

## Online Newsletter

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### **Farm Day creates understanding**

The Association is encouraging farmers to play host for a day to spread understanding, education and enthusiasm about farming around our cities.

People who are willing to participate in Farm Day 2008 over the weekend of 24 – 25 May can create more than just friendship. You will host a city family for a day of real hands-on experiences and a greater understanding of the day-to-day life of the farming family, which is very positive for all involved

The host farm and their guests will be personally matched together based on criteria such as distance they are willing to travel, ages of children and special interests. To learn more, or to sign-up for Farm Day 08, farmers should visit the official Farm Day website at [www.farmday.com.au](http://www.farmday.com.au) or call 1300 367 036.

### **CDMA out on Monday!**

The CDMA Network will shut down next Monday, so the Association is urging everyone to ensure they have made the switch in time.

If you have an unresolved issue, contact Telstra immediately through its dedicated 1800 888 888 freecall hotline immediately, and if the issue remains unresolved, the Federal Communications Department should be contacted on 1800 883 488.

### **Deadline!**

2 May is the cut off date for Annual Conference Motions. They are due into Head Office by close of business. Contact 1300 794 000

### **Western farmers' options for problem vegetation**

Farmers are encouraged to apply for funding under a pilot program to demonstrate the effectiveness of different management options for controlling Invasive Native Scrub (INS), the cause of both environmental and production problems in western NSW.

The pilot project is a joint initiative between NSW Farmers' Association, Western Catchment Management Authority (CMA), Central West CMA, Namoi CMA and the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Forestry, and is funded by the Australian Government under the Native Vegetation Regional Pilot Project program.

Landholders living in the Cobar, Nyngan and Walgett regions are urged to fill out and return an expression of interest form as soon as possible. With limited funding available, it will be first come, first served.

For more information or to request an expression of interest form, contact Vanessa McFarland on 0427 773 583 or email [mcfarlandv@nswfarmers.org.au](mailto:mcfarlandv@nswfarmers.org.au)

### **Mulesing - Hugo Boss**

The Association has joined with the Minister for Primary Industries, Ian MacDonald to call for Hugo Boss to visit Australian sheep farmers in light of their announcement to no longer buy wool sourced from farms that continue mulesing after the 2010 deadline.

While this is in line with the position the company has taken in the past, of concern, is that Hugo Boss have bundled breech clips into the same basket as surgical mulesing.

The Wool and Sheep Industry Taskforce is also trying to ensure that Hugo Boss has all the relevant facts regarding the clips and their associated welfare benefits over surgical mulesing.

For more information, click [here](#)

### **Wheat hearing – growers concerns on the table**

NSW Farmers' Association has today put forward Members concerns regarding the future of Wheat Export Marketing, at the Senate Committee hearing in Canberra.

A detailed submission to the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Standing Committee regarding the two Wheat Export Marketing Bills has been provided, and Grains Committee Chair John Ridley has appeared before the Committee today as the Association's representative.

The Association strongly supports the decision to hold the Inquiry, and is eager to see these, and other issues addressed.

### **Wheat Growers poll**

Independent MP Tony Windsor is polling wheat growers again in the hope of providing support for an orderly marketing system.

The Association is encouraging members to participate in the poll which will focus on what growers want for the future of their industry and whether they support changes proposed by the government. The result of the survey will go to the current senate inquiry.

Mr. Windsor has sent the poll to 24000 wheat growers across the country, and has extended the deadline until 28 April 2008.

If you have misplaced your form or not received one, you can contact Mr. Windsor's office either by phone: 02 67613080, fax: 0267613380 or email; [tony.windsor.mp@aph.gov.au](mailto:tony.windsor.mp@aph.gov.au)

### **Wool feedback**

Woolgrowers will have the opportunity to receive unique feedback from the world's largest spinner of white wool at the Annual Wool Forum in May.

The Keynote Address from German based company Sud Wolle's Purchasing Manager, Goetz Geibel is expected to be the highlight of the Forum.

