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Rural women encouraged to gather at Coonamble

The NSW Farmers' Association is encouraging rural women to attend the 2008 Rural Women's Gathering in Coonamble on Friday 17 to Sunday 19 October. The Rural Women's Gathering will be a great opportunity for rural women to learn new skills and gather information on a broad range of issues and topics. The NSW Farmers' Association has two registrations to the Gathering to give away to Members from drought affected areas, each valued at \$165. Women who would like to attend the Gathering are encouraged to contact the Association on 1300 794 000 to secure one of the registrations.

All Members are encouraged to attend the Rural Women's Gathering, with subsidised buses providing transport to Coonamble from Broken Hill, Lightning Ridge, Binalong, Borowa, Wentworth, Albury, Dubbo and Bourke.

Further information on the Gathering can be found at www.coonamble.org/wg.

Mental Health Information Sessions in October

The NSW Farmers' Mental Health Network is hosting a series of Mental Health Information Sessions across the state in coming months with Dr. Leanne Craze of Craze Lateral Solutions. The major aim of the sessions is to provide farmers and farming service providers with information about common mental disorders (stress, depression, anxiety, trauma, grief and loss), strategies to help people and appropriate local referral options.

Merriwa	Thursday 23 October, CWA Rooms, Bettington Street Merriwa, 8:00am - 11:00am
Walcha	Friday 24 October, Walcha Bowling Club, 14e Croudace St Walcha, 8.00am -11.00am
Mudgee	Monday 27 October, CWA Rooms, 48A Market St Mudgee, 8.00am -11.00 am and 6.00pm - 9.00 pm
Bathurst	Tuesday 28 October, Bathurst RSL, 114 Rankin St Bathurst 12.00 - 3.00pm
Cassilis	Wednesday 29 October, Royal Hotel, 23 Buccleugh St, Cassilis, 8.00am -11.00 am
Cowra	Thursday 30 October, Uniting Church, 75A Darling St Cowra, 12.00 - 3.00 pm
Young	Friday 31 October, CWA Rooms, 7 Lovell St Young 12.00 - 3.00pm

For more information contact Leanne Craze on 02 62381549 or leanne.craze@bigpond.com

Tamworth event next weekend

Tamworth Oncology Unit will benefit from the proceeds of an event this month where attendees will enjoy a three course dinner showcasing local produce, wine and music as part of a celebration of living in the country and the 30th anniversary of the NSW Farmers' Association. The event will be held at the Tamworth Jockey Club on Saturday, October 18 from 7pm till late with bus transport available from Gunnedah, Manilla and Quirindi. Dress is "After 5" and tickets are \$80/person (prepaid only).

To book tickets contact the NSW Farmers' Association on 1800 794 000.

Education for Young Australians

During the week the Association wrote to the Ministerial Council on Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs regarding the Draft National Declaration on Educational Goals for Young Australians. The Association has used the public consultation process for this draft document as another opportunity to highlight the need for improved representation of sustainable food and fibre messages within the Australian education system.

Call for FarmBis to return

This week, the Association provided comment to the National Farmers Federation regarding their submission to the Federal Government's *Future Tax System Review*. The Association recommended the reintroducing of FarmBis to encourage education and dissemination of innovation, stewardship payments whereby the Government would reward farming families for maintaining land for the future and public good, accelerated depreciation incentives to assist farmers to obtain the necessary infrastructure to better deal with drought management and funding for research and development into areas such as soil carbon sequestration.

Media

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Training

Course	Location	Date
Chemical Card Initial & Refresher	Dareton	09/10/2008
	Balranald	10/10/2008
	Online Initial only	13/10/2008
	Peak Hill – funded	14/10/2008
	Cooma	16/10/2008
	Gulgong	20/10/2008
	Glen Innes	28/10/2008
Walcha	04/11/2008	
Chemical Card Refresher	Online – 9am to 12	10/10/2008
	Online – 1pm to 4	30/10/2008
Succession Planning	Barraba	16/10/2008
	Glen Innes	20/11/2008
First Aid	Mullaley	10/10/2008

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 training to allow time for delivery of the home study materials.

