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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'Keeffe 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 Members only)
RSVP Friday, 10 October 2008

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

Region 6 meeting tomorrow

The Association invites all Region 6 Members to a meeting in Molong at the Molong Baptist Church building (Thistle Street) for a meeting and dinner on Wednesday 24 September. Members from Molong, Bathurst, Oberon, Mudgee, Wellington, Blayney, Orange and surrounds are encouraged to come along and hear expert of farming practices, John Chudleigh, address the question "Can farming survive the next ten years". Climate change will also be discussed and in particular how it will affect your farming business.

RSVP for catering purposes to Region Chairman Andrew Martell on 0429 466320 or Regional Service Manager Graham Blatch 0427 411 220.

For more information click [here](#).

Exceptional Circumstances Extension tomorrow

Barraba District Council invites all to a public meeting to gauge the support for the extension of EC from the 30th September for a further 6 month period. Only 4 regions were excluded from the extension. The meeting will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Bingara from 7pm on 24 September.

The agenda will include speakers from several service providers including Rural Financial Councillor and Centrelink, and developing a strategy to deal with gaining an extension.

For more information and to RSVP contact Bingara District Council Chairman Don Mack 02 67241178 or Bingara District Council Secretary Graham Hosegood 02 67236436.

For more information on the meeting click [here](#).

Training

| Course | Location | Date |
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| Chemical Card Initial & Refresher | Goondiwindi | 30/09/2008 |
| | Deniliquin | 02/10/2008 |
| | Balranald | 09/10/2008 |
| | Wentworth | 10/10/2008 |
| | Online Initial only | 13/10/2008 |
| | Peak Hill – funded | 14/10/2008 |
| Chemical Card Refresher | Gulgong | 20/10/2008 |
| | Henty Field Day - 10am to 12 | 25/09/2008 |
| | Online – 9am to 12 | 29/09/2008 |
| Succession Planning | Online – 9am to 12 | 10/10/2008 |
| | Barraba | 16/10/2008 |
| Wheat marketing information sessions Free | Glen Innes | 20/11/2008 |
| | West Wyalong | 22/09/2008 |
| | Young | 23/09/2008 |
| | Dareton | 02/10/2008 |

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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

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| Region 1 North West Alicia Wilson | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 24 September 10am – 12pm @ Moree Services Club: Workplace Safety Essentials Workshop. Call 1800 624 097.• 24 September 9am – 3pm @ Walgett & District Sporting Club: 'Marketing Your 2008 Crop' wheat marketing forum. Contact Pam Kreig krieggp@bigpond.com Cost: \$66 (includes lunch and course notes). |
| Region 2 New England Gennie Gittoes | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 23 September 7.30pm @ Secretaries office, Guyra Showground: Branch meeting. Contact: Sally White.• 24 September 7pm @ Imperial Hotel, Bingara: Meeting regarding the discontinuation of EC. Contact Don Mack.• 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.• 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. |
| Region 3 Central and North West Rick Bremner | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8 October Wednesday @ Curban Hall: Liquid Fertilizer Info. Field Day. Contact Kevin Kilby (02) 6848 3578• 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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 30 September Tuesday @ Rankins Springs: CWFS Spring Field Day. Enquiries: Katrina McDougall on (02) 6895 1050 or your local District Agronomist.• 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• 25 October Saturday 3:45pm @ Hillston Golf Club – Bush Golf: Hillston Farm Family Gathering. Enquiries: Steve Tuckett on 0427 358 814, RSVP to Keith on 6967 2425 by October 22. |
| Region 6 Central West Tablelands Graham Blatch | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 24 September 4pm @ Molong Baptist Church: Region 6 Meeting. Speakers John Chudleigh and David Eyre. Contact Andrew Martel on 0429 466 320 or RSM Graham Blatch.• 22 – 24 October 9am-5 pm @ Orange field day site: Australian national field day. Contact Graham Blatch 0427 411220. |
| Region 7 Sydney Basin, Lower Hunter & Port Stephens Frances Vella | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 23 September Tuesday 10am – 3pm @ Mooney Mooney Workers Club, Hawkesbury River: NSW Oyster Industry Field Day. Contact DPI Joyce Patterson 02 4916 3919.• 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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 26 September Friday @ Anglican Church Hall, Biala Street: Gunning Branch and Yass District Council Meeting followed by presentation on Farm Biosecurity "Secure your farm, secure your future", followed by supper. Contact Alison Nicholls 02 4845 1265.• 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 or phone Liz Young. Lunch provided |
| Region 9 Southern Murrumbidgee | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 10th Birthday. Ute Muster Office |

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- 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

- 23-25 September @ Henty: **Henty Field Days**. Members BBQ at NSW Farmers' Association field day shed. 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

- 1 October Wednesday 9:00am @ "Kilfera Station": **Kilfera Field Day**. Contact Dougall Roberts on 0428 411 221

Region 13 North Coast
Michael Burt

- 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.