

RTA ban lifted – win for farmers

The NSW Farmers' Association welcomes the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) decision to lift its ban on Self Propelled Spray Rigs using NSW public roads following months of Association lobbying on the issue.

Association President Jock Laurie says the decision is a win for common sense.

Heading to Aq Quip?

Members heading to Aq Quip this year will be treated to a BBQ lunch and fresh espresso coffee all day, provided by the Association's sponsor, Westpac.

The Association's site (site G-H/24-25) will also feature a team of friendly Regional Service Managers to assist with information and valuable Member services such as Industrial Relations and Training. Call 1300 794 000 for more details

Farmers must seek forestry advice

The NSW Farmers' Association says all landholders and property managers who receive commercial returns from growing native trees on their property should seek advice under the new Private Native Forestry code.

On 1st August 2007 the Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC) gazetted the Native Vegetation Amendment (Private Native Forestry) Regulation 2007. As a result all forestry operations on private property in NSW must now be covered by a Private Native Forestry Property Vegetation Plan (PVP).

Free Fruit Friday would make NSW kids healthier

NSW should follow the Victorian government's lead and introduce 'Free Fruit Friday' to educate primary school children on healthy eating.

Association President Jock Laurie says Victoria's move to give school students free fruit every Friday to help prevent obesity and diabetes is a positive step, and would help create a lifetime love of fruit.

Everyone must have say with Rural Taskforce

The NSW Farmers' Association says the upcoming consultations with the NSW Government's Rural Taskforce are extremely important for the state's country areas.

Association President Jock Laurie says the Association believes more meetings could be held, and it is strongly encouraging everyone to attend to ensure regional NSW has a strong voice.

The Taskforce is set to invite public submissions, hold public forums and consult with individuals, business and community groups, local government and other stakeholders with an interest in rural and regional areas.

Oyster innovation award

The NSW Farmers' Association's Oyster Committee as the peak body for oyster farming in NSW is running an inaugural oyster innovation award to recognize the novel ideas and talent that exists within the industry.

The winner will receive a \$1000 courtesy of Fisheries Research and Development Corporation.

Entries close on August 17.

Upcoming Region specific meetings & events

Association training courses

For information about training, dates and locations, please email training@nswfarmers.org.au. Please note that registration in Chemical Card or Senior First Aid is required 7 days prior to the workshop date to allow for delivery of home study materials.

Region 1- North West

15 Aug- Narrabri - Precision Ag Forum, Crossing Theatre from 9am to 3.30pm. Contact Mike Smith on (02) 6754 6816 for further details.

18 Aug- Coolatai Community Bush Bash, 6pm at the Coolatai Hall. Food, prizes, entertainment and information relevant to the whole family. Contact Primary Health Care Nurse Melanie Press on (02) 6728 9026 for further details

21 Aug- AgQuip, Gunnedah - Chemical Card™ refresher course

31 Aug- Goondiwindi, Chemical Card™

3 Sept- Walgett, Financial Skills Training (**FREE**)

6 Sept- Inverell, First Aid

7 Sept- Bellata, First Aid

8 Sept- Moree, First Aid

Contact RSM Alicia Wilson for more information.

Region 2 – New England

16 Aug- Guyra Social Get together 6.30pm at Rafters Restaurant. Guyra DC invites you and encourages you to bring a friend to an informal gathering with hot food provided by Granite and Border Landcare. Guest speaker- Pam Wilson from Northern Tablelands Dungbeetle Express

17 Aug- Bingara 8.30-1.30pm Roxy theatre 'Conservation farming for sloping country' forum

30 Aug- Wollomombi - Armidale DC meeting 6.30 for supper. 7.30pm meeting. Sauer Hall

For more information contact Gennie Gittoes on 6766 9949.

