

FARM VOICE



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Lyn's corner

As I sit on my verandah with an enviable vista of plenty of dry grasses, emus racing, kangaroos boldly jumping past the front fence wondering whether to hop over to take advantage of the garden greens, and contented sheep ambling by, I feel enormously privileged. It is so quiet that I can hear our neighbour's woolshed humming seven kilometres away.

Contrast this with a busy day in the city where people are distractedly busy and the background noise penetrates every pore.

A Sydney friend recently bought a small farm in the Southern Highlands. It has been amazing to watch the transformation as her family and friends come to appreciate the things that we take for granted living on farms and in small communities.

She has joined NSW Farmers' Association to help her network amongst farming people as well as the obvious benefits of gaining necessary chemical certificates, industrial information and so on.

The NSW Farmers' Association Conference will be held in July with plenty of opportunity to catch up on city pursuits, so that you can return home relaxed and ready to appreciate that we do have the best environment to live in.

There has been a growing trend at the Conference for partners to share the duties of attending the meetings, giving one or other partner time out to attend the Partners' Program, as well as actively participating in the debates on the Conference floor.

The first partners' activity will be an opportunity to meet each other, enjoy a coffee and find out a little more about

the Conference, before an enjoyable and relaxing lunch at a nearby restaurant. On your return you can indulge your artistic side by participating in a professional floral workshop, with the twist being that you will be making floral centrepieces for the Conference Dinner and you will then get to take your creation home with you as a memento of your time at the Conference.

We will also be attending a live theatre show, "West Side Story". It is possible to invite your city sons or daughters, to attend with you on a request basis. Make it a family event if you have the opportunity.

For the foodies amongst you, there will also be the opportunity to attend the fantastic seafood cooking school at the Sydney Fish Markets (non seafood lovers will be catered for!).

You will return home reinvigorated after spending a rewarding week at the Conference whether you are debating serious issues or enjoying relaxing activities. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Kind regards
Lyn Armstrong



Lyn Armstrong with Marilyn Wyatt of Guyra on the Partners' Programme last year.

FarmCard benefits

The FarmCard Members' benefit program has expanded over the past few months to over 50 merchant providers.

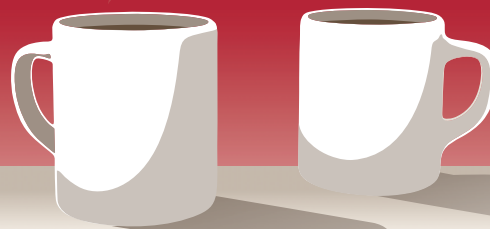
FarmCard is a Members only discount benefits program providing discounts on a range of services and products from farm supplies, lubricants and automotive to discounts on baby gifts, flowers, clothing and hotel stays.

New additions to the FarmCard program include:

- Hotel Club – up to 15 per cent discount over and above the already discounted prices.
- Shearing Supplies – 10 to 20 per cent discount
- Baby Buds – 10 per cent discount
- Dell Computers – receive the employee discount price when you purchase Dell products
- Tradelink – 5 to 10 per cent discount
- The Land Newspaper – up to a 17.5 per cent discount

As a Member of the NSW Farmers' Association your FarmCard provides you with direct discounts with each of the FarmCard providers. The offers, and how to access the discounts, can be viewed on the Association's web page at www.nswfarmers.org.au.

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