

Attendance / District Council Representation – Those Entitled to Vote

Article 23.3 (a) of the Association's Articles of Association states:

- (a) The Annual Conference will consist of the following Members each of whom will be eligible to attend and eligible to exercise one vote:
 - (i) all members of the Executive Council;
 - (ii) four hundred and sixteen (416) delegates to represent the Pastoral and Agricultural District Councils of which thirty two (32) will be drawn from each of the Association's thirteen (13) regions. The number of delegates to represent each District Council within a region will be determined each year so as to broadly reflect the number of Pastoral and Agricultural financial Members in membership with each District Council. That representation will be determined by dividing the number of financial Members within the region by thirty-two (32) to determine average, equitable representation, and by allocating to each District Council a number of representatives appropriate to the financial membership of the District Council, the allocation being to the nearest whole number;
 - (iii) A schedule of such representation must be prepared prior to 31 March in each Annual Conference year and will be based on and reflect the number of Pastoral and Agricultural financial Members registered with each District Council at 31 December in the year preceding Annual Conference;
 - (iv) sixteen (16) delegates, being four (4) delegates to represent each of the two (2) Pork District Councils, four (4) delegates to represent the Egg District Council and four (4) delegates to represent the Poultry Meat District Council;
 - (v) sixteen (16) delegates, being two (2) delegates to represent each of the seven (7) Horticultural District Councils and two (2) further delegates elected at the preceding Annual Meeting of the Horticultural Section;
 - (vi) three (3) delegates, being one (1) delegate to represent the Oyster industry, one (1) delegate to represent the Goat industry and one (1) delegate to represent the Seed industry; and
 - (vii) eight (8) delegates, being two (2) delegates to represent each of the four (4) Dairy District Councils.
- (b) A Member cannot hold more than one delegate position at any one time.

Notification of Delegates

District Council Secretaries are to advise Head Office of the names, addresses and membership numbers of

Delegates, using the registration form at the back of this booklet, by:

5.00pm, Friday 8 May, 2009

Forms may be faxed to (02) 8251 1750.

Head Office must be advised in writing of any changes of delegates. Any District Council failing to advise the Chief Executive of their authorised representative/s by 5pm Sunday 19th July must furnish their delegate with a letter, signed by DC Chair or Secretary, authenticating their appointment.

Please Note: Any delegates who have not pre-registered may be delayed in registering on the first day of Conference.

Delegates will be forwarded the Delegate Information Kit by early June.

Submission of Business

Business for Annual Conference may be submitted by any Regional Convention, Regional Council, District Council, Western Division Branch, Advisory Committee, Executive Council or Board.

All business must be submitted using the "Motions for Submission" form at the back of this document or the online motion submission form by:

5.00pm, Friday 8th May 2009

Online: www.ac.org.au

Fax: 02 8251 1750

Please refer to page 5 for information regarding the procedures for submitting motions for inclusion in the Annual Conference agenda.

Conference Agenda

The preliminary Conference Agenda will be distributed with the NSW Farmers' Association Annual Review.

The final agenda papers will be available after 5.00pm on Monday 27 July 2009 at Exhibition Hall 2A, Sydney Showground, Sydney Olympic Park, Homebush during accreditation.

Accommodation & Travel Arrangements

Specially discounted rates for delegates have been negotiated with a range of conveniently located hotels and airlines. Full details and booking forms will be sent in the Delegate Information Kit in June.

Childcare Allowance

The Association will contribute \$20.00 per day per child towards the costs of child care. Full details of child care facilities will be in the Delegate Information Kit in June.

Other Events

Regional Food Fair, Tuesday 28 July, 6.00pm

Annual Awards Dinner, Wednesday 29 July, 7.00pm

Partners Program, Wednesday 29 & Thursday 30 July

Full details and booking forms will be sent in the

Delegate Information Kit in June.

Website

Additional information on the Annual Conference can be found on the Association's website at:

www.ac.org.au

Submission of motions for the Annual Conference Agenda

The number of motions that will be debated in each section of the Conference is limited to ten.

