

28th September 2007

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Association to Hold Drought Meetings

NSW Farmers Association Members living in drought stricken areas are invited to attend a series of important gatherings in Deniliquin, Hillston, Lake Cargelligo, Warren, and Wee Waa.

The meetings will be an opportunity for you to discuss current conditions, drought assistance measures, financial and personal impacts in regional communities and what your Association is doing on drought.

Details of the meetings are Deniliquin (11am - 12.30pm on Wednesday 3 October), Hillston (5pm - 6.30pm on Wednesday 3 October); Lake Cargelligo (11am - 12.30pm on Thursday 4 October); Warren (6pm - 7.30pm on Thursday 4 October); and Wee Waa (11am - 12.30pm on Friday 5 October). For more details, please contact the Member Service Centre on 1300 794 000.

Dairy Farmers Obtain Price Increase

The NSW Farmers' Association welcomes recent farmgate price increases for dairy farmers, saying these increases are positive steps towards securing the fresh milk supply for NSW.

Processors, Dairy Farmers and Norco, have recently increased the price paid to farmers by 5 cents a litre and the Association's Dairy Committee would encourage other processors to do likewise.

NSW Farmers' Association Salutes Brenda McGahan

The NSW Farmers' Association Wool Committee would like to acknowledge Ms Brenda McGahan's contribution to the Australian Wool Industry through her enthusiastic commitment to the delivery of the Test Marketing Project.

Ms McGahan is leaving her position as Executive Director of The Woolmark Company and will be long remembered for establishing the imagery to reinvent Australian merino wool as differentiated premium quality fibre.

Guyra Hosts Region 2 Convention

NSW Farmers' Association invites New England farmers to meet President Jock Laurie and Chief Executive Shaughn Morgan at the Region 2 Convention in Guyra on Wednesday, 10 October.

Topics covered at the forum will include carbon trading and climate change and legal issues surrounding enclosed roads and native vegetation.

The forum will be held at Rafters Restaurant Guyra from 10am - 4pm. Cost is \$10 p/p which includes lunch and tea breaks. Please RSVP by Friday 5 October to Gennie Gittoes on ph 6766 9949.

2007 NSW Women's Gathering Registrations Closing Soon!

Don't miss the 2007 Women's Gathering, to be held in Hay on 2 - 4 November.

The Gathering is a wonderful opportunity for women from all over NSW to come together and network or just have fun, with the weekend offering participants tours, dinners, a wide range of workshops and keynote speakers.

Registrations close 5pm Friday 28 September. For more information including program and registration information visit www.wgnsw.com or call 1300 30 70 90.

Grain and Graze Field Day in Warialda

North West farmers are encouraged to attend a Grain and Graze field day at the McMaster Research Station, Warialda on Friday 19 October, 9:30am - 5pm.

Key topics covered will include advances in precision agriculture, launch of the McMaster Mixed Farming System Trial and the latest varieties of triticale, legumes, tropical grasses and lucerne. The McMaster Research Station is 37km northwest of Warialda on the North Star road. For more information contact Dr Chris Guppy on 6773 3567.

Chemcard Refresher at Australian National Field Day, Orange

Update your Chemical Accreditation while attending the ANFD on Tuesday 16 October, Orange, to ensure you meet the requirements of the Pesticides Act.

NSW Farmers' Association is offering reaccreditation by home study and a practical assessment (allow 2 hours) at their stand at the field days.

Association Members: \$175.00pp; Non Members: \$220.00pp. Need to register by Tuesday 9 October to allow time for delivery of home study material. For details contact: Robyn Diamond on 02 6884 8822 or email: training@nswfarmers.org.au

Upcoming Region Specific Meetings & Events

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.

