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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.

NSW Farmers' Association President Jock Laurie says 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 Gathering provides a forum for rural women to network, share experiences, gain inspiration and provide support," Mr Laurie said.

"Participants will also have a direct voice to decision makers, with the Minister for Women, the Hon. Verity Firth, attending," Mr Laurie said.

The Gathering, developed by NSW Department of Primary Industries in conjunction with the Rural Women's Network and co-sponsored by NSW Farmers' Association, is designed to raise the profile of rural women and highlight important issues facing this group.

Women attending the event will benefit from three full days of activities, including a cocktail welcome and gala dinner, and over 40 workshops for participants to choose from.

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. The two registrations will be provided on a first come, first serve basis, so Members are encouraged to act quickly to secure their attendance.

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.

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