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Oysters in the House tomorrow: tempt your palate at the Sydney Harbour Foreshore

The Association is encouraging oyster lovers to once again become oyster connoisseurs this Thursday, when the long-awaited Oysters in the House returns to the Sydney Harbour foreshore. Oysters in the House will be hosted by ABC Radio presenter and renowned foodie, Simon Marnie, and will be held at Customs House. The event will kick off at 1:15pm with an official launch by President Jock Laurie and NSW Minister for Primary Industries Ian Macdonald. This will be followed by a restaurant session at 3pm and public sessions featuring Sydney Rock Oyster tasting and judging in the Oyster Bar, a Pacific Oyster tasting and a live oyster preparation lesson with a Sydney based chef from 4:30pm.

The public sessions will also include a regional showcase, where attendees can sample oysters and wines from each oyster producing region in NSW with toppings designed by local regional restaurants. The event will then wind up at the Rock Salt Bar. Tickets are \$30 per person and are available for purchase by phoning Event Directors on 0405 104 841.

To read more click [here](#).

ISDN Internet Services to Cease on 31 December: Member survey

The Association is continuing to work with Members to ensure that rural communities are not disadvantaged by Telstra's proposed switch-off of ISDN internet services on 31 December this year. The Association is seeking feedback from Members regarding the ISDN switch off and how it will affect their business and family.

If you currently have an ISDN internet service or you have recently made the switch from an ISDN service to another internet service, please complete our short online survey before Monday 17 November. To access the survey click [here](#). For information regarding this issue click [here](#).

Rural communities need to be of major importance in mini-budget

The Association urged the State Government to carefully consider the impact that changes to funding may have on rural communities in yesterday's mini-budget. While the Association recognises the need for the financial restructure by the Government, any revisions to funding must not adversely affect rural and regional NSW.

To read the press release issued prior to the mini-budget announcement click [here](#).

To read the press release issued following the mini-budget announcement click [here](#).

Interest rates fall again, but will farmers see the benefit?

The Association has once again expressed hope that the 75 base point official interest rate cut, announced by the Reserve Bank last week, will be passed on to farmers in full, calling on the banking sector to consider drought stricken farmers when making their decision to pass on rate reductions.

To read more click [here](#).

Enjoy red meat today in Orange

The Association is encouraging all livestock producers in the Central West to attend the Meat Profit Day to be held in Orange today. Developed by Meat & Livestock Australia (MLA) and a local organizing committee – *Where Orange and red meat* – will give producers a valuable insight into issues affecting their industry.

This is the first time such an event has been held in NSW for several years, and the Association is encouraging producers to make the most of the event on their "back doorstep". To read more click [here](#). To view the full program click [here](#).

IR Seminar on Friday in Euston

The Association's Industrial Relations department will be heading to Euston on Friday 14 November to conduct a seminar covering everything from Federal and State jurisdiction, awards, agreements and other employment standards; employment records; superannuation; employment of foreign nationals; and Workers Compensation to Occupational Health and Safety.

For more information on the event contact the Association on 1300 794 000. To read more click [here](#).

Sheep Info Day in Trangie

The Sheep CRC Information Open day will be held on Thursday 20 November at Trangie Research Station, Mitchell Hwy, 7 km west of Trangie, NSW from 9.30 am until 4pm. Sheep CRC will provide a free BBQ lamb lunch. Presentations and displays will feature work in genetics.

As a large attendance is expected, if you are planning to attend please RSVP to NSW DPI Trangie by 14th November, Tel: (02) 6880 8000 Fax: (02) 6888 7201 Email: trangie.office@dpi.nsw.gov.au

On the wireless

Primary Report is the NSW Farmers' Association's weekly radio program that has been broadcast, under various names, for over 50 years and is the longest running produced radio program in

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Australia. It is produced in-house by the Association and, while it is an opportunity to let farmers and rural communities know what the Association is doing, the program also discusses everything in terms of what issues mean to the average farmer and how they might be impacted.

On this week's edition:

- Horticulture Committee Chair Peter Darley – hail damage to crops
- President Jock Laurie – State Government mini-budget
- Oyster Committee Member Lyn Desoto – Oysters in the House

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

On the web

For regular updates by NSW Farmers' Association President Jock Laurie on the issues important to farmers, visit Jock's online blog at www.blognow.com.au/jocklaurie

In the news

To view the October edition of Farm Post click [here](#). Edition 29 is due out in early December.

Training

Course	Location	Date
Chemical Card Initial & Refresher	Walcha	13/11/2008
	Glen Innes	14/11/2008
	Macksville	14/11/2008
	Wellington	20/11/2008
	Wagga Wagga	24/11/2008
Chemical Card Refresher	Online – 1pm to 4pm	13/11/2008
Succession Planning	Yeoval	17/11/2008
	Glen Innes	20/11/2008

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**

- For more information on Region 1 events, contact Regional Service Manager Alicia Wilson on 0427 437 103

**Region 2
 New England
 Gennie Gittoes**

- 19 November 9am - 1.30pm @ Somerton Hall followed by farm visit at The Chaffey's "Weenona" (include morning tea and lunch): **'Ever graze' Field Day** learn to develop farming systems to improve profitability for meat & wool producers. Please RSVP to NSW DPI, Tamworth (02) 6763 1100. Free event.
- 22 November 12 onwards @ Wollomombi Hall: **Annual Farm Family Gathering** including free BBQ, entertainment and info. Contact David Moen (02) 67781255 or Gennie Gittoes (02) 67669949. Free.
- 22 November 9am - 5pm @ Bendemeer: **Boer Goats Field Day**. Contact Carol Murray (02) 6769668. Cost \$20/hd \$20/couple.

