSW Farmers' Association is urging farmers and community members in the southern region to write or make a submission to the Victorian Environmental Assessment Council with concerns about the impact the council's latest recommendations.

Association President Jock Laurie says the latest environmental report to the Victorian State Government would have significant ramifications now and in the future, for both sides of the border.

### **Guyra Hosts Region 2 Convention**

NSW Farmers' Association invites New England farmers to meet President Jock Laurie and Chief Executive Shaughn Morgan at the Region 2 Convention in Guyra on Wednesday, 10 October.

Topics covered at the forum will include carbon trading and climate change and legal issues surrounding enclosed roads and native vegetation.

The forum will be held at Rafters Restaurant Guyra from 10am - 4pm. Cost is \$10 p/p which includes lunch and tea breaks. Please RSVP by Friday 5 October to Gennie Gittoes on ph 6766 9949.

## **Chemcard Refresher at Australian National Field Day, Orange**

Update your Chemical Accreditation while attending the ANFD on Tuesday 16 October, Orange, to ensure you meet the requirements of the Pesticides Act.

NSW Farmers' Association is offering reaccreditation by home study and a practical assessment (allow 2 hours) at their stand at the field days.

Association Members: \$175.00pp; Non Members: \$220.00pp. Need to register by Tuesday 9 October to allow time for delivery of home study material. For details contact: Robyn Diamond on 02 6884 8822 or email: [training@nswfarmers.org.au](mailto:training@nswfarmers.org.au)

## **Upcoming Region Specific Meetings & Events**

### **Association Training Courses**

For information about training, dates and locations, please email [training@nswfarmers.org.au](mailto:training@nswfarmers.org.au). Please note that registration in Chemical Card or Senior First Aid is required 7 days prior to the workshop date to allow for delivery of home study materials.

### **Region 1- North West**

**19 Oct-** Warialda, Grain & Graze Field Day at McMaster Research Station  
Contact RSM [Alicia Wilson](#) for more information or visit the Region 1 section on the Association website to view the latest newsletter  
[www.nswfarmers.org.au/about\\_us/regional/region\\_1/region\\_1\\_newsletter](http://www.nswfarmers.org.au/about_us/regional/region_1/region_1_newsletter)

### **Region 2 – New England**

**10 Oct-** Guyra, 9.30-430pm – Regional Convention with presentations from Jock Laurie and Shaughn Morgan. Speakers from Telstra and Opel to answer your questions on Broadband. After lunch speakers on Carbon and a presentation of the 'Top of the Range Tomato Factory

### **Region 3 – Central and North West**

**16-18 Oct-** Orange/Borenore- Chemical Card refresher  
For more information contact [Rick Bremner](#) on 6845 3842

### **Region 7 – Sydney Basin**

**15 Oct** – Pokolbin, Farm Succession Planning, 9am start. Limited places; PH: NSW Farmers Association Training 02 6884 8822

**15 Oct** – Richmond Club, Cumberland Branch Meeting. 7pm start. Contact: Fred Haskins PH: 0427 929 654

**1-2 Nov** – Camden, Dairy Symposium. Contact: Angus Gidley Baird 1300 794 000

**9-10 Nov** – Clarendon, Small Farm Expo. Contact: Member Service Centre 1300 794 000

For more information on Region 7 events contact Regional Services Manager [Frances Vella](#) on 0428 228 818

### **Region 8 – Lower Central West and Slopes**

**16-18 Oct-** Australian National Field Days at Orange

**22 Oct-** Succession Planning workshop at Yass

**23 Oct-** Succession Planning workshop at Cootamundra

For more information on any events in Region 8 contact RSM [Geoff Knight](#) on 6369 1701

### **Region 9 – Southern Murrumbidgee**

**10 Oct-** Ardlethan DC Silo Safety Day, 10am start

**18 Oct-** Jerilderie, First Aid Training

**19 Oct-** Griffith, First Aid Training

**24 Oct-** Deniliquin, IR Seminar

**1 Nov-** Association President Jock Laurie to visit Griffith DC

For more information on any events in Region 9 contact [Ben Poynter](#) on 6962 9926

### **Region 10 - Southern Central**

**9 Oct** - Boree Creek, Boree Creek branch meeting, 7.30pm Boree Creek Hall

**17 Oct** – Temora breakfast meeting for accountants/bankers about drought relief for clients RSVP: Wendy Jennings 6938 1987

**18 Oct** – Tumbarumba, Mental Health Gathering RSVP: Wendy Jennings 6938 1987

**19 Oct** – Albury, Understanding Farm Financial Statements, 8.30am – 12.30pm  
RSVP: Robyn 6884 8822

**24 Oct** – Junee DC meeting & WEMA information forum, Graham Blight as guest speaker, Junee Ex-Services Club, Enquiries Ralph Billing 6927 5171

**25 Oct** – Wagga, Meeting for Bankers/Accountants about drought relief for clients  
RSVP: Wendy Jennings 6938 1987

**25 Oct** – Wagga Wagga District Council Meeting, 7.30pm Wagga RSL Club

**25 Oct** – Albury, NSW Farmers Association IR Seminar, RSVP essential, Justin Crosby 02 8251 1700

For information on any events in Region 10 contact RSM [Deb Charlton](#) on 6922 9297.

### **Region 11 – Southern Tablelands, Monaro, South Coast**

**11 Oct-** Monaro Regional Drought and Drought Recovery Service Network Meeting, Bombala

**11 Oct-** Best Management Practices Workshop for Serrated Tussock

**11-12 Oct-** Noxious Weeds Advisory Committee Tour (Fireweed) South Coast

**25 Oct** – Goulbourn, MLA More Beef from Pastures Regional Expo - NSWFA Will have a display at this Expo

**26 Oct-** Nowra, Free Workcover 'Managing for Safety' workshop, 9.30am-2pm

**29 Oct-** Moruya, Free Workcover 'Serious about Safety' workshop, 3.00pm-6.00pm

**3 Nov-** Windellama Small Farms Field Day

**7 Nov-** Ulladulla, Free Workcover 'Serious about Safety' workshop, 9.30am-12.00pm

**19 Nov-** Bega, Free Workcover 'Managing for Safety' workshop, 9.30am-2.00pm

**30 Nov-** Queanbeyan, Free Workcover 'Managing For Safety', 9.30am-2.00pm

The Region 11 August Update has been issued to all members with fax and email and is available on the Website or by contacting Liz Young on 6453 7111.

### **Region 12- Western Division**

**2 Nov-** Balranald Branch Meeting

For more information contact Regional Service Manager [Dougall Roberts](#) on 0428 411221

### **Region 13 – North Coast**

**5-6 Oct-** Pro-Ag Field Days, Macksville Showground

**11 Oct-** Grafton branch meeting, South Grafton Ex-Serviceman's Club, 7.00pm start

**11 Oct-** Macleay Valley branch meeting, Kempsey CWA Hall, 7.30pm start

**13 Oct-** Wood quality field day, SCU Lismore, 10am start. RSVP Kevin Glencross, ph 66213441

**17 Oct-** Lismore, IR Seminar- Employer Advisory Program on the Federal Workplace Relations System, 12.00 to 3.00pm

**25 Oct-** Region 13 meeting, Coffs Harbour RSL Club, 10.00am start, with President Jock Laurie and Chief Executive Shaughn Morgan as Guests.

For information on any events in Region 13 contact RSM [Michael Burt](#) on 65642355

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