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Time to don your black ties and ball gowns

The NSW Farmers' Association invites you to help celebrate its 30 Year Anniversary this weekend with a Black Tie Birthday Ball on Saturday 28 June at The Pavillion in Quirindi.

All Members are invited to organise a table of friends to help celebrate at the *Quirindi Birthday Ball* where rugby great and journalist Peter Fitzsimmons will be the guest speaker for the evening. Local culinary delights will be a key feature showing off some of the best produce the New England region has to offer.

Buses have been organised from Gunnedah, Tamworth and Coolah. To secure your table at this great local event, please contact Judi Sheedy 6743 7248 or Darren Greentree 0427 411 214. Pre-booking is essential.

Urgent: Are you a private native forester?

The Association is seeking contact details for all private foresters in NSW. With the government about to begin the process of developing special legislation for Private Native Forestry it is vital that we have an effective means of communicating with you.

Private Native Forestry is a significant industry for regional NSW with strong potential for growth if the policy settings and regulatory framework are right. In 2007, the NSW Government placed private native forestry operations under the Native Vegetation Act. The Association and other industry groups opposed this, calling instead for an industry focussed regulatory model that supports sustainable use of this important resource.

To help the Association collect your views about the new legislation please enter your contact information into the online form.

If you harvest or intend to harvest native timber on your property for commercial sale you are a private native forester and we want to hear from you. Please pass this on to other private foresters you know and encourage them to also provide their details.

To access the online form click [here](#).

ChemClear registrations close shortly

The NSW Farmers' Association is encouraging Members to register for the upcoming ChemClear collection round before 4 July 2008.

ChemClear is a program providing farmers with an opportunity to dispose of any unwanted, unlabelled, mixed or out of date agriculture and veterinary chemicals. The NSW Department of Environment and Climate Change has provided the program with a \$50,000 grant that will subsidise the collection of Group 2 rural chemicals.

Interested Members should contact the ChemClear on 1800 008 182 or visit the ChemClear website by clicking [here](#).

White Cliffs/Wilcannia Branch re-activates today

The White Cliffs/Wilcannia Branch of the NSW Farmers' Association is meeting on 25 June for the first time in many years.

Members and non-Members are encouraged to attend the meeting starting at 5pm with dinner to follow at 7pm, at the White Cliffs Underground Motel.

Please RSVP to Dougall Roberts on 0428 411 221 or by email robertsd@nswfarmers.org.au

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Show off your produce

Following the success of the inaugural Regional Food Fair in 2007, the NSW Farmers' Association will once again feature our state's farmers as their raw product is shaped into contemporary gourmet delights served up for 450 guests. This year we will feature 15 different dishes each served alongside the details of the suppliers of the produce.

If you think you are producing the best beef, honey or oysters in NSW you can register you details or see a full list of produce requirements by contacting the Member Service Centre on 1300 794 000 or emailing ac@nswfarmers.org.au

Region 10 Convention next week

NSW Farmers' Association Members have until this Thursday 26 June to register their attendance at the Region 10 Convention to be held at Wagga Wagga RSL Club, Thursday 3 July 2008.

Members will hear discussion on the future of farming from The Land newspaper environmental journalist Dr Jennifer Marohasy and NFF Manager of Trade Policy Mr Scott Mitchell amongst others. The Conference starts at 2.00pm and concludes with a dinner.

Cost is \$25pp (includes Forum, afternoon tea, pre-dinner drinks & dinner).
 RSVP/Enquiries: Matthew Pearce, Regional Chairman T: 6946 5137 Mob: 0409 489 277
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FarmArt Competition

Are you able to capture the spirit of the bush in your photographs or paintings? The Association is calling on all Members to show their artistic streak, as we search for the most outstanding photograph, painting and children's poster.

The winner in the photographic and art competition will receive 2 return flights anywhere on the Rex airlines network. The winner of the Children's Poster Competition will win a Nintendo Wii.

For more information click [here](#) and for an entry form click [here](#).

Calling Rural Mental Health organisations

The Association is inviting appropriately experienced organisations to host Mental Health Information Sessions for farmers and farming service providers in NSW.

