

January 2010

Happy New Year I hope you all received good rain over the Christmas/ New Year period. Here's hoping 2010 brings plenty more follow up rain.

There have been a few changes to the Regional Structure and I now welcome Members from the North Star, Warialda and Inverell DC's to the Northern Regional Membership Area. Barraba will now be included in the Central North Area. Below I have include a complete list of your closest Branch or District Council and the Chairs and Secretaries contacts. Please feel free to contact them with local issues.

It has been very busy since returning last week with such a contrast from bushfire/drought meetings to flood and natural disaster declarations.....that's the Australian climate for you!! If you need assistance with any of these applications, please remember there is assistance from Rural Financial Councillors (See contacts below). Sometimes this paperwork can be stressful on top of all the other stresses with these difficult events.

Please don't hesitate to call if I can be of any assistance.

Kind Regards

Gennie

*Reminder that **January Memberships are now due.** You should have your received your renewal invoice last month. If you have any problems or have not received it please contact myself or MSC. Typically, mail does go missing at this busy time of the year and also Australia Post did have a strike!!*

Upcoming events

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT	CONTACT	COST
8 Jan	am	UNE hall	UNE Orientation NSWFA/RSUS stand	Gennie Gittoes 67669949	NA
12/13 Feb	All day	Glen Innes Showground pavilion	NSWFA stand and prizes at the Glen Innes Show	Gennie Gittoes 67669949	NA

Issues Update

Bushfire or Flood Natural Disaster Relief – There have been several fires and floods that have impacted on rural properties in the Region, with damage to farm assets and loss of fodder and pasture. Many have been declared Natural Disaster areas. This now means transport subsidies and low interest loans are available to farmers who wish to apply.

For further information call the Rural Assistance Authority on 1800 678 593. For assistance with the paperwork contact your nearest Rural Financial Councillor

Rural Financial Councillor	Location	Contact
David Abbott	Armidale	0408936268
Fiona Grose	Casino	02 6662 6191
Kim Deans	Inverell	02 6721 0030
Ray Weinert	Manilla	0418212263
Barry Evans	Moree	02 6752 3561

Of interest

Tertiary Scholarship deadline looming – The Association is encouraging tertiary students to get their applications in for the 2010 Tertiary Scholarship program, with the deadline of 26 February approaching. Scholarships are worth \$5,000, and are the Association's way of helping to ease the financial pressures associated with studying. For further information, visit the website www.nswfarmers.org.au and download an application form, or alternatively contact the Member Service Centre on 1300 794 000. Applications must be received by fax or post by 5pm 26th February 2010.



Young Farmers and Students (aged 18-35) - FREE 12 month membership – JOIN NOW as a

Producer, Associate or Student member for a 12 month period. Get involved with an organization that fights for issues that will affect your future in rural and regional NSW – for further details please see the attached information and application or visit our website, www.nswfarmers.org.au

Funding for Students - Agriculture Minister Tony Burke has launched a new 'studentship' program to encourage more students into the field of Primary Industries. This is a partnership between RIRDC, the Australian Egg Corporation, Australian Pork, Cotton R&D Corporation, Grains R&D Corporation, Horticulture Australia and Grape & Wine R&D Corporation. The scholarship provides financial support of up to \$5000 per annum along with access to a professional mentor and more. It also offers relevant industry placement for graduates to gain experience. Application forms available at www.rirdc.gov.au or call RIRDC on 62714100. **Applications close 29th January 2010.**

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