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Southern Central farmers gather

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*".

This is the intriguing topic of Region 10's upcoming Convention on Thursday 3 July, 2008, which NSW Farmers' Association Region 10 Chairman Matt Pearce says will look to the future.

"We want to focus on the future and discuss drought policy of the Association, research directions, climate and the environment, pasture and crop options and trade opportunities for Australian agriculture," Mr Pearce said.

"We are lucky to have some 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, ," he said.

"Seats are limited, so I would urge everyone to come along and get stuck into our topic for the day. It's a great chance to catch up with friends and colleagues in the industry too," he said.

Entry is \$25 which includes the Forum, afternoon tea, pre-dinner drinks and dinner at the conclusion.

"With help from sponsors of the event, the Association has kept the cost minimal to encourage everyone to enjoy this opportunity," Mr Pearce said.

"The topics up for discussion affects us all, and preparation and knowledge is the key – come along and hear what people have to say," Mr Pearce concluded.

The Convention will be held on Thursday 3 July, 2008 at the Wagga Wagga RSL Club, Dobbs St Wagga Wagga from 2pm.

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