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## AWB vote extended

The Association is urging all grain growers to participate in the AWB Limited A class shareholder meeting on Wednesday 3 September 2008, after last week's Extraordinary General Meeting was adjourned to allow more time for voting.

To read more click [here](#).

## Extended opportunity for lease holders

The Association says the State Government's six month extension to the concessional conversion offer is welcome news for farmers.

The NSW Government introduced changes in 2004 giving perpetual lease holders the opportunity to convert to freehold at a lower than market price.

To read more click [here](#).

## EC announcement timely

The Association says the announcement by the Federal Government to extend Exceptional Circumstances (EC) assistance until early next year for a number of areas in NSW is timely and welcome.

President Jock Laurie says it's pleasing to see the Federal Government has recognised the ongoing dry conditions and rolled over EC declarations for the large majority of drought affected areas in NSW.

To read more click [here](#).

## RTA leaves landholders hanging

The Association says the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) is taking too long to make decisions regarding the upgrade of the Hume Highway in Southern NSW, and this delay is affecting people's lives and businesses.

Association President Jock Laurie says the RTA has been promising a decision on the Woomargama by-pass for the last 18 months, and enough is enough.

To read more click [here](#).

## Training

Course	Location	Date
<b>Chemical Card- Initial &amp; Refresher Accreditation</b>	Nyngan – funded	28/08/2008
	Young	01/09/2008
	Moulamein	08/09/2008
	Narrabri	08/09/2008
	Tooleybuc	15/09/2008
<b>Chemical Card Refresher</b>	Wakool	18/09/2008
	Online – 9am to 12	15/09/2008
	Henty Field Day	25/09/2008
<b>Wheat marketing information sessions</b>	Griffith	25/08/2008
	Finley	26/08/2008
	Lockhart	27/08/2008
	Cootamundra	28/08/2008

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

- 26 August 8.30am – 3.45pm @ Bellata Memorial Hall: GRDC Grains Research Update for Growers and Advisers. Contact John Cameron (02) 9482 4930 or Tracey Farrell (02) 6799 1548/ Cost \$45 per person and \$40 for 2<sup>nd</sup> person per farm
- 27 August 8.30am – 3.10pm @ Royal Hotel, Goondiwindi: GRDC Business Management Grains Update for Growers. Contact John Cameron or Erica McKay (02) 9482 4930. Cost \$45 per person and \$40 for 2<sup>nd</sup> person per farm.
- 31 August From 11am @ Cryon: 'A Day in the Garden' at "Cryon Station" (fundraiser for the Burren Junction Preschool). Contact Marney O'Brien (02) 6828 5321. Cost Adults \$10, Children over 2 \$5.

For more information, contact Region 1 Service Manager Alicia Wilson on 0427 437 103

**Region 2 – New England**

- 15 October 3pm @ Tea room at the Glen Innes Showground: Workshop on Workers Compensation and Risk Mgt followed by BBQ and drinks. Contact Gennie Gittoes 67669949. Workshop free to Members & Non Members (*Non Members \$15 for BBQ*).

For more information, contact Region 2 Service Manager Gennie Gittoes on 0429 180 560

**Region 3 – Central and North West**

- 6 September Saturday @ Dubbo: Trucks Out West Expo & Dinner. Contact Trish 6882 2666. Cost \$5 adult, \$10 family, \$77 dinner.

For more information, contact Region 3 Service Manager Rick Bremner on 0427 773 495

**Region 5 – Central West**

- 28 August Thursday 7:00pm @ Condobolin RSL Club: Depression Awareness Forum: The Road to Recovery (Incitec Pivot & Rotary Club). Enquiries: Di Gill on 02 6895 2600.

