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Farmer wants a wife – there's more out there!

NSW Farmers' Association President Jock Laurie wishes the best of luck to the six farmers in the new television program Farmer Wants a Wife– but says there are plenty more out there in country NSW.

Jock Laurie says the Association is promoting the idea that rural NSW is a great place to live and offers enormous opportunities for anyone who wants to embrace the country life-style – including those not from the land. [Click here](#) for more.

Armidale Meet the Candidates forum

The Association is hosting a 'Meet the Federal Candidates' forum in Armidale on Thursday 8 November.

The debate is open to all members of the Armidale Electorate and will be an excellent opportunity for people to meet their Federal candidates and consider their positions on vital local and federal issues.

The forum will be held at the Ex Services Club from 7- 9.30pm. For more information contact Gennie Gittoes on 6766 9949.

Executive Council kicks off

The NSW Farmers' Association's Executive Council is being held in Sydney today, Tuesday 30 and tomorrow, Wednesday 31 October, with more than 70 farming representatives debating a range of issues affecting rural NSW, including drought, equine influenza and climate change.

Pinkeye vaccine just in time

The Association supports the introduction into Australia of a vaccine which can reduce pinkeye in cattle.

The vaccine is a yearly treatment with a recommended retail price of \$3.50 per dose plus GST. For more information [click here](#).

RAS 2008 Rural Achievers Award

Applications for the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW 2008 Rural Achievers Award close tomorrow, Wednesday 31 October. [Click here](#) for more details on the award and how to apply.

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.

Upcoming Region Specific Meetings & Events

Region 1 – North West

13 Nov - Wee Waa - Centrelink Drought Bus, 9.30am - 4.30pm
14 Nov - Pilliga - Centrelink Drought Bus, 9.30am - 4.30pm
20 Nov - Inverell - Centrelink Drought Bus, 9.30am - 4.30pm
21 Nov - Ashford - Centrelink Drought Bus, 9.30am - 4.30pm

For more information contact Alicia Wilson on 6766 9946

Region 2 – New England

8 Nov – Armidale - 'Meet the Candidates' forum Ex Services Club. 7-9.30pm
14 Nov – Legume - Weeds Identification Day. Legume Hall 10-3pm. In conjunction with DPI.
1 Dec – Wollomombi - Farm Family Gathering BBQ lunch and entertainment (FREE). Great chance to have a Community get together before Christmas.

For more information call Regional Service Manager Gennie Gittoes on 0429180560

Region 3 – Central and North West

1 Nov - Narromine- DPI-Con.Farming (Extension day) – contact Ray Pratt 6845 443
9 Nov- Rylstone - Community drought buster event. Globe Hotel, 3pm. Contact David on 6379 1383
4 Dec- Dubbo – Farm Succession Planning- 9 to 4.00pm Contact Robyn 6884 8822

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

Region 4 – Lower New England and Liverpool Plains

30 Oct – Tamworth - Biological soils series. On the agenda is biological agriculture, carbon credits, improving soil structure and life in the soil. Tamworth Community Centre from 9am, and later in the field. Contact Col Easton on 6764 5940 for bookings or more information.
31 Oct – Kelvin Hall (near Gunnedah) - Biological soils series, agenda above. Starts 9am.
1 Nov – Gunnedah – Public Forum on Depression at the Rugby Club. Professor Chris Tennant, Hon. Prof of the University of Sydney and John Konrads, Olympic Gold Medalist will contribute to the forum. Free BBQ starts 6pm; forum begins 8pm.

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

Region 6 – Central West Tablelands

9 Nov - Rylstone Droughtbuster evening 4pm
16 -17 Nov – Mudgee - Carbon Farming Expo Conference, Australian Rural and Education Centre. 9.00am — 5.00pm. For more information phone Louisa Kiely on 02 6374 0329 or email: louisa@carboncoalition.com.au.
9 Dec - Orange - Family drought day. Buses to be arranged from Condo, Grenfell, Oberon, Cowra & Wellington.