There are a number of reasons for this:

- (1) A desire to make sure that the issues debated are the priority ones that members feel are important and relevant, and that can be progressed by the Association.
- (2) A need to ensure that issues are debated as general principles, rather than in fine detail.
- (3) A need to avoid motions being debated that are simply a re-statement of existing Association policies.
- (4) A need to ensure that motions deal with issues that are specific to agriculture, and are realistic in terms of achievement.
- (5) A preference to have motions dealt with by delegates to the Annual Conference, rather than being carried over to the Executive Council meeting held on the Friday of the Conference week.

Branches, District Councils and Regions must be aware of the following points when submitting motions for possible inclusion in the Annual Conference agenda:

(1) Motions should, wherever possible, deal with general principles rather than fine detail.

For example, a resolution seeking that 'the Association pursue \$12.60 compensation for every lamb killed by dingoes coming out of a national park' may be too specific, while a general resolution seeking 'full compensation for stock losses arising as a result of attacks by dingoes coming out of national parks' is more realistic, and deals with a principle that, if adopted, the Association would be able to pursue.

(2) Motions should not simply restate existing policy

For example, the Association has standing policy opposing any further mergers between major Australian Trading Banks. A motion proposing to simply re-state that policy would be less likely to get onto the agenda than a resolution adding additional aspects to that policy.

(3) Motions need to be generally relevant to agriculture, and achievable within a reasonable timeframe

For example, a motion seeking that 'all landowners be exempt from Commonwealth income tax' is not specific to agriculture, and is not a policy that will realistically be achieved. Such a motion is less likely to be accepted onto the agenda

(4) To the greatest degree possible, motions should deal with state-wide or national issues affecting agriculture, rather than local issues

For example, a motion seeking 'that the Gosford Council be required to control blackberries in the Terrigal nature reserve' deals with local issues that can be tackled in the first instance by the relevant NSW Farmers' Association District or Regional Council.

(5) Motions need to be able to stand alone as a statement, and be understandable to other members and the general public.

For example, a motion seeking that 'we oppose any use of the Gelatin-gel test' doesn't make much sense to most people, however a motion seeking that 'The Association oppose the use of the Gelatin-Gel test for diagnosing footrot in sheep' is more readily understood.

When drafting motions to send to Head Office for inclusion in the Annual Conference agenda the following rules apply:

- (1) motions should start with 'That the Association...';
- (2) motions should only address a single subject;
- (3) Motions should not contain argument, yet be as self-explanatory as possible; and
- (4) Motions must be submitted using the form at the back of this booklet or the online submission form.

The timeline for preparation of the agenda is as follows:

Friday 8 May	Motions due at Head Office
Friday 12 June	NSW Farmers' Association Annual Review to arrive with members to give formal notice of the General Association and Industrial Association Annual General Meetings

Motions must be received at Head Office by:

5.00pm, Friday 8 May 2009

Website: www.ac.org.au

Fax: 02 8251 1750

Late motions will not be accepted.

Annual Conference Representation Schedule

Travel Allowances and Total Entitlements for District Council Delegates

The Association assists with the expenses of accredited Delegates from each District Council to attend the Conference.

Expenses are based on the District Council name as location and on \$44 per 100 kilometre radius or part thereof from Sydney.

An allowance of \$74 per day per delegate is also paid.

District Councils and Branches, at their own discretion, may further assist delegates with their expenses.

The tables to the right outline:

- the number of delegates (votes) each District Council is entitled to send to Conference; and
- the allowance paid per kilometre to delegates according to their District Council.

Region 1 District Council	Kilometre Allowance \$	No. Of Delegates (Votes)
Boggabri	176	2
Garah	264	3
Inverell	220	6
Moree	264	5
Narrabri	220	4
North Star	264	3
Walgett East	264	5
Warialda	264	1
Wee Waa	220	3
	Total	32

Region 2 District Council	Kilometre Allowance \$	No. Of Delegates (Votes)
Armidale	176	6
Barraba	220	4
Glen Innes	220	4
Guyra	220	4
Tenterfield	264	4
Uralla	176	3
Walcha	176	7
	Total	32

Region 3 District Council	Kilometre Allowance \$	No. Of Delegates (Votes)
Coona-barabran	176	4
Coonamble	220	2
Dubbo	176	3
Gilgandra	176	4
Gulargam-bone	220	2
Mendooran	176	3
Narromine	176	4
Nyngan	220	3
Tullamore	176	4
Warren	220	3
	Total	32

