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Emissions Trading Scheme – Professor Garnaut Report

The NSW Farmers' Association is working with the National Farmers' Federation to analyse Professor Garnaut's report, released last Friday, on the Emissions Trading Scheme and the impacts of failing to act on climate change.

The report identifies agriculture, particularly dryland cropping and irrigation in the Murray Darling, as the sector most at risk from climate change. Other key points in the report include a proposal to auction off all permits and to give at least half of the proceeds to low income consumers. The report acknowledges that agriculture is the sector that would face the highest costs as a ratio to production value if required to purchase permits but offers no solutions in this regard.

To read the report click [here](#).

Countdown to Annual Conference

This year the NSW Farmers' Association is celebrating a 30 year commitment to protecting the interests of New South Wales farmers, agriculture and rural communities.

The 30 Year Anniversary Annual Conference will have a number of highlights including the announcement of Farmer and Young Farmer of the Year, the Awards Dinner, the Young Farmers Forum and Regional Food Fair.

The NSW Farmers' Association Annual Conference will be held from 29-31 July at Sydney Showground, Homebush.

Farmer of the Year finalists announced

A pork and saltbush lamb producing couple from Temora, a mixed livestock and grazing property manager from Holbrook and a wrinkle free merino breeder from Yeoval have been named the finalists in this year's NSW Farmer of the Year award.

Those selected for their outstanding farm management skills include:

- Kim and Stephen Roberts, who run a small piggery 'Bundawarra Free Range Pork' and produce saltbush lamb;
- Chris Mirams, who manages 'Woomargama Station' near Holbrook with a sheep, cattle and grass production; and
- Nigel Kerin, who runs a cell grazing operation at Yeoval with sheep, wool, and cattle trading enterprises.

To read more click [here](#).

Tax changes help with fuel costs

The NSW Farmers' Association is reminding farmers they can now claim 38c per litre of fuel tax credits for petrol and other taxable fuels used on farm, following tax changes this July.

The Australian Tax Office is urging all those farmers who are registered for goods and services tax but not fuel tax credits, such as the diesel fuel rebate, to register for the scheme by phoning 13 72 26 with your ABN and business tax file number ready.

To read more click [here](#).

Dinner celebrating horticulture

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Liz Young

The NSW Farmers' Association is inviting all interested producers to come along to the 2008 NSW Horticulture Industries Dinner at the end of this month. The Association expecting over 400 guests to come along Dockside, Darling Harbour to celebrate the Horticulture industry.

The NSW Horticulture Industries 2008 Dinner will be held on Saturday 26 July, 2008. For bookings and enquiries contact NSW Farmers' Association Regional Service Manager Frances Vella, 0428 228 818. The ticket price also includes return bus trips from Theresa Park, Leppington, Wilberforce, and Windsor.

To read more click [here](#).

Horticulture Survey deadline extended

The NSW Farmers' Association Horticulture Committee is asking for your help as they investigate publishing farm gate prices on the internet, with the aim of creating greater market transparency by showing actual farm gate prices received by horticulture producers.

The Association has created an online survey for Members to fill out while the proposal is being discussed.

The deadline has been extended for the survey until 22 July 2008. So if you haven't completed the survey and wish to help shape the outcome of this investigation please click [here](#).

Celebration of State's finest

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 you 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

FarmArt

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](#).

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
	Narromine - funded	14/08/2008
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

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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.

Region 3 – Central and North West

7 July Monday 9.00am @ Trangie Research Strn: Junior Judging. Contact Belinda 02 6888 9667 ah. Cost: \$10 + slice.

10 July Thursday 6.30pm @ Coonamble Bowling Club: "Coping with Changes" today. Tickets DPI. Contact Tim 6822 8318. Must RSVP. Free.

10 July Thursday 9.00am @ Dubbo RSL: CW Conservation, NSW Farmers Association. Contact: 6845 1044. Cost: \$75 non-Member.

16 -18 July Wed-Fri 8.00am to late @ Griffith (Bus from Dubbo): Innovation Generation 18-35yrs. Contact GGA – Georgie 1800 620 519. Rego by 30 Jun. \$295 for 4 nights.

24 July Thursday 5-8pm @ Tooraweenah Tennis Club: "Looking Forward". Contact Robyn 6884 8822. Cost: \$5.00

31 July Thursday 5-8pm @ Gulargambone 2828 Blding: "Looking Forward". Contact Robyn 6884 8822. Cost: \$5.00

7 Aug Thursday 5-8pm: Trangie Bowling Club: "Looking Forward". Contact Robyn 6884 8822. Cost: \$5.00

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

Region 6 – Central West Tablelands

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

Saturday 12 July @ Bathurst: Drought Concert

18 - 19 July Friday – Saturday 9.00am - 5.00pm @ Mudgee Field Day. Contact Graham Blatch

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

29 July @ Homebush: Annual Conference. Contact Graham Blatch

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

Region 7 – Sydney Basin

10 July Thursday 6.00pm @ Joadja room, Mittagong RSL: Wollindilly Poultry Meat branch and AGM. Contact Melissa Bartollo (sec) 0246 841 153 or Peter Cashman (PMM) 0428 882 178.

11 July Friday 7.30pm @ Blacktown Workers Club: Sydney Poultry meat branch and AGM. Contact Joe Vella (pres) 0246 531 293 or Peter Cashman (PMM) 0428 882 178.

15 July Tuesday 7.00 @ Beresfield Bowling Club: Hunter/Newcastle Poultry meat branch and AGM. Contact Gary Ekert (pres) 0249 831 572 or Peter Cashman (PMM) 0428 882 178

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

26 July Saturday 6.30pm – midnight @ Dockside, Darling Harbour: 2008 Horticultural Industries Dinner. Enquiries to 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 11 – Southern Tablelands, Monaro & South Coast

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

2 August Saturday @ South Coast: Property Management Planning Course
DPI - Maryke Archbold-Hession Ph 0246 406333, Mob 0408 492 039 or email:
maryke.hession@dpi.nsw.gov.au

15 July Tuesday 2pm - 7pm @ Goulburn Workers Club: WorkCover Managing for Safety Workshop - Attend this workshop and be eligible for a rebate from WorkCover for a "safety solution" you put in place at your workplace. Come and find out more! Tea/coffee on arrival, afternoon tea at 3.30pm and a light snack at 5.30pm. FREE. Contact Jill Dyson on Ph 4872 4884, Mob 0419 617 021 Fax 4982 4883 Email jill.dyson@bigpond.com by Tues 8 July 2008.

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

Region 12 – Western Division

19 July Saturday 11:00am @ Engonnia: Engonnia Races

9 August Saturday 11:00am @ Louth: Louth Races

6 – 7 August 8:00am @ White Cliffs: White Cliffs Landcare Forum. Contact Pip Stalley 02 6872 2144

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

Region 13 – North Coast

17 July Thursday 7.00pm @ Wingham Golf Club, Wingham: Wingham branch meeting. Contact: Deborah Willis 02 65567216.

19 July Saturday 8.45am @ Blue Knob Road, Nimbin: Farm Forestry Field day David Cameron 02 66213634.

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