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Mining study needed

The NSW Farmers' Association is concerned regarding safeguards with the NSW Government announcement that it will grant an exploration licence for a five year period in the Gunnedah area to China Shenhua Energy Company. NSW Farmers' Association President Jock Laurie says the Association is calling for the State and Federal Governments to commission a fully independent, catchment wide study.

To read more click [here](#).

Apples for fundraisers!

The NSW Farmers' Association is promoting apples as a healthy alternative for school and child care fundraisers, as well as a delicious treat! NSW Farmers' Association Horticulture Committee Chair and Orange apple grower Peter Darley will be handing out apples at the Narani Child care centre in Kogarah this Thursday, and donating boxes of apples for the children to sell as a fundraiser for the Centre.

To read more click [here](#).

A first for the lamb finishing industry

A Code of Practice is being developed to provide national standards and guidelines as an initiative of the Australian Lamb Finishers Group ('ALF') and the Sheepmeats Council of Australia ('SCA'). Funding has been managed by Meat and Livestock Australia ('MLA'). This code is the first of its kind for the Australian lamb finishing industry. As part of this process a number of producer information and feedback days have been organised by the MLA.

Further information and to register for these meetings call 1800 177 735 or click [here](#).

Meeting details below:

Location	Date	Time	Venue
Cowra	Mon, Aug 18	9:30 am to 12:30 pm	Services Club 101 Brisbane Street
Dubbo	Tue, Aug 19	9:30 am to 12:30 pm	Dubbo Golf Club Newell Highway
Tamworth	Wed, Aug 20	9:30 am to 12:30 pm	Tamworth Services Club 199 Marius Street
Griffith	Thu, Aug 21	1:00 pm to 4:00 pm	Griffith Leagues Club Cnr Bridge Rd & Jondaryan Ave
Wagga	Fri, Aug 22	9:30 pm to 12:30 pm	Wine & Food Industry Centre
Broken Hill	Tues, July 29	10:00 am to 1:00 pm	Twilight Room, Musicians Club

Forums this week

NSW farmers and rural and regional community members are being asked to help shape Australia's drought policy, at forums being held around the state from this week looking at the social impacts of drought. The expert panel is aiming to determine the types of social support people value in times of drought, irrespective of whether they are eligible for Exceptional Circumstances assistance.

The Association encourages Members to get along to these meetings and to have their say.

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Meetings this week:

- Gilgandra Monday 18 August 1pm – 4pm Gilgandra Services Club
- Forbes Tuesday 19 August 10am – 1pm Forbes Services Memorial Club
- Griffith Thursday 21 August 9am – 12pm (Venue TBA)
- Goulburn Friday 22 August 9am – 12pm Goulburn Workers Club

For more information click [here](#).

Training

Course	Location	Date
Chemical Card- Initial & Refresher Accreditation	Nyngan – funded	28/08/2008
	Maitland	29/08/2008
	Young	01/09/2008
	Moulamein	08/09/2008
	Narrabri	08/09/2008
Chemical Card Refresher	Online – 9am to 12	15/09/2008
	Henty Field Day	25/09/2008
Wheat marketing information sessions	Parkes	19/08/2008
	Lake Cargelligo	20/08/2008
	West Wyalong	21/08/2008
	Cowra	22/08/2008
	Griffith	25/08/2008
	Finley	26/08/2008
	Lockhart	27/08/2008
	Cootamundra	28/08/2008

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

Region 1 – North West

- 26 August 8.30am – 3.45pm @ Bellata Memorial Hall: GRDC Grains Research Update for Growers and Advisers. Contact John Cameron (02) 9482 4930 or Tracey Farrell (02) 6799 1548/ Cost \$45 per person and \$40 for 2nd person per farm
- 27 August 8.30am – 3.10pm @ Royal Hotel, Goondiwindi: GRDC Business Management Grains Update for Growers. Contact John Cameron or Erica McKay (02) 9482 4930. Cost \$45 per person and \$40 for 2nd person per farm.
- 31 August From 11am @ Cryon: 'A Day in the Garden' at "Cryon Station" (fundraiser for the Burren Junction Preschool). Contact Marney O'Brien (02) 6828 5321. Cost Adults \$10, Children over 2 \$5.

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

Region 2 – New England

- 21 August 7.30pm @ RLPB Taylor St Armidale: Quarterly meeting and Annual Conference summary and feedback. Contact Gennie Gittoes 02 67669949
- 23 Aug 6.30pm @ Golf Club Armidale: Rural Science Student Dinner and Guest Speaker Sam Gunn, Chairman NSWFA Young Farmers Committee. Contact Gennie Gittoes 67669949

For more information, contact Region 2 Service Manager Gennie Gittoes on 0429 180 560

Region 3 – Central and North West

- 18 August Monday @ Trangie: Wheat Marketing Information session. Contact Robyn 6884 8822. No cost.
- 6 September Saturday @ Dubbo: Trucks Out West Expo & Dinner. Contact Trish 6882 2666. Cost \$5 adult, \$10 family, \$77 dinner.