Region 4 District Council	Kilometre Allowance \$	No. Of Delegates (Votes)
Coolah	132	3
Currabubula	176	1
Gunnedah	176	5
Manilla	176	2
Merriwa	132	2
Pottinger	176	4
Quirindi Willow Tree	132	4
Scone	132	5
Tamworth	176	6
	Total	32

Region 5 District Council	Kilometre Allowance \$	No. Of Delegates (Votes)
Ardlethan	220	2
Barmedman	176	2
Condobolin	220	3
Forbes	176	4
Hillston	264	3
Parkes	176	5
Peak Hill	176	2
Rankins Springs	220	2
Temora	176	2
Tullibigeal	220	4
West Wyalong	176	3
	Total	32

Region 6 District Council	Kilometre Allowance \$	No. Of Delegates (Votes)
Bathurst	88	5
Blayney	132	2
Molong	132	4
Mudgee	132	7
Oberon	88	3
Orange	132	5
Wellington	132	6
	Total	32

Annual Conference Representation Schedule

Region 7 District Council	Kilometre Allowance \$	No. Of Delegates (Votes)
Cumberland	44	16
Hunter	88	16
	Total	32

Region 8 District Council	Kilometre Allowance \$	No. Of Delegates (Votes)
Canowindra	132	5
Cootamundra	176	4
Cowra	132	5
Grenfell	132	3
Harden	132	4
Yass	132	6
Young	132	5
	Total	32

Region 9 District Council	Kilometre Allowance \$	No. Of Delegates (Votes)
Berrigan	264	3
Coleambally	220	5
Corowa	264	2
Deniliquin	308	7
Griffith	220	5
Jerilderie	264	3
Leeton	220	0
Narrandera	220	3
Wakool	308	4
	Total	32

Region 10 District Council	Kilometre Allowance \$	No. Of Delegates (Votes)
Albury	220	2
Coolamon	176	2
Gundagai	176	4
Henty	220	4
Holbrook	220	5
Junee	176	3
Lockhart	220	5
Wagga Wagga	176	7
	Total	32

Region 11 District Council	Kilometre Allowance \$	No. Of Delegates (Votes)
Bega	176	5
Bombala/ delegate	176	3
Cooma	176	6
Crookwell	88	3
Goulburn	88	9
Molonglo	132	6
	Total	32

Region 12 District Council	Kilometre Allowance \$	No. Of Delegates (Votes)
Balranald/ oxley	352	6
Bourke	308	4
Brewarrina	308	4
Cobar	264	3
Finch	264	2
Ivanhoe	308	2
Lower Western	396	7
Upper Western	396	4
	Total	32

Region 13 District Council	Kilometre Allowance \$	No. Of Delegates (Votes)
Far North Coast	308	14
Mid North Coast	176	8
North Coast	264	10
	Total	32

Hort District Council	Kilometre Allowance \$	No. Of Delegates (Votes)
Central West	Various	2
Hunter/ Hawksbury	Various	2
Mid North Coast	Various	2
Northern	Various	2
Riverina Highlands	Various	2
Riverina	Various	2
Western Rivers	Various	2
Horticulture Agm	Various	2
	Total	16

Region Miscellane-ous	Kilometre Allowance \$	No. Of Delegates (Votes)
Goat Industry	Various	1
Northern Pork	Various	4
Poultry Egg	Various	4
Poultry Meat	Various	4
Oyster Industry	Various	1
Seed Industry	Various	1
Southern Pork	Various	4
North Coast Dairy	Various	2
South Coast Dairy	Various	2
Inland Dairy	Various	2
Hunter Dairy	Various	2
	Total	27

*Kilometre allowance varies depending upon distance from Sydney, delegates should choose appropriate district council distance.

INSTRUCTIONS *for* COMPLETING *the*

Delegate Advice Form

- Delegates must be voting financial members of the Association.
 - Only one (1) Delegate or Alternate Delegate per membership is allowed.
- (1) Refer to Annual Conference Representation Schedule on the previous page to obtain the number of delegates your District Council is entitled to send to the Annual Conference
 - (2) Please print clearly, completing the details in full making sure you include Membership Numbers
 - (3) Separate forms are included for advice of Delegates and Alternate Delegates
 - (4) Return the forms to Head Office by Friday 8 May 2009
 - (5) Please advise Head Office of any changes in the delegates representing your District Council.