Other speakers will also discuss quality assurance, supply chain finances, test marketing and branding. These addresses will be accompanied by plenty of time for questions and debate as well.

The Wool Forum will be held on Friday 2 May 2008 in Armidale at the Ex Services Club, Dumaresq St from 10am. For further details, contact the Member Service Centre on 1300 794 000.

### **Region 1 – North West**

22 April – Walgett East – DC AGM, 'Nomads' Cryon, 4.30pm.

23 April – North Star - AGM, North Star Sporting Club, 6.30pm. Guest speaker on grains-related issues

23 April – Inverell - DC AGM, Inverell RSM Club, 7pm. Guest speaker Federal MP Tony Windsor

24 April - Inverell – Chemical Card initial accreditation and refresher course 9am – 4pm

29 April – Boggabri – DC AGM - Baan Baa Hotel (TBC) with guest speaker State MP Kevin Humphries, 7pm

For more information, contact Region 1 Service Manager Alicia Wilson 0427 437 103

### **Region 2 – New England**

24 April – Bingara – Bingara Branch AGM 4.30pm Imperial Hotel

28 April – Deepwater - Top Pub 7pm Branch and Tenterfield DC AGM  
29 April – Glen Innes - DC AGM 7.30pm New England Club  
30 April – Guyra - DC AGM 7.30pm Rafter's Restaurant  
1 May – Armidale - DC AGM 7.30pm RLPB Taylor St  
2 May – Armidale – NSWFA Wool forum. From 10 am at the Ex-Services Club. A full day of events, with drinks to follow, will include a keynote address from representatives of German based company Sud Wolle, the world's largest spinners of white wool. The programme will also look at hot issues in wool including mulesing alternatives, branding, product value and many other relevant topics.  
5 May – Bingara – DC AGM -guest speaker on Carbon, *Graeme Swanke* DPI Tamworth. Short AGM with motions for conference  
9-11 May - Armidale - Wool Expo - a NSWFA stand in main tent great prizes giveaways and updates  
10 May – Armidale – “Cut out Party” for the young farmers. Great band, food and drinks.

For more information, contact Region 2 Service Manager Gennie Gittoes on 0429180560.

### **Region 3 – Central and Northwest**

22-23 April – Gilgandra – Show  
23 April – Coonabarabran – DC/Branch AGM and Annual Conference motions 7.00pm Royal Hotel  
29-30 April – Coonamble - Show  
2 May – CUT OFF DATE FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE MOTIONS TO BE IN HEAD OFFICE by C.O.B  
7 May – Tottenham – Saltbush establish and manage/Stipa \$75 non-members Contact Angela 6845 1044  
17 May – Yeoval – Junior Farmer & Rural Youth Reunion Dinner 6.00 for 7.00pm. Speaker Graham Blight, \$30. Contact Audrey Tremain 6887 8338

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

### **Region 4 – Lower New England & Liverpool Plains**

29 April – Manilla – DC AGM – Post Office Hotel, Manilla, 8pm. Contact Peter Gallagher 67 861524  
30 April – Gunnedah – DC AGM - the Verdict Café, Conadilly St, Gunnedah, 6pm. Guest speaker Doug Rankin from Caroon Coal Action Group. RSVP for catering by April 28, Rebecca Heath 6744 7821  
1 May - Merriwa - DC meeting - Merriwa RSL 7pm, contact Peter Campbell 0428 485 126  
15 May – Tamworth - Division of General Practice Powerhouse Hotel Tamworth 6pm, Guest speaker Dr Ray Seidler “Secret Men's Business”. Contact Tanya McLeish 67 661394.  
28 June – Quirindi - Region 4 Bush Ball – Guest speaker Peter Fitzsimons. Contact Darren Greentree for more details

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

### **Region 5 – Central West**

24 April – West Wyalong - DC AGM & Tallimba Branch meeting, 4pm BBQ, West Wyalong Hall  
29 April – Ardlethan AGM - Guest Speaker Kay Hull (Member for Riverina), 5pm start, London Hotel, Ardlethan  
30 April – Rankin Springs - DC motions for Annual Conference, flyer with more details to follow

