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REGION 5

Young farmer finalists announced

A vegetable producer from the Sydney basin and a merino sheep breeder from Molong have been named as the finalists in this year's Young Farmer of the Year awards.

Tally Matthews, a vegetable and turf producer from Ebenezer on Sydney's outskirts, and Ben Watts, a merino sheep producer from Molong in the State's Central West, have been selected as the 2008 Young Farmer of the Year finalists.

To read more click [here](#).

Southern Central farmers gather on Thursday

The NSW Farmers' Association is inviting all farmers in the Southern Central area of NSW to come along and hear about "*Farming in the hot seat*".

Great speakers including Association President Jock Laurie, Director EH Graham Centre for Agricultural Innovation - Professor Deidre Lemerle, Senior Fellow Institute of Public Affairs - Dr Jennifer Marohasy, NSW DPI District Agronomist - Nigel Philips, and National Farmers' Federation Trade Policy Manager - Scott Mitchell will address Region 10 farmers.

Entry is \$25 which includes the Forum, afternoon tea, pre-dinner drinks and dinner at the conclusion. The Convention will be held on Thursday 3 July 2008 at the Wagga Wagga RSL Club, Dobbs St Wagga Wagga from 2pm.

For more information click [here](#).

ChemClear registrations close this week

The NSW Farmers' Association is encouraging Members to register for the upcoming ChemClear collection round before 4 July 2008.

ChemClear is a program providing farmers with an opportunity to dispose of any unwanted, unlabelled, mixed or out of date agriculture and veterinary chemicals. The NSW Department of Environment and Climate Change has provided the program with a \$50,000 grant that will subsidise the collection of Group 2 rural chemicals.

Interested Members should contact the ChemClear on 1800 008 182 or visit the ChemClear website by clicking [here](#).

Vale Ron Pollard

The NSW Farmers' Association is mourning the loss of long serving and respected Member of the NSW Farmers' Association and pork industry, Young farmer Ron Pollard.

Ron was Vice Chairman of the Association's Pork Committee on its foundation and a member of the Boards of the Pork Council of Australia and the Pork Research and Development Corporation.

Attention Private Native Foresters

If you harvest or intend to harvest native timber on your property for commercial sale you are a private native forester and we want to hear from you.

With the Government about to begin the process of developing special legislation for Private Native Forestry it is vital that the Association have an effective means of communicating with all private foresters.

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To help the Association collect your views about the new legislation please enter your contact information into the online form.

Please pass this on to other private foresters you know and encourage them to also provide their details.

To access the online form click [here](#).

Best produce in the State on show

Following the success of the inaugural Regional Food Fair in 2007, the NSW Farmers' Association will once again feature our state's farmers as their raw product is shaped into contemporary gourmet delights served up for 450 guests. This year we will feature 15 different dishes each served alongside the details of the suppliers of the produce.

If you think you are producing the best veal, limes or oysters in NSW you can register your details or see a full list of produce requirements by contacting the Member Service Centre on 1300 794 000 or emailing ac@nswfarmers.org.au

Capture rural life

Are you able to capture the spirit of the bush in your photographs or paintings? The Association is calling on all Members to show their artistic streak, as we search for the most outstanding photograph, painting and children's poster.

The winner in the photographic and art competition will receive two return flights anywhere on the Rex airlines network. The winner of the Children's Poster Competition will win a Nintendo Wii.

For more information click [here](#) and for an entry form click [here](#).

Calling Rural Mental Health organisations

The Association is inviting appropriately experienced organisations to host Mental Health Information Sessions for farmers and farming service providers in NSW.

The aim of the sessions is to provide farmers and farming service providers with information about common mental disorders, strategies to help people with these and appropriate local referral options.

To access tender documentation click [here](#).

Training

Course	Location	Date
Chemical Card- Initial & Refresher Accreditation	Ashford	18/07/2008
	Corowa	21/07/2008
	Canowindra – funded	22/07/2008
	Warren – funded	24/07/2008
	Glenorie	12/08/2008
Chemical Card Refresher	Mudgee Field Days	18/07/2008
	Online 1pm – 4pm	21/07/2008
	Online 9am to 12pm	07/08/2008
First Aid	Lightning Ridge	09/07/2008
	Cryon	10/07/2008
	Grenfell	24/07/2008

For bookings: please contact Robyn or Kathy on 02 6884 8822, or at training@nswfarmers.org.au

Note: Please book at least 7 days in advance for Chemical Card and First Aid training to allow time for delivery of the home study materials.

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Region 1 – North West

4 July Friday 10am – 12.30pm @ Post Office Hotel, Moree: Regional Electeds' meeting. Contact: RSM Alicia Wilson. Cost: Small contribution towards lunch.

For more information, contact Region1 Service Manager Alicia Wilson on 0427 437 103

Region 2 – New England

1 July 10am - 1pm @ Llangothlin Fire Shed: Fox Eradication- presentations from District Vets and Beef Cattle officers (includes lunch). Contact: Bec Ballard on 02 6772 9123 or 04 39 937 573.

2 July 10am - 1pm @ Yarrowitch Hall: Fox Eradication- presentations from District Vets and Beef Cattle officers (includes lunch). Contact: Bec Ballard on 02 6772 9123 or 04 39 937 573.