Regional events

**Region 1
North West**
Alicia Wilson

- 9 October 10am – 2pm (registration 9.30am) @ Warialda RSL Club: **Warialda Women's Gathering**. Contact Veronica Barwick on. (02) 6752 7196. Free.

**Region 2
New England**
Gennie Gittoes

- 15 October 3pm @ Tea room at the Glen Innes Showground: **Workshop on Workers Compensation and Risk Management** followed by BBQ and drinks. Contact Gennie Gittoes 67669949. Free to Members & non-Members BBQ sponsored by WorkCover and NSW Farmers' Association.
- 24 October 8am-11am @ Walcha (venue TBA): **Mental Health Information Session for Farmers and Rural businesses**. Contact Leanne Craze 02 62381549. Free.

**Region 3
Central and
North West**
Rick Bremner

- 8 October Wednesday @ Curban Hall: **Liquid Fertilizer Info. Field Day**. Contact Kevin Kilby (02) 6848 3578.
- 16 October Thursday @ Warren: **Industrial Relations Day**. Contact Rick (02) 6845 3842.
- 17 October Friday @ Coonabarabran: **Industrial Relations Day**. Contact Rick (02) 6845 3842.
- 17-18 October Friday-Saturday @ Coonamble: **2008 NSW Women's Gathering**. Contact Raquel 02 6827 1900.

**Region 4
Lower New
England and
Liverpool
Plains**
Darren
Greentree

- 18 October Saturday 7.30pm @ Tamworth Jockey Club: **Regional event**. Guest speaker Peter Fitzsimons. Contact Darren Greentree 0427411214. Cost \$80.

**Region 5
Central West**
Hannah
Williams

- 8 October Wednesday 10:00am @ Gunbar Tennis Club: **Gunbar Farm Family Gathering**. Enquiries: Joyce on (02) 6965 2362. BYO drinks & chairs.
- 8 October Wednesday 10:00am to 4:00pm @ Mount Hope: **Invasive Native Scrub (INS) Training Day**. RSVP to Jonathan Drady on 0408 245 983 by 7 October.
- 9 October Thursday 1:00pm sharp @ Barmedman Bowling Club: **Annual Spring Field Day**. Enquiries: John & Lisa Minogue on 0428 763 023 or Angus McLaren on 6976 2054.

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- 10 October Friday 10am to 4pm @ Lake Centenary, Temora: **Sustainable Lifestyle Expo**. Enquiries: Kylie Krause on 6977 4790
- 13 October Monday 6pm @ Ungarie Bowling Club: **Ungarie Pre-harvest Meeting** followed by BBQ. Enquiries: Malcolm Williams on 6975 9158

Region 6 Central West Tablelands Graham Blatch

- 7 October @ Watervale Glen Alice: **Dung Beetle Information Day**. RSVP to Peter Evans (02) 63053111 by October 6.
- 16 October Thursday @ Goolma: **Soil Field Day**. Contact Jenene 0427407652.
- 21-23 October 8.30am till 5pm @ Orange: **Australian National Field Day**. Contact your Regional Service Manager.
- 27 October Monday 7.30pm @ St Pats Club: Bathurst District Council Meeting. Contact Eulyce 0427 400046.

Region 7 Sydney Basin, Lower Hunter & Port Stephens Frances Vella

- 20 October Monday 6pm for bistro meal, 7pm start @ Richmond Club, Cnr Francis and East Market St, Richmond: **Cumberland Branch meeting, & Cumberland District Council meeting**. Contact Ted Byers (02) 9826 1371.
- 31 October Friday @ UWS, Richmond Demonstration Farm: **Brassica and Lettuce Field Day**. Contact Leigh James 0412 429 418.
- 10 November Monday 6pm for light meal, 7pm start @ Plant Breeding Institute, University of Sydney, Cobbitty: **Camden Horticulture Branch Meeting**. Contact Vince Hewson 0419 618 537.