For more information, contact Region 3 Service Manager Rick Bremner on 0427 773 495

Region 5 – Central West

- 18 August Monday 9:30am – 12:30pm @ Cowra Services Club: Information and feedback Session on the Lamb Finishing Code of Practice for producers and agricultural workers (MLA & Productive Nutrition). Enquiries: Productive Nutrition on 1800 177 735 or www.productivenutrition.com.au/COPlambfinishing
- 19 August Tuesday 1pm @ Forbes Services Memorial Club: Public forum – Drought Policy Review. Expert Panel looking at Social impacts of Drought. Enquiries: Hannah Williams (see below)
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- 19 August Tuesday & Thursday 8:30am – 5:00pm @ Cowra Showground Pavillion: Climate for Change Conference – Profitable farming in the Cowra District. Enquiries: Cowra Council on (02) 6340 2048 or www.cowraregion.com.au/climateforchange
- 19 August Tuesday 8:30am – 4:30pm @ Parkes: Wheat marketing information sessions. Enquiries: Robyn on 02 6884 8822
- 20 August Wednesday 8:30am – 4:30pm @ Lake Cargelligo: Wheat marketing information sessions. Enquiries: Robyn on 02 6884 8822.
- 21 August Thursday 8:30am – 4:30pm @ West Wyalong: Wheat marketing information sessions. Enquiries: Robyn on 02 6884 8822
- 28 August Thursday 7:00pm @ Condobolin RSL Club: Depression Awareness Forum: The Road to Recovery (Incitec Pivot & Rotary Club). Enquiries: Di Gill on 02 6895 2600

For more information on events in Region 5, contact Regional Service Manager Hannah Williams on 0488 009 060

Region 6 – Central West Tablelands

- 19 August 10am - 1pm @ Forbes Services Club: Drought Policy Review Expert Social Panel. Hannah Williams 0488009060

For more information, contact Region 6 Service Manager Graham Blatch on 0427 411 220.

Region 8

- 18 August Monday 9:30am – 12:30pm @ Cowra Services Club: Information and feedback Session on the Lamb Finishing Code of Practice for producers and agricultural workers (MLA & Productive Nutrition). Enquiries: Productive Nutrition on 1800 177 735 or www.productivenutrition.com.au/COPlambfinishing
- 19 August Tuesday & Thursday 8:30am – 5:00pm @ Cowra Showground Pavillion: Climate for Change Conference – Profitable farming in the Cowra District. Cost: \$30. Enquiries: Cowra Council on (02) 6340 2048 or www.cowraregion.com.au/climateforchange

Region 9 – Southern Murrumbidgee

- 21 August 9-12am @ Griffith Yoogali Catholic Club: DAFF Drought Policy Social Impacts Review Meeting. Contact Ben Poynter 0427773584. Free. Bookings essential for catering.
- 25 August Monday 8.30am – 4.30pm @ Venue TBA: NSWFA and GCA Grains Marketing Workshop. Contact NSWFA Training Division 68848822. Free. Bookings Essential.
- 26 August Tuesday 8.30am – 4.30pm @ Venue TBA: NSWFA and GCA Grains Marketing Workshop. Contact NSWFA Training Division 68848822. Free. Bookings Essential.
- 2 Sept Tuesday 9am – 1.30pm @ Griffith Exies Club: Griffith DC and YIN Carbon Information Workshop. Griffith DPI 69601300 before Aug 27. Bookings essential. Cost \$10 pp.
- 3 - 4 October Friday 10am- Saturday 12am @ Deni Ute Muster Site. Deniliquin. Deni Ute Muster 10th Birthday. Ute Muster Office (03) 58813388. See 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.

For more information on Region 9 events contact Regional Services Manager Ben Poynter on 0427773584

Region 10 – Southern Central

- 28 Aug 7.30pm @ Wagga RSL club: Wagga DC meeting. Contact Bill Baker.

For more information on Region 10 events contact Regional Services Manager Debra Charlton on 0427773496

Region 11 – Southern Tablelands, Monaro & South Coast

- 22 August Friday @ Goulburn: Social Impact of Drought Mtg. Contact Liz Young

For information on any events in Region 11 contact Regional Service Manager Liz Young 0428 411 218

Region 12 – Western Division

- 20 August 2pm @ Balranald District Ex Servicemen's Memorial Club: Balranald Branch Meeting "Meet the Candidates". All residents of Balranald Shire are invited to attend a community forum to meet, hear from and ask questions of candidates who have nominated for a councillor's position on Balranald Shire Council. Contact Tim O'Halloran 0350206808 or Joy Harris 0350206887.
- 30 - 31 August arrive 12pm @ "Kia-Ora" Station Via Cobar: "Rotating Farm Tour". Contact Rikki Allen 0268373954. BYO Food, Swag and Alcohol.
- 5 September 11pm @ Senior Citizens Room, Sandon Street: Brewarrina District Council AGM. DPI Update, Rural Financial Counsellors update, RLPB Update. Lunch will be provided by the DPI following the meeting. Contact Ed Fessey 0268744935 or Pam Fennell 0268744992. RSVP essential for catering purposes.

For information on any events in Region 13 contact Dougall Roberts on 0428411221

Region 13 – North Coast

- 28 August Thursday, 7.00pm @ Exchange Hotel, Kyogle: Kyogle branch meeting, guest speaker on Private Native Forestry. Contact Russell Bonney 66366100
- 18 September Thursday, 7.30pm @ Wingham Golf Club: Wingham Branch meeting, Guest speaker from Workcover. Contact Deborah Willis 65567216

For information on any events in Region 13 contact Michael Burt on 0428 228 988

