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### **Header brake light win for farmers**

The NSW Farmers' Association welcomes the decision of the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) for finally taking the necessary measures to permanently exempt vehicles such as headers from installing brake lights, after extensive lobbying from the Association.

Association President Jock Laurie says the RTA's announcement follows six successive moratoriums since 2003 which removed this requirement and a promise in April 2006 to permanently exempt the vehicles.

### **WEMA to create new Single Desk model**

The Wheat Export Marketing Alliance (WEMA) will create a new wheat export single desk business model rather than pursue the AWB Limited, new subsidiary, demerger.

The new single desk model will have bulk export control, but will also work with other entities who can demonstrate a capacity to generate superior returns to growers through efficient procedures and effective management of costs.

### **Registrations still open for Apple and Pear Conference**

Growers are encouraged to attend the 2007 National Apple and Pear Conference in Sydney this week.

The conference, to be held this Friday 24 to Sunday 26 August, will explore the current issues affecting the industry and define the challenges ahead, including the impacts of globalisation, imports from New Zealand and protection of crops from extreme weather risks.

Guest speakers will include Federal Agriculture Minister Peter McGauran and Horticulture Australia Managing Director John Webster. [Click here](#) for a brochure and registration form.

### **RLPB Rate Review**

The independent review of the Rural Lands Protection Board rating mechanism has been released by the Minister for Primary Industries for public comment.

The review aims to determine the strengths and discrepancies in the current rating structure. Comments are due by 14 September 2007 and a copy of the report can be obtained from [www.rlpb.org.au](http://www.rlpb.org.au)

### **Upcoming Region specific meetings & events**

#### **Association training courses**

For information about training, dates and locations, please email [training@nswfarmers.org.au](mailto: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**

**31 Aug** - Goondiwindi, Chemical Card™

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

**6 Sept** - Inverell, First Aid

**6 Sept** - Narrabri, Plant Breeding Institute from 5pm, Narrabri DC have organised for Work Cover to answer OHS queries. BBQ to follow discussion, more details coming.

**7 Sept** - Bellata, First Aid

**8 Sept** - Moree, First Aid

Contact RSM [Alicia Wilson](#) for more information.

### **Region 2 – New England**

**21 Aug** - Tamworth 6.30pm Function with The Hon. Sussan Ley MP, Parliamentary Secretary to the Federal Minister for Agriculture, Good Companions Hotel. 6.30pm start at 6.30 pm. Cost \$20 for canapés /cock-tails.

**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**

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

**27 Aug** - Coonabarabran Branch AGM 7.30pm – Royal Hotel

**28 Aug** - Warren, DPI Implementing On-Ground ConFarming, 9.30-4.30 \$20, McKay/ Winnabri

**28 Aug** - Coonabarabran, Public discuss future of town & shire, Bowling Club 6.30pm

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

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

**12 Sept** - Dubbo, RSPCA AGM, Golf Club, 7.30pm - Contact Rick Lean 6882 7927

**13 Sept** - Narromine, Senior First Aid

**27 Sept** - Coonabarabran, DPI Implementing On-Ground ConFarming - Ring Ray Platt 6862 1000

For more information contact [Rick Bremner](#) on 6845 3842

### **Region 4 – Lower New England and Liverpool Plains**

**4 Sept** - Tamworth, GRDC-DPI Latest on Glyphosate resistance – Ag Institute 8.15am \$55 – Contact Tony Cook 6763 1250

For more information contact [Darren Greentree](#) on 0427 411 214

### **Region 6 – Central West Tablelands**

**23 Aug** - Drought Task Force, Parkes

**24 Aug** - Rural Mental Health Network Mtg, Mudgee

**28-29 Aug** - Parkes Show

**30 Aug** - Blayney DC

**31 Aug** - Drought Welfare Co-ordinating Comm Dubbo

**3 Sept** - Future Orchards Orange

**3 Sept** - Chemical Card Refresher and Initial (Almost full. Free)

For more information contact [Graham Blatch](#) on 6366 9104.

### **Region 7 – Sydney Basin**

**21 Aug** - Mangrove Mountain Memorial Club, 7pm start, Central Coast Hort Branch Meeting, PH: Michael Champion 02 4374 1036

**23 Aug** - Pokolbin, Free Forklift Assessment. 10 places only. Phone 68848822.

**24 Aug** - Pokolbin, Free Forklift Assessment. 10 places only. Phone 6884 8822

24-26 Aug - Darling Harbour, National Apple & Pear Conference PH: Lauren Grieve 8251 1838

Regional Services Manager [Frances Vella](#) on 0428 228 818

### **Region 9 – Southern Murrumbidgee**

**3 Sept - Brocklesby Corowa DC Dinner, Guest Jock Laurie.**

**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

**24 Sept** - Deniliquin, IR Seminar

**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**

**22 Aug** - IR Seminar Cooma

**22 Aug** - Oyster Field Day, Batemans' Bay

**29 Aug** - Region 11 Forum, National Museum, Canberra.

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### **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 on changes to BJD management.

**5 Sept** - Coffs Harbour branch meeting, Coffs Harbour Catholic Club, 7.30pm start

**6 Sept** - Far North Coast District Council Meeting, Casino RSM Club, 7.30pm start.  
Guest Speaker, Dr. Phil Kemsley - subject-Pesti Virus.

**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

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

For information on any events in Region 13 contact RSM [Michael Burt](#) on 65642355