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## NSW Pork AGM in Dubbo

### *Claim the date!*

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2007 in Dubbo will be a packed day for pig producers.

11.00am – 3.30pm

### Managing WorkCover Training Workshop

- A free training session for pig producers in how to best manage workers compensation
- places are limited to 2530 so please register your intent with NSW Farmers Association by phoning 02 8251 1700 or 02 8251 1835.

4.00pm – 6.00pm

### NSW Pork's Annual General Meeting

- motions setting the year's policies and lobbying activities - please send in motions
- elections of committee members - please send in nominations or they can be received on the day.

7.00pm

### NSW Pork's Annual Dinner

- Guest speakers will inform members of the Model Code of Practice for the Welfare of Pigs and the activities of the Australian Pork Industry.

### Managing WorkCover Training

The NSW Farmers Association received a grant from Australian Pork Limited, sponsorship from Prime Super and Elanco Animal Health and help from Hills Street Occupational Rehabilitation Service to develop and run training in the management of workers compensation for pig producers.

The concept was initiated by NSW Pork with the financial assistance of QBE Insurance. NSW pork has engaged Rob Blissett from Leadermaker P/L with Sharon Richens from Hills Street Occupational Rehabilitation Service to develop the training.

This is an exciting and valuable step from NSW Pork. After 4 hours, trainees will take home a tool kit on workers compensation and practical tips they can use to smooth the worries of workers compensation. And its FREE! Call 02 8251 1872 or 02 8251 1835 to register.

Another training day will be run in Lismore in May and the last one in Grenfell before the end of June. No more will be run so work out which location suits you best.

### Animal Welfare

The Model Code of Practice for the welfare of pigs is still being finalised by the government/industry writing group and is due for public release this May.

Producers need to become familiar with the changes we assume will occur regarding the length of time sows can be stalled, the size of stalls and crates, the stocking densities for any pig and when the changes will be enforced.

The Model Code will be the main information topic at the Annual Dinner for which NSW Pork will try to get the best speaker.

### PigPass

The national vendor declaration for pigs, "PigPass" is being reviewed to refine the

questions and layout. The paperwork needs to be simple to fill in and give the assurance the abattoirs need.

The PigPass is needed by those abattoirs that export pigmeat but killers for the domestic market do not seem to want the declaration from the producers. This is a major contrast to sheep and cattle abattoirs which are all demanding the appropriate declarations giving them the flexibility to market product

PigPass also includes declarations for quality assurance programs such as APIQ. Producers can be wary of committing to more paperwork and audits yet others need it to satisfy their market. The industry still remains a mixture of size of enterprise, market orientation and selling mechanism

the abattoirs need. If you have any comments please contact Australian Pork Limited on 1800 789 099 or NSW Farmers' Jane Littlejohn on 82511782 by Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February.

### Future of wheat export marketing

On 12 January 2007, Acting Prime Minister Mark Vaile announced the composition of a four person Wheat Export Marketing Consultation Committee (WEMCC). Following this WEMCC announced that it would consult widely with the Australian grains industry, particularly growers, about their wheat export marketing needs and to report to government on the results of its consultation by 30 March 2007.

The concerns of the pig industry have always been trying to manage grain costs when there is no price transparency and an inflated domestic price in times of drought.

To find out about how to have your say on what you see as the needs of the pig industry visit or contact:

[www.daffa.gov.au/wheat](http://www.daffa.gov.au/wheat)

Telephone: 02 6272 5941

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### Meeting times and locations

<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Venue</b>
Moree	8.30am	2 February	Moree Services Club
Gunnedah	2.30pm	2 February	Gunnedah Services & Bowling Club
Forbes	8.30am	3 February	Forbes Golf Club
Dubbo	2.30pm	3 February	Dubbo RSL Club
Wagga	8.30am	12 February	Wagga Country Comfort Hotel
Griffith	2.30pm	12 February	Griffith Ex Serviceman's Club
Finley	8.30am	13 February	Finley Returned Soldiers Club