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Wheat Rally

Yesterday wheat growers from across New South Wales converged on Parliament House in Canberra, illustrating their frustration with the Federal Government regarding consultation on the wheat marketing bill.

Approximately 600 frustrated growers attended the rally organised by the Wheat Growers Action Group (WGAG) and supported by the NSW Farmers' Association.

US Ambassador visits Central West today

The NSW Farmers' Association is hosting a visit by the Ambassador of the United States of America, Robert McCallum to the Central West this week.

Ambassador McCallum will visit Orange today and Parkes on Wednesday to discuss issues including quarantine, the US Farm Bill and biofuels.

The Association welcomes the visit by the Ambassador, who will meet with NSW Farmers' Association Horticulture Committee Chair Peter Darley in Orange, and Executive Councillor Wayne Dunford in Parkes.

We want your produce

Are you producing the best veal, pomegranates, limes or olives in NSW? We want your goodies!

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 supplier of the dishes produce.

For a full list of produce requirements email ac@nswfarmers.org.au or call the Members' Service Centre 1300 794 000.

How long have you been a Member?

This year marks the 30th Anniversary of the amalgamation of three organisations to form the NSW Farmers' Association.

Part of the celebration of the Association's history involves finding the person who holds the longest continuous membership with the Association or any of its predecessors. The winner will receive a trip to Sydney to attend Annual Conference 2008.

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

Region 10 puts "Farming in the Hot Seat"

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

Starting at 2.00pm and concluding with a dinner, 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.

Cost is \$25pp (includes Forum, afternoon tea, pre-dinner drinks & dinner).

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FarmArt Competition

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. This is your opportunity to show us your images of life on the land.

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

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

You're invited...

The Association is celebrating its 30 Year Anniversary next 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.

Only pre-paid tickets are available at \$60pp. Please call Darren Greentree 0427 411 214.

Region 11 Convention this Friday

Hear speakers discuss this year's Region 11 Convention theme "*Change- the stone age didn't end because we ran out of stone*" next Friday at the National Press Club in Canberra.

Members are invited to attend on Friday 20 June from 10am.

Cost for Members is \$45pp. \$50 for non-members. Enquiries to Howard Crozier 02 62381134.

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 | Tullamore – funded | 19/06/2008 |
| | Wellington – funded | 27/06/2008 |
| | Finley | 30/06/2008 |
| | Forbes – funded | 14/07/2008 |
| | Ashford | 18/07/2008 |
| 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

19 June – 7pm, RSM Club, Inverell – Information Night for Primary Producers to discuss saleyards issues (hosted by Inverell Branch)

27 June – 6pm, North Star Sporting Club – ‘Mending Menz Mindz ‘n’ Bodz’ resources and health checks plus dinner. Please contact Melanie Press, Primary Health Care Nurse, on ph. (02) 6728 9026 for further information and to RSVP to this free community event.

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

Region 3 – Central and Northwest

19 June – Tullamore – Chemical Card / Init 8.30am/Refresh 1.30pm Free Contact Robyn 6884 8822

20 June – Peak Hill – Stipa Grazing Management Contact Xanthe 0402 117 790

24 June – Gulargambone Chemical Card Int 8.30am/ Refresher 1.30pm, Members \$265 Int.\$175 Refresh.Contact Robyn 6884 8822

27 June – Dubbo – Better Connections Workshop, RSL 7.30 for Presentation 8.00-10.30am/ Workshop 10.30- 12.00pm Breakfast/lunch provided Contact Stuart 1300 733 297

10 July – Coonamble – Changes Facing Today’s Farmers, Dinner, Bowling Club, 6.30pm free, but tickets from Coonamble DPI 9.30am-12.30pm Contact Tim 6822 8318

18-19 July – Mudgee – Small Farms Field-day, Fri 18th Chemical Accreditation Refresher 10.00am or 1.00pm. Contact Robyn 6884 8822

28 - 31 July – NSWFarmers Annual Conference - Homebush

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

Region 4 – Lower New England & Liverpool Plains

28 June – Association celebrates 30th Anniversary at The Pavillion, Quirindi. Only pre-paid tickets are available at \$60pp.