Region 1- North West

3 Oct- Narrabri, Industrial Relations Seminar

19 Oct- Warialda, Grain & Graze Field Day at McMaster Research Station

Contact RSM Alicia Wilson for more information or visit the Region 1 section on the Association website to view the latest newsletter

www.nswfarmers.org.au/about_us/regional/region_1/region_1_newsletter

Region 2 – New England

4 Oct- Walcha 6.30 pm, Lyn Fragar speaking on 'Future of Agriculture and how to do things differently'. Free dinner. Walcha Bowling Club

10 Oct- Guyra, 9.30-4.30pm – Regional Convention with presentations from Jock Laurie and Shaughn Morgan. Speakers from Telstra and Opel to answer your questions on Broadband. After lunch speakers on Carbon and a presentation of the 'Top of the Range Tomato Factory'

Region 3 – Central and North West

4 Oct – Trundle, UFFS and Financing the Farm – FREE

4 Oct – Coonamble, GRDC Update Planning – Bowling Club – 12.00-2.00pm
4 Oct- Drought & Your Community, Warren Sports Club, Jock Laurie, BBQ, 6.00pm to 7.30pm
5 Oct – Nyngan, Business Planning and Benchmarking – FREE
5 Oct – Trangie, GRDC Update Planning – Research Stn – 9.00-11.00am
16-18 Oct- Orange/Borenore- Chemical Card refresher
For more information contact Rick Bremner on 6845 3842

Region 4 – Lower New England and Liverpool Plains

For more information contact Darren Greentree on 0427 411 214

Region 6 – Central West Tablelands

For more information contact Graham Blatch on 6366 9104.

Region 7 – Sydney Basin

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

Region 8 – Lower Central West and Slopes

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

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
1 Nov- Association President Jock Laurie to visit Griffith DC
For more information on any events in Region 9 contact Ben Poynter on 6962 9926

Region 10 - Southern Central

17 Oct – Temora breakfast meeting for accountants/bankers about drought relief for clients RSVP: Wendy Jennings 6938 1987
18 Oct – Tumbarumba, Mental Health Gathering RSVP: Wendy Jennings 6938 1987
19 Oct – Albury Understanding Farm Financial Statements, 8.30am – 12.30pm
RSVP: Robyn 6884 8822
24 Oct – Junee DC meeting, Graham Blight as guest speaker, Junee Ex-Services Club, Enquiries Ralph Billing 6927 5171
25 Oct – Wagga, Meeting for Bankers/Accountants about drought relief for clients
RSVP: Wendy Jennings 6938 1987
25 Oct – Wagga Wagga District Council Meeting, 7.30pm Wagga RSL Club
For information on any events in Region 10 contact RSM Deb Charlton on 6922 9297.

Region 11 – Southern Tablelands, Monaro, South Coast

25 Oct – Goulbourn, MLA More Beef from Pastures Regional Expo - NSWFA Will have a display at this Expo
26 Oct- Nowra, Free Workcover 'Managing for Safety' workshop, 9.30am-2pm
29 Oct- Moruya, Free Workcover 'Serious about Safety' workshop, 3.00pm-6.00pm

7 Nov- Ulladulla, Free Workcover 'Serious about Safety' workshop, 9.30am-12.00pm
19 Nov- Bega, Free Workcover 'Managing for Safety' workshop, 9.30am-2.00pm
30 Nov- Queanbeyan, Free Workcover 'Managing For Safety', 9.30am-2.00pm
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

3 Oct- Kilfera Field Day (near Ivanhoe)

2 Nov- Balranald Branch Meeting

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

Region 13 – North Coast

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

3 Oct- Lismore/Alstonville branch meeting, Lismore Workers Club, 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

13 Oct- Wood quality field day, SCU Lismore, 10am start. RSVP Kevin Glencross, ph 66213441

17 Oct- Lismore, IR Seminar- Employer Advisory Program on the Federal Workplace Relations System, 12.00 to 3.00pm

25 Oct- Region 13 meeting, Coffs Harbour RSL Club, 10.00am start, with President Jock Laurie and Chief Executive Shaughn Morgan as Guests.

For information on any events in Region 13 contact RSM Michael Burt on 65642355
