



Highlights for Annual Conference 2008
30 YEARS AS ONE VOICE

Celebrate – Reflect – Connect
29-31 July, 2008

Exhibition Hall 2A, Sydney Showground, Sydney Olympic Park

Monday 28 July, 2008

5:00pm Media Briefing session & drinks with NSW Farmers' Association President Jock Laurie – ALL MEDIA WELCOME

- A comprehensive outline of Conference events
- Briefing on policy issues and highlights from motions
- Full agenda and Annual Conference pack available
- Social drinks

Tuesday 29 July, 2008

8:30am President's Welcome

9:00am BUSINESS ECONOMICS AND TRADE
Panel Session and Policy Debate

Issues to be debated include:

- Objection to power privatisation
- Call for diesel fuel inquiry
- Exemption of 4WD wagons tax
- Changes to drivers licences for the elderly

11:05am Guest Speaker – David Crombie
President of National Farmers' Federation

11:35am CLIMATE CHANGE
Policy Session

Issues to be debated include:

- Emissions Trading Scheme
- Carbon Accounting
- Calls for research into the value of carbon sequestration

12:00pm Official Opening - Jock Laurie
President NSW Farmers' Association

Jock Laurie will deliver his official opening address to conference, looking at the issues of the past year and into the future.

Guest speaker John Watson

General Manager WorkCover (Conference sponsor)

12:30pm Keynote Speaker – The Hon. Tony Burke MP
The Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

2:00pm Chief Executive Address
Shaughn Morgan



Tuesday 29 July – cont.

2:15pm

GENERAL

Issue to be debated include:

- Abolishment of Rural Lands Protection Boards
- Future of Travelling Stock Routes

3:30pm

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK

Panel Session and Policy Debate

Issues to be debated include:

- Call for the continuation of NSW Cattle ticks program

6:00pm

Regional Food Fair

Badgery's Pavilion (FREE event)

Following the success of the inaugural Regional Food Fair in 2007, the NSW Farmers' Association will once again feature our State's farmers, as their raw product is shaped into contemporary gourmet delights.

Wednesday 30 July, 2008

8:30am

GRAINS

Panel session and Policy debate

Issues to be debated include:

- The legal ownership of wheat
- Guarantees for access to loading facilities and sea ports
- The transparency of freight and storage arrangements
- Federal Government Grain Re-adjustment Package
- Protection for non-GM canola growers

10:30am

Young Farmers' Forum commences

11:15am

Tertiary Scholarship Awards

11:45pm

Young Farmers' Committee Update

Chairman Sam Gunn

1:00pm

Guest Speaker – The Hon. Ian Macdonald MLC

NSW Minister for Primary Industries

LandLearn Launch to follow address

1:30pm

RURAL AFFAIRS

Panel session and policy debate

Issues to be debated include:

- Extension of Exceptional Circumstance (EC) assistance
- Young Farmer Finance Scheme
- Continuation of ISDN home service



Wednesday 30 July- cont.

3:45pm Treasurer's Report

**7:00pm Annual Conference Awards Dinner
Badgery's Pavilion**
MC - Bush Poet Murray Hartin
(Music by the Noll Brothers)

Mackellar Media Awards

Six journalists will be recognised for outstanding achievement in journalism

Farmer and Young Farmer of the Year Awards

The 2008 winners will be announced at the dinner
(Photos and biographies will be available after the dinner)

Thursday 31 July, 2008

**8:30am CONSERVATION & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
Panel session and policy debate**

Issues to be debated include:

- Call for Federal Government water buyback scheme to cease
- Full price disclosure of water market
- Investigation into the danger posed by international water traders
- Possibility of a court challenge opposing State Government legislation giving mining precedence over farming land

**11:15am WOOL
Panel session and policy debate**

Issues to be debated include:

- Mulesing practices for producers
- Commitments from end users regarding mulesing practices

1:50pm AGM – NSW Farmers' Association

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Full Annual Conference agenda is available at www.nswfarmers.org.au