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**SOUTHERN REGIONAL MEMBERSHIP AREA incorporating the District Councils of
ALBURY, BEGA, BOMBALA, COOMA, HENTY, HOLBROOK, GUNDAGAI and MOLONGLO**

Dear Members

This newsletter provides a snapshot of the issues and events on in this area. Please do not hesitate to contact me for further information.

Regards

Liz

ISSUES

Exceptional Circumstances

Hume area - (affecting localities east of the Hume Highway such as Tumbarumba, Tooma, Holbrook and Tarcutta) was not extended past 31 March. We have issued a survey to all Members in this area to gather information to assist with an appeal against this decision if one is lodged.

Eurobodalla - Federal Government has received the revised application for EC in the Eurobodalla Shire (Shoalhaven area) and the Minister has referred the application to NRAC for assessment. This follows an earlier application that was assessed by NRAC which recommended that EC not be declared. The previous application covered a broader area which included Ulladulla, Batemans Bay, Moruya and Narooma.

Bombala/Cooma - is not due to finish EC until the end of April so was not included in the recent announcement – we hope to have an outcome on this area in the next few weeks.

Property Rights

Submission to Senate Enquiry – you should have received a fax or email over the weekend advising that the Association has received an extension to 17th March for submissions to the Senate Committee Inquiry into 'Native Vegetation Laws, Greenhouse Gas Abatement and Climate Change Measures'. The Association will provide a submission and if you are interested you can still lodge your own submission as well. Simply send your submission to NSW Farmers Association and it will be lodged along with the Association's submission. Further information regarding the Inquiry can be obtained at http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/fapa_ctte/climate_change/index.htm

Petition - the petition calling for the House of Representatives to restore farmers rights to sustainably manage and develop their properties which commenced at the rally at Parliament House in February is available on the website or give me a call and I will post one to you.

Modern Award – Shearing

All Members with wool and sheepmeat listed as commodities produced were sent a summary of the shearing provisions within the Pastoral Award 2010. Let me know if you missed yours.

Royal Easter Show – you can get a discount on tickets or be involved in the Food Farm. For ticket discounts for NSW Farmers' Association Members call 1300 730 631 or visit our website before 18th March 2010. To be involved in the "Ask a Farmer" program which will involve farmers informally engaging with children, families and answering questions about life on the farm, how farmers look after their animals and environment, please give me a call for more details.



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UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Monday 15th March at Wagga. Region 10 Elected Forum – This forum is for Branch and District Council Chairs and Secretaries to be provided with updates on Association activities from the President and Executive Councillors from Region 10. They will also receive the latest information on Commercial and Membership services on offer for Members. The elected will then be able to pass this information onto Members, especially over the AGM meeting period.

Friday 26th March at Rand Hall. A BBQ and film night being organised in conjunction with Albury North Rotary Club Various Government and Welfare Agencies will be present with information about drought support services as well as being available for individuals to chat to.

Saturday 17th April at Balldale. BIRDS IN THE BUSH. A FANTASTIC FUNCTION for ladies connected to the land in some way. Rural Care Link Inc, Centacare and the Department of Industry & Investment have organised experts to pamper our hard working ladies from head to toe. PLUS there will be entertainment, Guest Speakers, an unbelievable catered luncheon and LOTS AND LOTS of FABULOUS SURPRISES. Bookings are essential, places are limited, please ring Lois at 02 6026 3001 or 02 6026 3733 ah.

Tuesday 27th April at Nimmitabel. Dinner with **The Hon. Steve Whan MP**, Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Emergency Services, Minister for Rural Affairs and **Charles Armstrong** President, NSW Farmers' Association. Cost is \$20 for Members, \$25 for non-members, RSVP by 20th April to Craig Mitchell P: 6453 3388 E: gaerloch@activ8.net.au, Catherine Braddock P:6453 3077 E : braddockcj@activ8.net.au or Liz Scarlett

Wednesday 28th April at Tumut. Dinner with President of NSW Farmers' Association. Hosted by Gundagai DC, more details will be advised closer to the date.

Friday 7th May - closing date for motions for the 2010 Annual Conference.

FREE MEMBERSHIP FOR YOUNG FARMERS

Young Farmers (aged 18-35) JOIN NOW as a Producer, Associate or Student member for a 12 month period. Get involved with an organisation that fights for issues that will affect your future in rural and regional NSW – for further details please visit our website, www.nswfarmers.org.au

*A reminder that **January Memberships are now overdue.** You should have your received your renewal reminder last week. If you have any problems or have not received it please contact me or the Member Service Centre on 1300 794 000.*

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like further information on issues or events in the Southern area.

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