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

Region 5 – Central West Lachlan

20 June – Ardlethan Ladies Pamper Day (Sandra Martin)

24 June – Ungarie Ladies Pamper Day (Sandra Martin)

26 June – “Tackling Tough Times” Gathering, speakers include John Harper (Mate helping Mate) and Barbara Fogarty (Clinical Psychologist), 6:30pm start, Forbes Services Memorial Club, Forbes

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

Region 6 – Central West Tablelands

17 June – US Ambassador Orange

27 June – Grain Harvesters meeting Dubbo

27 June – Chemical Card Wellington

30 June – Drought Bus in area

1 July – Launch of Drought recovery package

2 July – Oberon Dinner

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

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Region 7 – Sydney Basin

19 June – Medowie, Port Stephens AGM Branch meeting, Bull'n Bush Hotel, 7pm start.
Don Burgyone 0418 989 300

11, 12 & 13 June – Sydney Olympic Park, 2008 Joint NSW Dairy Conference, Novotel.
Dairy Section 1300 794 000

22 July – Port Stephens, Oyster AGM, PH Richard Widows 1300 794 000

26 July – 2008 Horticultural Industries Dinner, Darling Harbour PH: Frances Vella 0428 818

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

Region 8 – Lower Central West

Drought Bus Schedule for Tuesday 17 June to Friday 20 June 2008

17 June – Gunning 9.30am 4.30pm Gunning Court House, Yass Street

Yass, NSW Wednesday 18 June, 2008 9.30am 4.30pm Parking bays, Cnr Browne and Comour Streets

19 June – Cootamundra 9.30am 4.30pm Cootamundra Development Corporation, Parker Street

20 June – Temora 9.30am 4.30pm In front of Paleface Park, Hoskins Street

Region 9 – Southern Murrumbidgee

30 June – Chem Card Course Finley Contact NSWFA Training Dept on 68448822

11 July – James Blundell Bush Concert FFG Booligal

17 July – Chem Card Course Corowa Contact NSWFA Training Dept on 68448822

25 July – James Blundell Bush Concert FFG Barellan

26 July – James Blundell Bush Concert FFG Jerilderie

TBC August – Region 9 Convention (Deniliquin DC to host in Conargo)

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

Region 10 Southern Central

23 June – Lockhart, Chemical card training, RSVP Robyn: 6884 8822

26 June – Wagga, Wagga DC AGM, Wagga RSL Club, 7.30pm

3 July – Wagga, Region 10, Regional Convention, Wagga RSL Club "Farming in the hot seat" further details TBA

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

20 June – Region 11 Convention, Friday 20th June 2008 at the National Press Club, Canberra. Theme is *"Change - the stone age didn't end because we ran out of stone"*. An impressive and exciting line up of speakers so don't miss this great day out.

21 June – Property Management Planning Courses – run by the DPI. Moss Vale/Illawarra. For more information contact Maryke Archbold-Hession Ph 0246 406333, Mob 0408 492 039 or email: maryke.hession@dpi.nsw.gov.au

29 June – Property Management Planning Courses – run by the DPI. Berridale. For more information contact Maryke Archbold-Hession Ph 0246 406333, Mob 0408 492 039 or email: maryke.hession@dpi.nsw.gov.au

2 August – Property Management Planning Courses – run by the DPI. South Coast. For more information contact 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

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Region 12 – Western Division

25th June – Wilcannia/White Cliffs Branch Meeting 5pm at the White Cliffs Underground Motel. 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

19 June – Kyogle branch meeting, Exchange Hotel, 7.00pm start

24 June – Region 13 General Meeting, South Grafton Ex Serviceman's Club, 11.00 to 2.00pm

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