26 July 9-3pm @ Glen Innes: Womens Gathering. Contact Gennie Gittoes 67669949.

For more information, contact Region2 Service Manager Gennie Gittoes on 0429 180 560

Region 5 – Central West Lachlan

12 July Saturday 5pm @ Ungarie Showground, Ungarie: DPI Country Concert (featuring James Blundell). Enquiries: DPI Drought Support Worker Jan Bruce on 0427 257 191. Free.

16-18 July Wednesday 8am @ Griffith: Innovation Generation Conference – aimed at 18-35 yr olds working in agriculture. Enquiries: GGA Membership Liaison Officer Georgie Aley on (02) 9886 2200. Cost: \$295.

For more information on events in Region 5, contact Regional Service Manager Hannah Williams on 0488 009 060

Region 6 – Central West Tablelands

1 July Monday @ Molong (am) & Stuart Town (pm): Centrelink Drought Bus

2 July Tuesday 10 am @ Orange: Launch of Drought strategy Work Cover. Contact: Peter Darley.

9 July Wednesday @ 7.00 pm @ Hampton Half way House: Dinner. Contact: John Lowe. Cost: \$25.

12 July Saturday @ Bathurst: Drought Concert

18&19 July Friday & Saturday 9.00 to 5.00 pm @ Mudgee: Field Day. Contact: Graham Blatch.

22 July Tuesday 9.00 pm @ Canowindra: Chemical Course. Contact: Robin Diamond

For more information, contact Region 6 Service Manager Graham Blatch on 0427 411 220.

Region 7 – Sydney Basin

22 July 10am @ Bull'n Bush Hotel, Port Stephens: Oyster AGM. Contact: Richard Widows on 02 82511 808. Lunch and snacks at attendees cost

26 July 6.30pm – midnight @ Dockside, Darling Harbour: 2008 Horticultural Industries Dinner. Enquiries: Regional Service Manager Frances Vella on 0428 228 818. Cost: \$75 inclusive.

For more information on Region 7 events contact Regional Services Manager Frances Vella on 0428 228 818

Region 9 – Southern Murrumbidgee

16-20 July Wednesday – Friday 9am-6pm @ Griffith Exies Club: GGA Innovation Generation Young farmers in grain Conference. Reservations: 9929 1311. Cost: \$295

26 June Thursday 6pm @ Yoogali Catholic Club: Wine grapes Marketing Board AGM.

5 July Saturday 6pm @ Wakool Recreation Reserve: DPI Bush Concert with James Blundell.

25 July Friday 6pm @ Barellan Community Hall: DPI Bush Concert with James Blundell.

26 July Saturday 6pm @ Jerilderie Racecourse: DPI Bush Concert with James Blundell

For more information on Region 9, contact Services Manager Ben Poynter on 0427 773 584.

Region 10 Southern Central

3 July 2pm start followed by dinner @ Wagga RSL Club: Region 10 Convention.

Contact: Matt Pearce 6946 5137. \$25pp RSVP by 27/06/08

4 July 6pm @ Urana Hall: DPI FFG James Blundell concert. Contact: Urana Shire Council.

For more information on Region 10, contact Services Manager Debra Charlton on 0427 773 496

Region 11 – Southern Tablelands, Monaro & South Coast

3 July Thursday 5.30pm to 7.30pm @ Cooma Ex-Services Club: The BEC has a new program which will be commencing in August 2008. This program will assist small business owners manage their profits efficiently, develop an exit strategy and ensure their business can be protected and continue into the future. Businesses will participate in 5 workshops, to be held in Cooma, and to run once a month from August to December 2008. The program will be launched by the Hon Dr Mike Kelly MP at a business seminar in Cooma which will provide more information about the program.

Liz or Lynne at the BEC on 6452 5392 or email info@snowybec.com.au

Cost: \$275.

4 July Friday 11am @ Cooma Ex-Services Club. 11am Cooma DC Meeting, Guest Speaker Steve Whan MP. 12.30pm Lunch. Contact: Craig Mitchell, DC Chair 02 6453 3388

19 July Saturday 9.30am – 3.00pm @ Towrang Community Hall, Towrang: Rural Safety Day. Contact Helen Ward by phoning 02 48286752 or fax Jill Dyson on 48724883. Free.

2 August Saturday @ South Coast: Property Management Planning Course.

Contact: DPI - Maryke Archbold-Hession Ph 0246 406333, Mob 0408 492 039 or email: maryke.hession@dpi.nsw.gov.au

For information on any events in Region 11 contact Regional Service Manager Liz Young 0428 411 218

Region 13 – North Coast

1 July Tuesday 7.30pm @ Macksville Ex-Serviceman's Club, Macksville:Nambucca River branch meeting. Contact Geoff Gough 02 65693182.

2 July Wednesday 7.30pm @ Coffs Harbour Catholic Club, Coffs Harbour: Coffs Harbour branch meeting. Guest speaker- Peter Darley. Contact Michael Burt burtm@nswfarmers.org.au

3 July Thursday 7.30pm @ Casino RSM Club, Casino: Far North Coast DC meeting Enquiries: Kath Robb via robbk@nswfarmers.org.au

3 July Thursday 7.30pm @ CWA Hall, Kempsey: Macleay Valley branch meeting Enquiries: Susan Ramke 02 65668081.

4 July Friday evening @ Casino RSM Club, Casino: Poultry Grower meeting. Contact: Peter Cashman 0428882178

For information on any events in Region 13, contact Michael Burt on 0428 228 988