The aim of the sessions is to provide farmers and farming service providers with information about common mental disorders, strategies to help people with these and appropriate local referral options.

To access tender documentation click [here](#).

Online Horticulture Survey

The Association has created an online survey for Members to fill out with regard to our proposal to investigate publishing farm gate produce prices on the internet.

To fill out the online survey please click [here](#).

Training

Course	Location	Date
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Chemical Card- Initial & Refresher Accreditation	Wellington – funded	27/06/2008
	Finley	30/06/2008
	Forbes – funded	14/07/2008
	Ashford	18/07/2008
	Corowa	21/07/2008
	Canowindra – funded	22/07/2008
Warren - funded	24/07/2008	
Chemical Card – Initial	Online Pilot	25/06/2008
Chemical Card Refresher	Online 1pm – 4pm	30/06/2008
	Mudgee Field Days	18/07/2008
	Online 1pm – 4pm	21/07/2008
First Aid	Lightning Ridge	09/07/2008
	Cryon	10/07/2008
	Grenfell	24/07/2008

For bookings: please contact Robyn or Kathy on 02 6884 8822, or at training@nswfarmers.org.au

Note: Please book at least 7 days in advance for Chemical Card and First Aid training to allow time for delivery of the home study materials.

Region 1 – North West

27 June 6pm @ North Star Sporting Club, North Star: 'Mending Menz Mindz 'n' Bodz'. Free resources and health checks plus dinner. Enquiries: Primary Health Care Nurse Melanie Press (02) 6728 9026. Cost: NIL

For more information, contact Region1 Service Manager Alicia Wilson on 0427 437 103

Region 3 – Central and Northwest

24 June Tuesday 8.30am @ Gulargambone: Chemical Card Int/Refresher 1.30pm. Members \$265 Int.\$175 Refresh. Contact Robyn 6884 8822
27 June Friday 7.30am-12.00pm @ Dubbo RSL: Better Connections Workshop Presentation 8.00am -10.30am/ Workshop 10.30-Midday. Breakfast/lunch provided. Contact Stuart 1300 733 297
10 July Thursday 6.30pm @ Coonamble Bowling Club: Dinner "Changes Facing Today's Farmers." Free, but tickets from Coonamble DPI 9.30am-12.30pm Contact Tim 6822 8318
18-19 July @ Mudgee Small Farms Field Day, Mudgee
18 July Friday @ Mudgee Chemical Accreditation Refresher 10.00am or 1.00pm. Contact Robyn 6884 8822

For more information, contact Region 3 Service Manager Rick Bremner on 0427 773 495.

Region 4 – Lower New England & Liverpool Plains

24 June 7.30pm @ Nemingha Hotel: Cockburn Water users meeting. Contact Wayne Chaffey 02 67609154
28 June 7pm – late @ The Pavilion, Quirindi: Association Birthday Ball (Guest speaker Peter Fitzsimons). To book: Darren Greentree 0427 411 214. Only pre-paid tickets are available. \$60pp
26 June 7.30pm @ Tamworth City Bowling Club: Tamworth Branch meeting. Contact Laurie Chaffey 0267697583

For more information, contact Region 4 Service Manager Darren Greentree on 0427 411 214

Region 5 – Central West Lachlan

26 June 6:30pm @ Forbes Services Memorial Club, Forbes: "Tackling Tough Times Gathering" (Guest speakers John Harper and Barbara Fogarty). Enquiries: Regional Service Manager Hannah Williams on 0488 009 060
12 July 5pm @ Ungarie Showground, Ungarie: DPI Country Concert (featuring James Blundell). Enquiries: DPI Drought Support Worker Jan Bruce on 0427 257 191

For more information on events in Region 5, contact Regional Service Manager Hannah Williams on 0488 009 060

Region 6 – Central West Tablelands

24 June 8am -12 am @ Molong: Drought Bus
25 June 8am-12am @ Cumnock: Drought Bus
25 June 2pm-4pm @ Yeoval: Drought Bus
26 June @ Molong RLPB: NRAC Visit. Contact Graham Blatch
27 June @ Central Tablelands RLPB: NRAC visit. Contact Graham Blatch
28 June @ Mudgee RLPB: NRAC visit
29 June 9.30 am @ West Dubbo Bowling Club: National Grain Harvesters. Contact: Ron Swansbra
9 July 7.00 pm @ Hampton Halfway House: Dinner. Contact: John Lowe. Cost: \$25
12 July @ Bathurst: Drought Concert
18 - 19 July @ Mudgee: Field Day

For more information, contact Region 6 Service Manager Graham Blatch on 0427 411 220.