Region 3 – Central and North West

15 Aug – Tullamore, Branch Meeting – Bowling Club - 7.30pm

17 Aug – Collie, Second Mental Health First Aid – CWA – 9.00-5.00pm

17 Aug – Trangie, Tackling Tough Times – Research Centre – 5.00pm Free

16-17 Aug – Dubbo, Aust. Dohne Expo – Showground

21-22 Aug – Gunnedah, Refresher Chemical Card – AgQuip 10.00am – Ring 6884 8822

23 Aug – Parkes, Govt/ Rural and Regional Taskforce discussions – 2-4.00 Shire/Coventry Room

4 Sept – Coonamble, Succession Planning 1 Day – ring Robyn 6884 8800

5 Sept – Dubbo, Chemical Card Initial & Refresher – ring Robyn 6884 8822

13 Sept – Narromine, Senior First Aid

For more information contact Rick Bremner on 6845 3842

Region 4 – Lower New England and Liverpool Plains

16 Aug – Tamworth DC Meeting 7.30pm, Tamworth City Bowling Club, Napier Street East Tamworth

For more information contact Darren Greentree on 0427 411 214

Region 6 – Central West Tablelands

14-15 Aug- Integrated Weed Management at Bathurst

For more information contact Graham Blatch on 6366 9104.

Region 7 – Sydney Basin

17 Aug– Maitland, Free Forklift Assessment.10 places only. Phone NSW Farmers Association Training, PH: 02 6884 8822

18 Aug – Maitland, Free Forklift Assessment.10 places only. Phone NSW Farmers Association Training, PH: 02 6884 8822

20 Aug – Windsor, Chemical Card™ Training. Limited places; PH: NSW Farmers Association Training 02 6884 8822

23 Aug – Pokolbin, Free Forklift Assessment.10 places only. Phone NSW Farmers Association Training, PH: 02 6884 8822

24 Aug– Pokolbin, Free Forklift Assessment.10 places only. Phone NSW Farmers Association Training, PH: 02 6884 8822

24 - 26 Aug – Darling Harbour, National Apple & Pear Conference PH: Luke Jewell 1300 794 000

Regional Services Manager Frances Vella on 0428 228 818

Region 9 – Southern Murrumbidgee

8 Sept- Hay Show & NSW Farmers Association Dog Jump Contest

10 Sept- Deniliquin, Chemical Card Course

17 Sept - Narrandera Chemical Card Course

18-20 Sept- Henty Field Days

28-29 Sept- Deni Ute Muster

For more information on any events in Region 9 contact Ben Poynter on 6962 9926

Region 10 - Southern Central

27th Aug – Wagga, Chemical Card Refresher, RSVP Robyn 6884 8822

28 Aug – Wagga, Wagga DC dinner, Wagga RSL Club 7pm, \$15pp RSVP Bill 6924 6429

29 Aug – Tumut, Gundagai DC dinner, Valley View Motel \$25pp RSVP Ken Skinner 6227 8527

31 Aug – Wagga, back on track - financial recovery after the drought forum, CSU, RSVP Farmlink 69244633

4 Sept – Culcairn, Henty DC Dinner, Culcairn Motel, free of charge - limited seats RSVP Andrew Thomson 6029 8622

6 Sept – Wagga, IR Seminar, RSVP 1300 794 000

18 -20 Sept – Henty, Henty Machinery Field Days

For information on any events in Region 10 contact RSM Deb Charlton on 6922 9297.

Region 11 – Southern Tablelands, Monaro, South Coast

21 Aug - IR Seminar Bega

22 Aug - IR Seminar Cooma

22 Aug - Oyster Field Day, Batemans' Bay

29 Aug- Region 11 Forum, National Museum, Canberra. More Information available on the Region 11 Webpage

30 Sep - Candelo – “Back to Kameruka” day. Reunion for all former employees, residents and families who have been involved with this historic property.

The Region 11 August Update is now available on the Website.

More information on these events available on the Region 11 Webpage or by contacting Liz Young on 6453 7111

Region 13 – North Coast

24 Aug- Forster, Oyster Industry Field Days, 9.30am to 2.00pm, Forster Tuncurry Memorial Services Club

29 Aug- Casino, NSW Farmers Association Cattle committee dinner, Cecil Hotel, 6.00pm start with info session changes to BJD management.

7 Sept- Casino, Chemical Card Refresher course

24 Sept- Macksville, Chemical Card Course

25 Sept- Taree Chemical Card Course

11 Oct- Grafton branch meeting, South Grafton Ex-Serviceman's Club, 7.30pm start
For more information contact Michael Burt on 6564 2355

17 Oct- Lismore, IE Seminar- Employer Advisory Program on the Federal Workplace Relations System, 12.00 to 3.00pm