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

Region 7 – Sydney Basin

7 Nov – Maitland - Initial and refresher Chemical accreditation, NSW Farmers Association Training PH: 6884 8822
8-9 Nov – Camden - Dairy Symposium. Contact: Angus Gidley Baird 1300 794 000
9-10 Nov – Clarendon - Small Farm Expo. Contact: Member Service Centre 1300 794 000

13 Nov – Vineyard - Hawkesbury Horticulture Branch Meeting, 7pm start. Contact Joe Danastasi 0418 210 547

3 Dec – Cobbitty - Camden Horticulture Branch Meeting, 5.30 pm tour of Uni Sydney PBI followed by 7.30pm meeting. Contact Glenn Fahey 0408 426 061

3 Dec– Pokolbin - Farm succession planning, NSW Farmers' Association Training
PH: 6884 8822

For more information on Region 7 events contact Regional Services Manager [Frances Vella](#) on 0428 228 818

Region 8 – Lower Central West and Slopes

For more information on any events in Region 8 contact RSM [Geoff Knight](#) on 6369 1701

Region 9 – Southern Murrumbidgee

1 Nov – Griffith - Regional Climate Change Forum – DPI at Griffith Exies Club ph 69601300

For more information on any events in Region 9 contact [Ben Poynter](#) on 6962 9926

Region 10 - Southern Central

6 Nov - Urana - The drought bus will be in town from 1.30pm

For information on any events in Region 10 contact RSM [Deb Charlton](#) on 6922 9297.

Region 11 – Southern Tablelands, Monaro, South Coast

29 Oct- Moruya - Free Workcover 'Serious about Safety' workshop, 3.00pm-6.00pm

3 Nov- Windellama Small Farms Field Day

7 Nov- Ulladulla - Free Workcover 'Serious about Safety' workshop, 9.30am-12.00pm

15 Nov – Bombala – Chemical Card Training

19 Nov- Bega - Free Workcover 'Managing for Safety' workshop, 9.30am-2.00pm

30 Nov- Queanbeyan - Free Workcover 'Managing For Safety', 9.30am-2.00pm

For more information visit the Region 11 Webpage or contact Liz Young on 6453 7111.

Region 12- Western Division

2 Nov- Balranald Branch Meeting - Hatfield Hall. Meeting will include a wool/meat session with guest speakers discussing sheep genetics, mulesing and ram breeding. A meat buyer will also explain what buyers want. Tea to follow. All welcome. Contact Joy Harris 03 5020 6887.

14 Nov – Bourke - Climate Change Forum. For more information call the Western CMA on 0268 722 144.

17 Nov - Hatfield Hall - Grease Lightning Ball. For ticket sale or inquires please contact Amber Croft on (03) 50206873.

30 Nov - Oxley/Booligal Branch Meeting/Farm Family Gathering at the Booligal Hall, 3:30pm. For more information call Helen Morphett on (02) 69 938 157. Farm Family Gathering at the Booligal Pub, with food provided by Danny Byrnes, Drought Support Worker. "Drinks on us" compliments of NSWFA for part of the evening.

For more information contact Regional Service Manager [Dougall Roberts](#) on 0428 411 221.

Region 13 – North Coast

25 Oct- Region 13 meeting - Coffs Harbour RSL Club, 10.00am start, with President Jock Laurie and Chief Executive Shaughn Morgan as Guests.

1 Nov- Far North Coast District Council Meeting, Casino RSM Club, 7.30pm start

3 Nov – Casino - Free Farmers Night Out, Casino RSM Club, 6.30pm start.

12 Nov- Wauchope, Chem Card Course, Please contact Robyn at NSWFA training on 68848822

19 Nov – Casino - Free Financial Skills Workshops for young farmers, 8.30am start, Please contact Robyn at NSWFA training on 68848822

20 Nov – Grafton - Free Financial and Business Skills Training for young farmers, 8.30am start, Please contact Robyn at NSWFA training on 68848822

21 Nov – Wauchope - Free Financial Skills Workshops for young farmers, 8.30am start, Please contact Robyn at NSWFA training on 68848822

22 Nov – Kempsey Chemical Card

For information on any events in Region 13 contact RSM [Michael Burt](#) on 6564 2355
