

State Government urged to continue drought support

The NSW Farmers' Association says the NSW Government's extension of the drought Transport Subsidy Scheme is welcome, but more is needed to assist drought affected farmers.

Association President Jock Laurie says while extending the Transport Subsidies for another 3 months will be a great relief for farmers, there are other programs the Association is worried about

Rural Alliance outlines key problems

The *Rural Alliance* has outlined the key issues facing rural NSW to the NSW Government's Legislative Council Standing Committee on State Development in Sydney today.

The Rural Alliance consists of the NSW Farmers' Association, NSW Business Chamber, Country Women's Association of NSW, Local Government and Shires Association, Australian Livestock and Property Agent's Association.

Association President and Chairman of the Rural Alliance Jock Laurie said the key issues identified include red tape, infrastructure, local government autonomy and the need for an intergovernmental agreement, skilled labour, health and payroll tax.

New name - new Single Desk – new focus

The Wheat Export Marketing Alliance ('WEMA') has announced the establishment of a new entity which will take control of Single Desk wheat marketing and the National Wheat Pool from July 2008.

The new company, to be called Australia Wheat Ltd ('AusWheat'), is in the process of being devised with a strategic plan which will provide the basis for building the corporate structure of the Company.

Casino visit for Cattle Committee

The NSW Farmers' Association's Cattle Committee's recent visit to the Casino region has been considered a success.

The trip included farm visits and a tour of the Northern Co-operative Meat Company and was a great opportunity for cattle producers in that region to get a better understanding of developments in the industry.

Farm Safety function in Narrabri

Narrabri farmers are encouraged to attend a free farm safety information session next Thursday 6 September to get up to speed with on-farm occupational health and safety responsibilities.

The event will kick off at 3:30pm at the Narrabri Plant Breeding Institute and will be followed by a sausage sizzle and refreshments, and is proudly sponsored by the NSW Farmers' Association's Narrabri Branch and District Council. Please RSVP to Alicia Wilson on 0427 437 103. [Click here](#) for more details.

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

Upcoming Region specific meetings & events

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.

Region 1- North West

6 Sept - Inverell, First Aid

6 Sept - Narrabri, Plant Breeding Institute from 5pm, Narrabri DC have organised for Work Cover to answer OHS queries. Telstra Farm Comm Rep will also be in attendance to help with any telecommunications queries Drinks and BBQ to follow discussion, please RSVP to Alicia Wilson as soon as possible on 0427 437 103.

7 Sept - Bellata, First Aid

8 Sept - Moree, First Aid

Contact RSM Alicia Wilson for more information.

Region 2 – New England

For more information contact Gennie Gittoes on 6766 9949.

Region 3 – Central and North West

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

19-20 Sept - Gunnedah, Centre Pivot and Lateral Moves training course. 8.30am – 4.30pm, \$330 incl GST, limited to 15 people. Contact: Debbie Atkins on 4570 1763 or 0415 135 457

For more information contact Darren Greentree on 0427 411 214

Region 6 – Central West Tablelands

6 Sept - Wild Dog Meeting Orange

7 Sept - Mudgee Mtg with Brenda McGahan

11-12 Sept - Agriculture for the Future" Dubbo RSL

12 Sept - "Beyond Survival" Nashdale Hall

17 Sept- Bathurst DC

18 Sept - Region 6 Meeting at Molong with Mick Keogh on Climate Change

18 Sept - IR at Orange

19 Sept - IR at Bogan Gate

21 Sept - Rylstone with Telstra

26 Sept - "Building Beef Returns" Orange Field day site

27 Sept - First Aid course Bathurst

For more information contact Graham Blatch on 6366 9104.

Region 7 – Sydney Basin

24 Sept - Maroota, Chemical Card™ Training for Orchardists. Limited places; PH: NSW Farmers Association Training 02 6884 8822

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

Region 9 – Southern Murrumbidgee

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

26 Sept - Ardlethan DC, 'GM Information Update, Contact Mike O'Hare

28-29 Sept - Deni Ute Muster

10 Oct - Ardlethan DC Silo Safety Day, 10am start

18 Oct - Jerilderie, First Aid Training

19 Oct - Griffith, First Aid Training

24 Oct - Deniliquin, IR Seminar

For more information on any events in Region 9 contact Ben Poynter on 6962 9926

Region 10 - Southern Central

6 Sept - Wagga, IR Seminar, RSVP 1300 794 000

10 Sept - Wagga, ACCC fuel meeting, Country Comfort Motel 12pm

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

The Region 11 August Update is now available on the Website.

More information on these events available on the Region 11 Webpage or by contacting Liz Young on 6453 7111.

Region 12- Western Division

13 Sept - Ivanhoe Branch Meeting. Time: 5:00pm Venue: Ivanhoe RSL

For more information contact Regional Service Manager Dougall Roberts on 0428 411221

Region 13 – North Coast

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

12 Sept - Bellingen branch meeting, Diggers Tavern, 7.30pm start

24 Sept - Macksville, Chemical Card Course

25 Sept - Taree Chemical Card Course

28 Sept - Casino, Chemical Card Course

11 Oct - Grafton branch meeting, South Grafton Ex-Serviceman's Club, 7.00pm 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