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### Farmers congratulate Roads Minister for listening to industry

The NSW Farmers' Association has welcomed the announcement by Minister for Roads, the Hon. Michael Daley to place a 12 month freeze on log book requirements for primary producers, under the Heavy Vehicle Driver Fatigue Reforms. NSW Farmers' Association President Jock Laurie said the announcement shows the Minister is willing to listen to the concerns of industry, take on board the issues and make sensible changes.

To read more click [here](#).

### Sheepmeat producers reminded to 'PIC' the entire mob

The Association is reminding sheepmeat producers to ensure they are filling out National Vendor Declarations (NVD) correctly, with 40 per cent of NVDs currently being rendered invalid due to inaccuracies. Sheepmeats Committee Chair Ian McColl says NVDs are a vital link in the National Livestock Identification System (NLIS), and Members have an important part to play in helping to protect the traceability of Australia's \$3 billion sheepmeat industry.

To read more click [here](#).

### Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow – Living in the Country

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 til 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.

### Rural mental health high on drought agenda

The Association is eagerly awaiting the release of the findings of the Federal Government's review of the social impacts of drought, with the Drought Expert Social Panel due to submit its report to Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, the Hon. Tony Burke. The Association has lodged a detailed submission in response to the social impact assessment, part of the national drought policy review.

To read more click [here](#).

### Value in value chains

The question of whether farmers are actually better off being involved in value chains has been analysed in a report commissioned by the Australian Farm Institute. Seven case studies are reported attempting to distil the key factors that contribute to successful value chain engagement. This research provides some valuable information and lessons for farmers contemplating closer engagement in value chains, and should assist in ensuring that farmers do secure value from value chains.

Author Michael O'Keefe will present the results of this research in a series of masterclass seminars to be held in Brisbane, Melbourne and Sydney. The Sydney seminar will be held Monday, 27 October 2008 at the Sydney Masonic Centre, 66 Goulburn St Sydney NSW 2000 from 1.30 to 4.30 pm. Cost is \$50 (incl. GST) per person (usually \$150, this rate is for NSW Farmers' Association Members only)  
RSVP Friday, 10 October 2008

Click [here](#) for the registration form.

### Media

To hear the current edition of Primary Report click [here](#).

To view the current edition of Farm Post click [here](#).

To read President Jock Laurie's blog click [here](#).

To read recent press releases click [here](#).

### Training

Course	Location	Date
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<b>Chemical Card Initial &amp; Refresher</b>	Deniliquin	02/10/2008
	Balranald	09/10/2008
	Dareton	10/10/2008
	Online Initial only	13/10/2008
	Peak Hill – funded	14/10/2008
	Cooma	16/10/2008
<b>Chemical Card Refresher</b>	Gulgong	20/10/2008
	Glen Innes	28/10/2008
	Online – 9am to 12	29/09/2008
<b>Succession Planning</b>	Online – 9am to 12	10/10/2008
	Online – 1pm to 4	30/10/2008
<b>Wheat marketing information sessions (FREE)</b>	Barraba	16/10/2008
	Glen Innes	20/11/2008
<b>First Aid</b>	Dareton	02/10/2008
	Mullaley	10/10/2008

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

#### Regional events

##### Region 1 North West Alicia Wilson

- 3 October 3pm – 6pm @ HACC rooms, Hope St, Wialda: **beyondblue Mental Health Awareness Workshop**. Contact Veronica Barwick on. (02) 6752 7196. Free.
- 9 October 10am – 2pm (registration 9.30am) @ Wialda RSL Club: **Wialda Women's Gathering**. Contact Veronica Barwick on. (02) 6752 7196. Free.

##### Region 2 New England Gennie Gittoes

- 30 September 9am @ Deepwater School of Arts: **Mental Health First Aid Course (12 hr course)**. Contact Glenrac office on (02) 67 323443 by September 12. Cost \$10. BYO lunch. Morning & afternoon tea provided.
- 1 October 3pm @ Legume Hall: **Branch AGM**. Contact Frank Paterson 07 46664155. Free.
- 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

- 1 October Wednesday 9:00am-4:00pm @ Condobolin ARAS: **Condobolin ARAS Field Day**. Enquiries: Joy or Mel on (02) 6895 1025. \$5 lunch.
- 8 October Wednesday 10:00am @ Gunbar Tennis Club: **Gunbar Farm Family Gathering**. Enquiries: Joyce on (02) 6965 2362. BYO drinks & chairs.
- 11 October Saturday @ Mirool: **Farm Family Gathering**. Enquiries: Eric Robinson on 0428 741 208

##### Region 6 Central West Tablelands

- 1 October Wednesday 7.30 pm @ Canowindra Ex Services Club: **Information on Mining Exploration Licences**. Contact Wayne McKay 0428 259 345.
- 7 October @ Watervale Glen Alice: **Dung Beetle Information Day**. RSVP to Peter Evans (02) 63053111 by October 6.

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- 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.

**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.

**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](mailto:dsimmers@bigpond.net.au) or phone Liz Young. Lunch provided

**Region 9**  
**Southern**  
**Murrumbidgee**  
Ben Poynter

- 2 October Thursday 8.30pm @ Deniliquin: **Chem Card Course**. Contact Robyn (02) 68848822. Cost \$265 Members. \$330 Non Members. Registration Essential prior to course.
- 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.

**Region 10**  
**Southern**  
**Central**  
Debra Charlton

- For information on events in Region 10 contact Deb Charlton on 0427 773 496.

**Region 11**  
**Southern**  
**Tablelands,**  
**Monaro and**  
**South Coast**  
Liz Young

- 3 October Friday 8.30am to 2pm @ Multi Function Centre, Cooma: **The Road to 2010 – Woolgrowers Forum**. Book in on 1800 070 099. Lunch provided.

**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
- 5 December @ Booligal: **Oxley/Booligal Branch Meeting**. Contact Helen Morphett (02) 69938157.

**Region 13**  
**North Coast**  
Michael Burt

- 2 October Thursday, 9.30am to 1.00pm @ South Grafton Ex-Serviceman's Club: **Climate Change Community Forum** Contact Kate Healy (02) 99956369.
- 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.