Please complete and return these forms to Head Office by:

5.00pm on Friday, 8 May, 2009

Fax: 02 8251 1750

Delegate Details | DELEGATE PER MEMBERSHIP

District Council: _____

Region: _____

DELEGATE 1	
Title:	Family Name:
First Name:	
<input type="radio"/> Male	<input type="radio"/> Female
<input type="radio"/> <35 years	<input type="radio"/> 35-55 years <input type="radio"/> >55 years (optional)
Preferred Name on Name Tag:	
Membership Number: <i>MUST BE QUOTED</i>	
Address:	
Telephone No:	Mobile:
Email:	
Days attending Conference (please tick):	
<input type="radio"/> Tuesday	<input type="radio"/> Wednesday <input type="radio"/> Thursday

DELEGATE 2	
Title:	Family Name:
First Name:	
<input type="radio"/> Male	<input type="radio"/> Female
<input type="radio"/> <35 years	<input type="radio"/> 35-55 years <input type="radio"/> >55 years (optional)
Preferred Name on Name Tag:	
Membership Number: <i>MUST BE QUOTED</i>	
Address:	
Telephone No:	Mobile:
Email:	
Days attending Conference (please tick):	
<input type="radio"/> Tuesday	<input type="radio"/> Wednesday <input type="radio"/> Thursday

DELEGATE 3	
Title:	Family Name:
First Name:	
<input type="radio"/> Male	<input type="radio"/> Female
<input type="radio"/> <35 years	<input type="radio"/> 35-55 years <input type="radio"/> >55 years (optional)
Preferred Name on Name Tag:	
Membership Number: <i>MUST BE QUOTED</i>	
Address:	
Telephone No:	Mobile:
Email:	
Days attending Conference (please tick):	
<input type="radio"/> Tuesday	<input type="radio"/> Wednesday <input type="radio"/> Thursday

DELEGATE 4	
Title:	Family Name:
First Name:	
<input type="radio"/> Male	<input type="radio"/> Female
<input type="radio"/> <35 years	<input type="radio"/> 35-55 years <input type="radio"/> >55 years (optional)
Preferred Name on Name Tag:	
Membership Number: <i>MUST BE QUOTED</i>	
Address:	
Telephone No:	Mobile:
Email:	
Days attending Conference (please tick):	
<input type="radio"/> Tuesday	<input type="radio"/> Wednesday <input type="radio"/> Thursday

Delegate Details | DELEGATE PER MEMBERSHIP

District Council: _____

Region: _____

DELEGATE 5	
Title:	Family Name:
First Name:	
<input type="radio"/> Male	<input type="radio"/> Female
<input type="radio"/> <35 years	<input type="radio"/> 35-55 years <input type="radio"/> >55 years (optional)
Preferred Name on Name Tag:	
Membership Number: <i>MUST BE QUOTED</i>	
Address:	
Telephone No:	Mobile:
Email:	
Days attending Conference (please tick):	
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DELEGATE 6	
Title:	Family Name:
First Name:	
<input type="radio"/> Male	<input type="radio"/> Female
<input type="radio"/> <35 years	<input type="radio"/> 35-55 years <input type="radio"/> >55 years (optional)
Preferred Name on Name Tag:	
Membership Number: <i>MUST BE QUOTED</i>	
Address:	
Telephone No:	Mobile:
Email:	
Days attending Conference (please tick):	
<input type="radio"/> Tuesday	<input type="radio"/> Wednesday <input type="radio"/> Thursday

DELEGATE 7	
Title:	Family Name:
First Name:	
<input type="radio"/> Male	<input type="radio"/> Female
<input type="radio"/> <35 years	<input type="radio"/> 35-55 years <input type="radio"/> >55 years (optional)
Preferred Name on Name Tag:	
Membership Number: <i>MUST BE QUOTED</i>	
Address:	
Telephone No:	Mobile:
Email:	
Days attending Conference (please tick):	
<input type="radio"/> Tuesday	<input type="radio"/> Wednesday <input type="radio"/> Thursday