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

### **Region 6 – Central West Tablelands**

23 April - Molong DC  
23 April - Wellington DC  
23 April - Mudgee DC  
26 April - Stand at Mudgee Wine Wings and Wheels Festival  
29 April - Mudgee DC and Gulgong Branch Mtg  
30 April - Oberon DC

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

### **Region 7 – Sydney Basin**

28 April - Online Chemical Card online refresher training, NSW Farmers Association Training, 9am-12pm PH: 6884 8822  
28 April – Richmond - Richmond Club, Hunter/Hawkesbury Horticultural District Council AGM, start 8pm PH: Glenn Fahey 0408 426 061  
28 April - Richmond Club, Cumberland Branch and District Council AGM, start 7pm PH: Ted Byers 9826 1371  
29 April – Central Coast - Horticulture Branch AGM, Mangrove Mountain Memorial Club, 7pm start PH: Michael Champion 4374 1036  
30 April – Singleton Branch AGM and Hunter District Council AGM, 2pm start PH: Bill Stacy 6577 8593 or Stephen Binnie 6577 8599

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

#### **Region 8 – Lower Central, West & Slopes**

23 April – Cootamundra - DC AGM, 7.00pm at the Services Club – contact Ros Robey on 6942 2318  
29 April - Grenfell – FREE chemical card training for members at the Bowling club from 8.30am to 4.00pm  
30 April - Yass - DC AGM -6.00pm dinner at Murrumbateman Country Inn – Chick Olsson guest speaker – contact Karen Carter on 6227 5507

For more information on Region 8 events contact Regional Service Manger Geoff Knight on 0427773581

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

28 April - Berrigan - DC Meeting, 7pm for Dinner. Contact Roger Reynoldson.

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

#### **Region 10 - Southern Central**

24 April – Wagga -DC Meeting, Wagga RSL Club 7.30pm  
28 April – Wagga - Chemical card training, RSVP Robyn 02 6884 8822  
29 April – Gundagai - DC meeting, Family Hotel, 7.30pm  
29 April – Henty - DC meeting, Culcairn Hotel, 7.30pm  
1 May – Junee - DC meeting, Ex-Services Club, 7.30pm  
12 May – Junee - Chemical card training, RSVP Robyn 02 6884 8822

For information on any events in Region 10 contact Regional Service Manager Deb Charlton on 6922 9297.

#### **Region 11 – Southern Tablelands, Monaro & South Coast**

24 April - Moss Vale - Branch AGM, Bowral Golf Club, 6pm dinner (optional and RSVPs required as per details on flyer), 7pm meeting.  
28 April - Bombala DC meeting with Jock Laurie  
29 April - Molonglo DC AGM with Jock Laurie  
29 April - Goulburn DC AGM with Jock Laurie  
29 April - Cooma DC meeting with Jock Laurie - Breakfast meeting, details to follow  
29 April - Molonglo DC AGM with Jock Laurie and John Kilmartin from Monbeef Cooma, 12noon, Anglican Parish Hall, Butmaroo Street, Bungendore  
20 June - Claiming the date - 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 is being arranged so don't miss this great day out - more details soon.

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

#### **Region 12 – Western Division**

26-27 April - White Cliffs - Gymkhana  
2 -3 May – Broken Hill - "Ag Fair"

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

**Region 13 – North Coast**

24 April- Kyogle branch meeting, Exchange Hotel, 7.00pm start

1 May – Casino - Far North Coast District Council AGM, Casino RSM Club, 7.30pm start

6 May – Macksville - North Coast District Council AGM, Macksville Ex-Serviceman's Club, 7.30pm start

7 May - Coffs Harbour - branch meeting, Coramba Hotel, 7.30pm start

13 May - Wingham - branch meeting, Wingham Golf Club, 7.00pm start

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