Region 8 Lower Central Western Slopes Liz Young

- 9 October Thursday 10am – 2pm @ Young Town Hall: **Hilltops Suicide Prevention Network Launch**. A range of guest speakers including member for Burrinjuck – Katrina Hodgkinson, Robert “Butch” Young who will tell his story of mental health and local mental health service providers. Contact Andrea Simmers dsimmers@bigpond.net.au or phone Liz Young. Lunch provided
- 6 November Thursday 8am – 11am @ Gunning: **Mental Health Information Session**. Sessions are conducted by Dr Leanne Craze, an experienced mental health trainer. To book or make inquiries call Leanne Craze 02 62381549 or 0408869051. Email: Leanne.Craze@bigpond.com or visit www.CrazeLateralSolutions.com

Region 9 Southern Murrumbidgee Ben Poynter

- 13-15 October Monday 9am - Wednesday 4pm @ Griffith: **Australian Citrus Industry Conference**. Contact Raylene Kemp 03 50236333. Cost TBC.

Region 10 Southern Central Debra Charlton

- 16 October 12pm @ Junee Ex services Club: **Graincorp harvest meeting**. Contact 02 68636004.
- 17 October 8.30am – 5.00pm @ Junee & Harden areas: **Farmlink 2008 spring bus trip**. Contact 02 6924 4633. Farmlink members \$50, non farmlink members \$65.
- 30 October 7.30pm @ Wagga RSL Club: **Wagga District Council Meeting**. Contact Bill Baker 02 6924 6429.

Region 11 Southern Tablelands, Monaro and South Coast Liz Young

- 16 October Thursday 9.30am to 1.00pm @ Queanbeyan Conference Centre: **Climate Change forums and workshops**. These forums and workshops are part of a broader consultation process the NSW Government is conducting to develop the new Climate Change Action Plan. This session is open to all members of the community. Registration forms: <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/climatechange/workshops.htm>
- 31 October Friday 6.30pm @ Bomaderry Bowling Club: **Social Evening** being organised by the South Coast and Highlands Dairy Industry Group (aka DIG). An invitation is extended to all members of the community to take advantage of this unique opportunity to hear Mr Sam Bailey (an inspirational/ motivational speaker) at a local venue and free of charge. RSVP forms available from Kerry Allan – contact on M 0401 015 670. \$25 for cost of meal
- 6 November Thursday 6pm to 9pm @ Goulburn: **Mental Health Information Session**. Sessions are conducted by Dr Leanne Craze, an experienced mental health trainer. To book or make inquiries call Leanne Craze 02 62381549 or 0408869051. Email: Leanne.Craze@bigpond.com or visit www.CrazeLateralSolutions.com

Region 12 Western Division Dougall Roberts

- 16 October 11:00pm @ Senior Citizens Room, Sandon Street: **District Council AGM**. Free lunch provided by the DPI. Contact Ed Fessey (02) 68744935.
- 23 October 10:00pm @ Ivanhoe: **District Council Meeting**. Lunch to follow in the club. Contact John Vagg (02) 69951333.
- 23 October 5:00pm @ Menindee: **Branch Meeting**. Contact Terry Smith (08) 80919408
- 24 October 5:00pm @ White Cliffs: **Branch Meeting**. Dinner will be provided by the DPI. Contact Jeremy McClure (08) 80915016

Region 13 North Coast Michael Burt

- 5 December afternoon @ Booligal: **Oxley/Booligal Branch Meeting**. Contact Helen Morphett 0269938157
- 7 October Thursday, 7.30pm @ Macksville Ex-Serviceman's Club: North Coast District Council meeting. Contact June Finlayson, 02 65681538.
- 7 October Thursday, 7.30pm @ Casino RSM Club: Casino Branch Meeting. Contact John Seccombe 02 66633127.
- 9 October Thursday 6.30pm start @ Gloucester: **Gloucester Branch dinner**, Mick Keogh as guest speaker. Contact Ron Lindsay 02 65582570. Cost \$30.

- 10-11 October Friday, Saturday @ Macksville: **Pro-Ag Field Days**. Contact Michael Burt 02 65642355.

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