Region 7 – Sydney Basin

19 June 7pm @ Bull'n Bush Hotel, Medowie: Port Stephens AGM Branch meeting. Contact Don Burgyone on 0418 989 300
22 July @Port Stephens: Oyster AGM. Contact Richard Widows on 1300 794 000.
26 July @ Darling Harbour: Horticultural Industries Dinner. Contact Frances Vella on 0428 228 818

For more information on Region 7 events contact Regional Services Manager Frances Vella on 0428 228 818

Region 9 – Southern Murrumbidgee

26 June 7pm @ Griffith Exies Club: Griffith DC meeting. Contact Roy Stacy
11 July @ Booligal James Blundell Bush Concert FFG
17 July @ Corowa. ChemCard Course. Contact NSWFA Training Dept on 68448822
25 July @ Barellan James Blundell Bush Concert FFG
26 July @ Jerilderie James Blundell Bush Concert FFG
August 2008 Region 9 Convention (Deniliquin DC to Host in Conargo – (TBC)

For more information on Region 9, contact Services Manager Ben Poynter on 0427 773 584.

Region 10 Southern Central

26 June 7.30pm @ Wagga RSL Club, Wagga: Wagga DC AGM
3 July 2pm @ Wagga RSL Club, Wagga: Region 10 Regional Convention "Farming in the hot seat". Followed by dinner. RSVP Matt Pearce 6946 5137
4 July @ Urana: DPI drought concert for local area featuring James Blundell. Tickets required and available in local Urana area.

For more information on Region 10, contact Services Manager Debra Charlton on 0427 773 496

Region 11 – Southern Tablelands, Monaro & South Coast

21 June @ Moss Vale/Illawarra: Property Management Planning Course. Contact DPI - Maryke Archbold-Hession Ph 0246 406333, Mob 0408 492 039 or email:

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29 June @ Berridale: Property Management Planning Course. Contact DPI - Maryke Archbold-Hession Ph 0246 406333, Mob 0408 492 039 or email:

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4 July 11am @ Cooma Ex-Services Club: Cooma DC Meeting, Guest Speaker Steve Whan MP. Craig Mitchell, DC Chair. 12.30pm Lunch. Ph: 6453 3388

19 July 9.30am – 3.00pm @ Towrang Community Hall, Towrang: Rural Safety Day. Contact Helen Ward on 48286752 Or fax Jill Dyson on 48724883. FREE

2 August @ South Coast: Property Management Planning Course. Contact DPI - Maryke Archbold-Hession Ph 0246 406333, Mob 0408 492 039 or email:

maryke.hession@dpi.nsw.gov.au

For information on any events in Region 11 contact Regional Service Manager Liz Young 0428 411 218

Region 12 – Western Division

25 June 5pm @ White Cliffs Underground Motel: Wilcannia/White Cliffs Branch. Dinner and drinks to follow at the Underground Motel at 7pm.

For information on any events in Region 12 contact Regional Service Manager Dougall Roberts on 0428 411 221

Region 13 – North Coast

24 June 11.00 to 2.00pm @ South Grafton Ex Serviceman's Club: Region 13 General Meeting.

27 June 12.30pm start @ Old Kia Ora Road, Gloucester: Getting back to the Grass Roots Field day. Join Ted and James Laurie to discuss their beef pasture trails funded through the NSW Farmers Association National LandCare Program Grant. Please contact Toni Laurie on 65582304.

3 July 7.30pm @ Casino RSM Club: Far North Coast District Council Meeting

3 July 7.30pm @ CWA Hall, Verge St Kempsey: Macleay Valley branch meeting

For information on any events in Region 13, contact Michael Burt on 0428 228 988