DELEGATE 8	
Title:	Family Name:
First Name:	
<input type="radio"/> Male	<input type="radio"/> Female
<input type="radio"/> <35 years	<input type="radio"/> 35-55 years <input type="radio"/> >55 years (optional)
Preferred Name on Name Tag:	
Membership Number: <i>MUST BE QUOTED</i>	
Address:	
Telephone No:	Mobile:
Email:	
Days attending Conference (please tick):	
<input type="radio"/> Tuesday	<input type="radio"/> Wednesday <input type="radio"/> Thursday

Alternate Delegate Details | DELEGATE PER MEMBERSHIP

District Council: _____

Region: _____

ALTERNATE DELEGATE 1	
Title:	Family Name:
First Name:	
<input type="radio"/> Male	<input type="radio"/> Female
<input type="radio"/> <35 years	<input type="radio"/> 35-55 years <input type="radio"/> >55 years (optional)
Preferred Name on Name Tag:	
Membership Number: <i>MUST BE QUOTED</i>	
Address:	
Telephone No:	Mobile:
Email:	
Days attending Conference (please tick):	
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ALTERNATE DELEGATE 2	
Title:	Family Name:
First Name:	
<input type="radio"/> Male	<input type="radio"/> Female
<input type="radio"/> <35 years	<input type="radio"/> 35-55 years <input type="radio"/> >55 years (optional)
Preferred Name on Name Tag:	
Membership Number: <i>MUST BE QUOTED</i>	
Address:	
Telephone No:	Mobile:
Email:	
Days attending Conference (please tick):	
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ALTERNATE DELEGATE 3	
Title:	Family Name:
First Name:	
<input type="radio"/> Male	<input type="radio"/> Female
<input type="radio"/> <35 years	<input type="radio"/> 35-55 years <input type="radio"/> >55 years (optional)
Preferred Name on Name Tag:	
Membership Number: <i>MUST BE QUOTED</i>	
Address:	
Telephone No:	Mobile:
Email:	
Days attending Conference (please tick):	
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ALTERNATE DELEGATE 4	
Title:	Family Name:
First Name:	
<input type="radio"/> Male	<input type="radio"/> Female
<input type="radio"/> <35 years	<input type="radio"/> 35-55 years <input type="radio"/> >55 years (optional)
Preferred Name on Name Tag:	
Membership Number: <i>MUST BE QUOTED</i>	
Address:	
Telephone No:	Mobile:
Email:	
Days attending Conference (please tick):	
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Miscellaneous Delegate Details | DELEGATE PER MEMBERSHIP

District Council: _____

Region: _____

MISCELLANEOUS DELEGATE 1	
Title:	Family Name:
First Name:	
<input type="radio"/> Male	<input type="radio"/> Female
<input type="radio"/> <35 years	<input type="radio"/> 35-55 years <input type="radio"/> >55 years (optional)
Preferred Name on Name Tag:	
Membership Number: <i>MUST BE QUOTED</i>	
Address:	
Telephone No:	Mobile:
Email:	
Days attending Conference (please tick):	
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MISCELLANEOUS DELEGATE 2	
Title:	Family Name:
First Name:	
<input type="radio"/> Male	<input type="radio"/> Female
<input type="radio"/> <35 years	<input type="radio"/> 35-55 years <input type="radio"/> >55 years (optional)
Preferred Name on Name Tag:	
Membership Number: <i>MUST BE QUOTED</i>	
Address:	
Telephone No:	Mobile:
Email:	
Days attending Conference (please tick):	
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MISCELLANEOUS DELEGATE 3	
Title:	Family Name:
First Name:	
<input type="radio"/> Male	<input type="radio"/> Female
<input type="radio"/> <35 years	<input type="radio"/> 35-55 years <input type="radio"/> >55 years (optional)
Preferred Name on Name Tag:	
Membership Number: <i>MUST BE QUOTED</i>	
Address:	
Telephone No:	Mobile:
Email:	
Days attending Conference (please tick):	
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MISCELLANEOUS DELEGATE 4	
Title:	Family Name:
First Name:	
<input type="radio"/> Male	<input type="radio"/> Female
<input type="radio"/> <35 years	<input type="radio"/> 35-55 years <input type="radio"/> >55 years (optional)
Preferred Name on Name Tag:	
Membership Number: <i>MUST BE QUOTED</i>	
Address:	
Telephone No:	Mobile:
Email:	
Days attending Conference (please tick):	
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