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

**Region 6 – Central West Tablelands**

- 19 August 10am - 1pm @ Forbes Services Club: Drought Policy Review Expert Social Panel. Hannah Williams 0488009060

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

**Region 7 – Sydney Basin, Lower Hunter & Port Stephens**

- 1 September Monday, 6pm bistro meal, 7pm start meeting @ Dural Country Club: Grey Headed Flying Fox Meeting. Contact Glenn Fahey 0408 426 061. Free meeting admission. Bistro meal at own cost
- 8 September Monday, 6pm light meal, 7pm start meeting @ Plant Breeding Institute, University of Sydney, Cobbitty: Camden Horticulture Branch Spring Meeting. Contact

Vince Hewson 0488 406 706. Free.  
For more information, contact Region 6 Service Manager Frances Vella on 0428 228 818.

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

- 26 August Tuesday 8.30am – 4.30pm @ Finley Returned Soldiers Club: NSWFA and GCA Grains Marketing Workshop. Contact NSWFA Training Division 68848822. Free. Bookings Essential.
- 2 Sept Tuesday 9am – 1.30pm @ Griffith Exies Club: Griffith DC and YIN Carbon Information Workshop. Griffith DPI 69601300 before Aug 27. Bookings essential. Cost \$10 pp.
- 4 September Thursday, 8.30am-2pm @ Deniliquin RSL: AWI Road to 2010 Wool Forum. AWI Helpline 1800 070 099. Free. Bookings required.
- 9 September Tuesday, 10.30- 12.30 @ DPI Farm Hanwood: RSN Meeting Griffith, Carathool and Murrumbidgee. Contact Lou Revelant DPI 02 69601300. RSVP required by 5 September.
- 3 - 4 October Friday 10am- Saturday 12am @ Deni Ute Muster Site. Deniliquin. Deni Ute Muster 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Ute Muster Office (03) 58813388. See [www.deniutemuster.com.au](http://www.deniutemuster.com.au) for pricing options.
- 13-15 October Monday 9am-Wednesday 4pm @ Griffith: Australian Citrus Industry Conference. Contact Raylene Kemp 03 50236333. Cost TBC.

For more information on Region 9 events contact Regional Services Manager Ben Poynter on 0427773584

### **Region 10 – Southern Central**

- 28 Aug 7.30pm @ Wagga RSL Club: Wagga DC meeting. Contact Bill Baker.

For more information on Region 10 events contact Regional Services Manager Debra Charlton on 0427773496

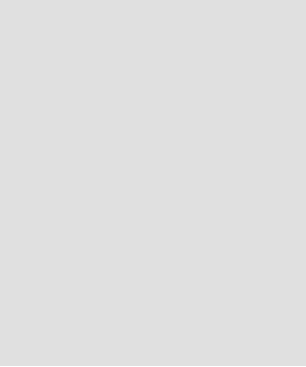
### **Region 12 – Western Division**

- 30 - 31 August arrive 12pm @ "Kia-Ora" Station Via Cobar: "Rotating Farm Tour". Contact Rikki Allen 0268373954. BYO Food, Swag and Alcohol.
- 5 September 11pm @ Senior Citizens Room, Sandon Street: Brewarrina District Council AGM. DPI Update, Rural Financial Counsellors update, RLPB Update. Lunch will be provided by the DPI following the meeting. Contact Ed Fessey 0268744935 or Pam Fennell 0268744992. RSVP essential for catering purposes.

For information on any events in Region 13 contact Dougall Roberts on 0428411221

### **Region 13 – North Coast**

- 28 August Thursday, 7.00pm @ Exchange Hotel, Kyogle: Kyogle branch meeting, guest speaker on Private Native Forestry. Contact Russell Bonney 66366100
- 4 September Thursday, 7.30pm @ Casino RSM Club,



Casino: Far North Coast District Council Meeting.  
Contact Kath Robb 02 66281110.

- 18 September Thursday, 7.30pm @ Wingham Golf Club: Wingham Branch meeting, Guest speaker from Workcover. Contact Deborah Willis 65567216

- 25 September Thursday, 6.30pm @ Bucketts Motel, Gloucester: Gloucester branch dinner, Mick Keogh as guest speaker. Contact Ron Lindsay 02 65582570. Cost \$30.

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