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### **Down a GP? You're not alone**

A worsening doctor shortage in rural areas has many communities facing a dire future for health services, according to the NSW farmers Association.

The Association says the worsening medical workforce shortage is clearly evident in regional communities like Baradine and Coonamble where people are facing no continuity of care and lengthy waiting lists.

### **Horse flu help available**

The NSW Farmers' Association says Australian Government assistance for people and businesses affected by the outbreak of Equine Influenza will be very welcome in rural NSW.

Association President Jock Laurie says the additional costs and financial losses being experienced in rural NSW are significant.

### **Horse influenza quarantine inquiry just the first step**

The NSW Farmers' Association welcomes the Prime Minister's recent announcement to hold a judicial inquiry into the Equine Influenza virus outbreak.

However, Association President Jock Laurie says the inquiry under Justice Callinan should only be the first step.

Mr Laurie said the Association has been calling for a Royal Commission into this quarantine breakdown, but appreciates and accepts the Government's offer of a less complicated forum to investigate it.

### **Region 6 tackles big issues**

The NSW Farmers' Association is encouraging all members, and interested farmers to attend the Region 6 Convention next Tuesday 18 September.

Guest speakers will include the Australian Farm Institute's Mick Keogh, who will look at alternative fuels and global warming.

### **Call for Letters to the Editor**

The next edition of The Farm Post is due out in The Land newspaper on 4 October and members are encouraged to submit Letters to the Editor.

The Farm Post is has a large readership which includes politicians and government, and is an excellent forum to express your views or concerns.

Please send your letters by Monday 17 September to Louise Lennon, PO BOX 22, Warialda 2402, email [lennonl@nswfarmers.org.au](mailto:lennonl@nswfarmers.org.au) or fax 67291 960.

### **Rural Women's award opens**

The Rural Industries Research & Development Corporation (RIRDC) Rural Women's Award, which recognises and encourages the vital contribution women make to rural Australia, is now open for nominations.

The Award provides a \$10,000 bursary for the winner and the opportunity for the winner and runner-up to participate in the RIRDC Australian Institute of Company Directors Course.

It is open to all women involved in agriculture, including forestry, fisheries and natural resource management and related service industries. Applications are now open and close on 15 October. For more information go to:

<http://www.agric.nsw.gov.au/rwn/rirdcaward.htm> or call 02 6391 3620.

## **Upcoming Region specific meetings & events**

### **Association training courses**

For information about training, dates and locations, please email [training@nswfarmers.org.au](mailto: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**

**20 Sep-** Bellata, First Aid

For more information contact Alicia Wilson

### **Region 2 – New England**

**13 Sept** - Legume, 5pm, Legume Branch meeting and nibbles at Legume Hall

**12 Oct** - Guyra 9.30am start, Regional Convention with presentations from Jock Laurie and Shaughn Morgan. Telecommunication speakers from Telstra and Opel.

For more information contact Gennie Gittoes on 6766 9949.

### **Region 3 – Central and North West**

**18 Sept** - Inaugural Nyngan Mental Health Service Network, CWA Pangee St, 9.00-3.00pm. Contact Jennifer Francis 6892 4003

**20 Sept** - Dubbo, IR/ EAP/ Fed. Workplace Rel's System– RSL –7.30-9am Acct' & Lawyers FREE

**20 Sept** - Dubbo, IR/ General EAP – RSL – 10.30-3.30pm FREE Public and members

**25 Sept** - Warren, Understanding Farm Financial Statements – 8.30-12.00pm - FREE

**25 Sept** - Warren, Financing The Farm, 1.00pm-4.30pm - FREE

**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**

**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 8 – Lower Central West and Slopes**

**19 Sept** - Mental Health night at Cootamundra

**20 Sept** - Climate Change Forum at Cowra

**3 Oct** - Farm Financial skills training at West Wyalong (Free)

**16-18 Oct** - Australian National Field Days at Orange

**22 Oct** - Succession Planning workshop at Yass

**23 Oct** - Succession Planning workshop at Cootamundra

For more information on any events in Region 8 contact RSM Geoff Knight on 6369 1701

### **Region 9 – Southern Murrumbidgee**

**17 Sept** - Narrandera Chemical Card Course

**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**

**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 has been issued to all members with fax and email and is available on the Website or by contacting Liz Young on 6453 7111.

### **Region 12- Western Division**

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

**20 Sept** - Bourke, Sam Bailey's Inspirational Talk at Kidman Camp, Bourke

**3 Oct** - Kilfera Field Day (near Ivanhoe)

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

### **Region 13 – North Coast**

**24 Sept** - Macksville, Chemical Card Course

**25 Sept** - Taree Chemical Card Course

**28 Sept** - Casino, Chemical Card Course

**3 Oct** - Bellingen branch meeting, Diggers Tavern, 7.30pm start

**5-6 Oct** - Pro-Ag Field Days, Macksville Showground

**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