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

- 12 November 9am - 3pm @ Coonamble: **Survive with Style Seminars**. Contact Pip Brown NSW DPI 0429 396 697.
- 13 November 8.30am rego 9.00am start @ Dubbo City Council Admin Building: **National Weeds Conference**. Contact Jayne Bleechmore (02) 68014701. Cost \$55+GST.
- 14 November 9am - 3pm @ Gilgandra: **Survive with Style Seminars**. Contact Pip Brown NSW DPI 0429 396 697.
- 20 November 9.30-4.00pm @ Trangie Research Station: **Sheep CRC Information Nucleus Open Day**. RSVP DPI Trangie (02) 6880 8000. Free. Lunch provided
- 25 November 9am - 3pm @ Warren Sports Centre: **Warren Rural Women's Day**. Contact Pip Brown NSW DPI 0429 396 697.

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

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- 4 December 9am @ Quirindi: **Namoi Healthy Soils Workshop**. Contact Col Easton (02) 67 645940. Free.

**Region 5
 Central West
 Hannah Williams**

- 12 November Wednesday @ Australian National Field Day Site: **Orange Meat Profit Day**. Enquiries to MLA on 1800 675 717. Cost \$20 for Members, \$30 for non Members.
- 15 November Saturday 10am - 4pm @ Presbyterian Church Hall Condobolin: Sandra Martin **Style and Image Day**, including guest speakers and stalls. Enquiries to Jan Bruce on 0427 257 191 or Di Gill on (02) 6895 2600. Free event.
- 21 November Friday 10:30am – 2:30pm @ Lake Cargelligo: **Ladies Day Out**. Enquires to Kim Jones via email on kjones@centacarewf.org.au. Cost \$5.

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Tablelands**

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- 12 November @ ANFD Site: **Meat for Profit Day**. Contact MLA.
- 17 November 10.00am @ Yeoval Golf Club: **Succession planning**. Contact Little River Land Care.
- 19 November 7.00 @ Oberon RSL: Bruce Clements on "**Strategies in a changing climate**". Contact John Lowe (02) 6359 3244.
- 29 November 5.00pm @ Venue to be advised: **Christmas meeting with BMA**.

**Region 7 Sydney
Basin, Lower Hunter &
Port Stephens**

Frances Vella

- 13 November Thursday, 4.30pm, 5.30pm, or 6.30pm @ Customs House, Circular Quay: **Oysters in the House**. Contact Event Directors (02) 4333 6039. Cost \$30 each or a table of 8 for \$216.
- 13 November Thursday, 1pm-4pm @ Online: **Online Chemical Card Refresher**. Contact NSW Farmers Association Training (02) 6884 8822. Cost: Members \$175. Non-members \$220.

**Region 8
Lower Central Western
Slopes**

Liz Young

- 17 November Monday 6.30 - 9pm @ Yass TAFE NSW Campus: **Wool Industry Forum**. The Future for Training & Education. Will discuss a severe shortage of trained shed hands with aim to secure industry support for the training of shed hands, farm hands, wool handlers and wool classers. Discussion of training options and other items. For further enquires call Jillian Atkinson (02) 48231878 or Helena Granger (02) 48447066. Please RSVP to (02) 4844 7066 by 3rd November for catering.
- 22 November Saturday 6:30pm @ Gooloogong Country Club: **Dinner with John Harper**. Enquiries to Sandra Chrystall on (02) 6393 0001 (Tues, Wed & Fri) or 0409 000 733. Cost \$20 which includes a smorgasbord meal.

**Region 9 Southern
Murrumbidgee**

Ben Poynter

- For more information on events in Region 9 contact Regional Service Manager Ben Poynter 0427 773 584

**Region 10
Southern Central**

Liz Young

- 19 November Wednesday 12pm – 2pm @ Cooma Ex-Services Club, Vale Street: **Managed Investment Scheme Forum** with Mike Kelly MP and Assistant Treasurer Chris Bowen. The forum will provide a unique opportunity for members of the community to hear from and speak directly with the Assistant Treasurer and Mike Kelly MP about MIS related issues. This Forum is being held in Cooma with the intent to attract participants from various regions such as Bombala and Tumbarumba. The Forum will cover all MIS including Forestry. Contact Liz Young or Mike Kelly MP Office on 6284 2211

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

Liz Young

- 12 November 9:00am – 2:00pm @ Queanbeyan Kangaroo RLFC Stuart Street Queanbeyan: **WorkCover OH&S Workshop**. Please contact 1800 624 097 to register your seat, or visit www.workcover.nsw.gov.au/safebusiness for further information.
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**Region 12
Western Division**

Dougall Roberts

- 14 November 2:00pm @ Euston Club: **IR Seminar "Back to Basics"**. Contact Dougall Roberts.
- 5 December afternoon @ Booligal: **Oxley/Booligal Branch Meeting**. Contact Helen Morphet (02) 6993 8157

**Region 13
North Coast**

Michael Burt

- 13 November Thursday, 7.30pm @ Kempsey CWA Hall: **Macleay Valley branch meeting**. Contact Susan Ramke (02) 6566 8081.
- 14 November Friday, 10.00am to 3.00pm @ Coffs Harbour Catholic Club: **Region 13 Meeting** guest speaker from WorkCover. Contact Deborah Willis (02) 65567216. Lunch included.
- 20 November Thursday, 7.30 pm @ Exchange Hotel, Kyogle: **Kyogle branch meeting**. Contact Russell Bonney (02) 6636 6100.

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