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Holiday break for drought-stricken farmers

Drought affected farming families are encouraged to apply for free holidays as part the NRMA Motoring & Services and the NSW Farmers' Association's Helping Farming Families Program.

The Program will give away 1250 nights of free accommodation at any one of NRMA's five Holiday Parks across NSW. The deadline for applications is 28 November. [Click here](#) for more.

Call for Members to provide feedback on Constitution review

The NSW Farmers' Association's Constitutional Review Taskforce has undertaken a review of the Association's Constitution to make it plain English and ensure it complies with current legislation and regulations.

The Taskforce is seeking feedback from Members, along with any further matters that would improve the operation of the Association before it reports to Executive Council in March 2008.

Please [click here](#) to review the Constitution, read the revised plain English version or give feedback and suggestions.

AWI board results welcomed

The NSW Farmers' Association's Wool Committee congratulates Dr Kevin Bell, Mr Roger Fletcher and Mr Charles Olsson on their election as Directors of the Australian Wool Innovation (AWI) board.

The Wool Committee looks forward to working with the successful candidates in the future to ensure a profitable industry for all producers. [Click here](#) for more.

University must be affordable for country students

The NSW Farmers' Association is calling for Youth Allowance to be available to all rural students studying away from home.

A new report shows eligibility for Youth Allowance income support is a major barrier to rural students accessing tertiary education. [Click here](#) for more.

Farmbis feedback needed

NSW Farmers' Association Members are encouraged to have their say on the business training needs of the industry, with Farmbis now available again in NSW.

Farmbis Networker, who is employed by the Federal Department of Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry, Gerard McEvilly (who is based in the NSW Farmers' Association's Sydney office) is keen for feedback from Members about the types of training on offer. Email gerard.mcevilly@daff.gov.au.

To check on course availability head to the Farmbis website http://www.farmbis.com.au/approved_courses.asp or for advice regarding the administration and eligibility of training call 1800 195 543.

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

21 November, Ashford - Centrelink Drought Bus, 9.30am - 4.30pm

For more information contact Alicia Wilson on 6766 9946

Region 2 – New England

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

24 Nov - Coonamble- Farm Family Gathering. Contact Pip 6881 1266

27 Nov- Trangie Research Station/ Native Grass Identification. 1.00-5.00pm contact Angela / Stipa 6845 1044
28 Nov- Trangie Research Stn/ Native Grass Indent. 8.30-1.00pm contact Angela / Stipa 6845 1044.
28 Nov- Baradine- Public Speaking competition- 6.30-8.30pm. contact Peter 6845 1770
4 Dec - Dubbo – Farm Succession Planning. 9 to 4.00pm. Contact Robyn 6884 8822
5 Dec - More Beef from Pastures Expo - Dubbo Golf Club. 9-3.00pm. Cost is \$20. To register contact MLA 1800 675 717.
10 Dec - Dubbo- Chemical Card, Initial 8.30am & Refresher course 1.30pm. Contact Robyn 6884 8822

For more information contact Rick Bremner on 6845 3842

Region 4 – Lower New England and Liverpool Plains

22 Nov - Tamworth District Council's Christmas Gathering. City Bowling Club, Napier Street, Tamworth. \$18.50 per head for 2 course meal and entertainment. RSVP by 19 November to Laurie Chaffey 6769 7583.
5 Dec – Gunnedah - First Aid Training, 9am - 4pm. For more info contact Robyn Diamond on 6884 8822. You must register a minimum of 7 days prior to the workshop to allow time for participants to receive and complete the home study material.

For more information contact Darren Greentree on 0427 411 214

Region 6 – Central West Tablelands

9 Dec – Orange Farm Family Day. All farmers in Central West and Lachlan invited.

For more information contact Graham Blatch on 6366 9104.

Region 7 – Sydney Basin

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

Farming Small Areas Expo Winner of RM Williams Boots Prize – Joe Bugeja of Wallacia. Congratulations Joe and thank you for visiting us at the Expo.

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

22 Nov - Griffith DC - Drought Assistance Meeting. Griffith Exies - Guest Rody O'Grady from Centrelink Rural Team.
22 Nov - Yanco DPI Organic Spelt Field Day
22 Nov - Murrumbidgee Irrigation AGM 7.30pm

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

Region 10 - Southern Central

1 Dec – Coolamon – drought gathering, featuring Graham Connors, local Coolamon shire residents welcome.

For information on any events in Region 10 contact RSM Deb Charlton on 6922 9297.

Region 11 – Southern Tablelands, Monaro, South Coast

27 Nov- Bega - Free Workcover 'Managing for Safety' workshop, 9.30am-2.00pm
29 Nov - Bega - Vice President Richard Clark visiting - Branch meeting at 6.30pm followed by Dinner at 7.30pm, more details will be provided to members soon
30 Nov- Queanbeyan - Free Workcover 'Managing For Safety', 9.30am-2.00pm
5 & 12 Dec – Bombala - “Bouncing Back – Coping Skills for Tough Times” – a FREE two day course about minimising the impact of worry and stress in our work and family life. Learn practical, take-home skills to get your mind working for you - not against you. Part 1: 5 December, Part 2: 12 December, 10am to 4pm at Bombala (venue to be confirmed). To RSVP please call the Monaro Regional Drought Recovery Service Network on 6124 9870 or Liz Young.

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

Region 12- Western Division

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

For more information contact Regional Service Manager Dougall Roberts on 0428 411 221.

Region 13 – North Coast

21 Nov – Wauchope - Free Financial Skills Workshops for young farmers, 8.30am start, Please contact Robyn at NSWFA training on 6884 8822.

30 Nov- Murwillumbah, Chemical Card Course.

30 Nov- Kyogle branch meeting and Christmas Dinner, Kyogle Golf Club, 7.00pm start.

1 Dec- Macleay Valley branch Christmas dinner, Brindabella Resturaunt, Rudder St, Kempsey. Please phone Susan on 6566 8081.

5 Dec- Coffs Harbour branch meeting and Christmas Dinner, Coffs catholic Club, 7.00pm start.

6 Dec- Nambucca River branch Christmas Dinner, Macksville Chinese Restaurant, 7.00pm.

13 Dec- Grafton branch Christmas Dinner, Golden Dog Hotel, Glenreagh, 6.00pm for 6.30 start. Finger food available on arrival.

For information on any events in Region 13 contact RSM Michael Burt on 6564 2355
