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### NRAC to visit Central North/North West

The Federal Government has formally asked for advice from the independent National Rural Advisory Council ('NRAC') on a possible extension of drought assistance in parts of the Central North North-West Exceptional Circumstances ('EC') area. The Federal Government has advised that the areas proposed to be considered for a possible recommencement of Exceptional Circumstances assistance include: most of the Coonabarabran Rural Lands Protection Board ('RPLB'); the Northern Slopes RLPB; Division B of Moree RLPB, northern parts of Divisions A and B of Tamworth RLPB, northern parts of Division A of Armidale RLPB – including the towns of Bingara, Barraba, Inverell and Warialda; and division C of Tamworth RLPB, including the towns of Quirindi and Werris Creek. NRAC will be touring these areas late next week and the Association is currently working closely with the NSW Department of Primary Industries in order to arrange the tour.

### Celebrating 30 years this weekend

Tamworth Oncology Unit will benefit from the proceeds of an event this month where attendees will enjoy a three course dinner showcasing local produce, wine and music as part of a celebration of living in the country and the 30th anniversary of the NSW Farmers' Association. The event will be held at the Tamworth Jockey Club on Saturday, October 18 from 7pm till late with bus transport available from Gunnedah, Manilla and Quirindi. Dress is "After 5" and tickets are \$80/person (prepaid only). To book tickets contact the NSW Farmers' Association on 1300 794 000.

### Rural women gather in Coonamble this weekend

The NSW Farmers' Association is encouraging rural women to attend the 2008 Rural Women's Gathering in Coonamble on Friday 17 to Sunday 19 October. The Rural Women's Gathering will be a great opportunity for rural women to learn new skills and gather information on a broad range of issues and topics. The NSW Farmers' Association has two registrations to the Gathering to give away to Members from drought affected areas, each valued at \$165. Women who would like to attend the Gathering are encouraged to contact the Association on 1300 794 000 to secure one of the registrations. All Members are encouraged to attend the Rural Women's Gathering, with subsidised buses providing transport to Coonamble from Broken Hill, Lightning Ridge, Binalong, Borowa, Wentworth, Albury, Dubbo and Bourke. Further information on the Gathering can be found at [www.coonamble.org/wg](http://www.coonamble.org/wg).

### Orange Meat Profit Day

The Association is encouraging Members to attend the Orange Meat Profit Day which will be held on Wednesday, 12 November at the Australian National Field Day site. The Meat Profit Day is an initiative of Meat and Livestock Australia and it will provide information on the latest industry research, products and trends as well as first hand information about domestic and global issues which are affecting the red meat industry. The Day will hear from the head of the Russian National Meat Association who will provide an insider's view into one of the most exciting export markets for Australian red meat. Russia has emerged as Australia's fourth largest beef export market this year, taking 61,405 tonnes during the calendar year to August, of which 7,567 tonnes was exported in August. In comparison, Australia had sent only 942 tonnes to Russia in the year to August last year. The Meat Profit Day costs \$20 for MLA members who pre-register and \$30 for non-members. For more information or to register please call Meat and Livestock Australia on 1800 675 717 or click [here](#).

### Mental Health Information Sessions in October

The NSW Farmers' Mental Health Network is hosting a series of Mental Health Information Sessions across the state in coming months with Dr. Leanne Craze of Craze Lateral Solutions. The major aim of the sessions is to provide farmers and farming service providers with information about common mental disorders (stress, depression, anxiety, trauma, grief and loss), strategies to help people and appropriate local referral options.

Merriwa	Thursday 23 October, CWA Rooms, Bettington Street Merriwa, 8:00am - 11:00am
Walcha	Friday 24 October, Walcha Bowling Club, 14e Croudace St Walcha, 8.00am -11.00am
Mudgee	Monday 27 October, CWA Rooms, 48A Market St Mudgee, 8.00am - 11.00am and 6.00pm - 9.00 pm
Bathurst	Tuesday 28 October, Bathurst RSL, 114 Rankin St Bathurst 12.00 - 3.00pm
Coolah	Wednesday 29 October, Coolah Valley Hotel, 8.00am - 11.00am
Cassilis	Wednesday 29 October, Royal Hotel, 23 Buccleugh St, Cassilis, 3.00 – 4.30pm
Cowra	Thursday 30 October, Uniting Church, 75A Darling St Cowra, 12.00 - 3.00 pm
Young	Friday 31 October, CWA Rooms, 7 Lovell St Young 12.00 - 3.00pm

To read the Association's press release click [here](#).

For more information contact Leanne Craze on 02 62381549 or [leanne.craze@bigpond.com](mailto:leanne.craze@bigpond.com) or click [here](#).

### Landholders: Look out for Locusts

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The NSW Farmers' Association is urging farmers to be vigilant in reporting all locust activity to their Rural Lands Protection Board, with locust bandings in southern NSW sparking fears of swarms and the possibility of a potential plague.  
To read more click [here](#).

#### Farmers reminded to check for hay hotspots

The NSW Farmers' Association is reminding Members to be diligent in ensuring they have adequate hay insurance this spring, with a large number of haystack fires in 2008 leading to changes in insurance guidelines.  
To read more click [here](#).

#### Farmers seek cut in agricultural interest rates

The NSW Farmers' Association is hopeful that the one per cent official interest rate cut, announced by the Reserve Bank last week, will be passed on to farmers. Association President Jock Laurie is calling on the banking sector to assist an industry still recovering from several prolonged years of drought.  
To read more click [here](#).

#### Media

To hear the current edition of Primary Report click [here](#).  
To view the current edition of Farm Post click [here](#).  
To visit President Jock Laurie's blog click [here](#).  
To read recent press releases click [here](#).

#### Training

Course	Location	Date
<b>Chemical Card Initial &amp; Refresher</b>	Cooma	16/10/2008
	Gulgong	20/10/2008
	Glen Innes	28/10/2008
	Walcha	04/11/2008
	Tenterfield	06/11/2008
	Online (Initial Only)	10/11/2008
	Deepwater	14/11/2008
Wagga Wagga	24/11/2008	
<b>Chemical Card Refresher</b>	Online – 1pm to 4pm	30/10/2008
	Online – 1pm to 4pm	13/11/2008
<b>Succession Planning</b>	Barraba	16/10/2008
	Glen Innes	20/11/2008

For bookings: please contact Robyn or Kathy on 02 6884 8822, or at [training@nswfarmers.org.au](mailto:training@nswfarmers.org.au)

Note: Please book at least 7 days in advance for Chemical Card training to allow time for delivery of the home study materials.

#### Regional events

##### Region 1 North West Alicia Wilson

- 13 October 7.30am – 9am @ Walgett & District Sporting Club: **Lippia Breakfast (Namoi CMA)**. Contact Col Easton, ph. (02) 6764 5940 or email [col.easton@cma.nsw.gov.au](mailto:col.easton@cma.nsw.gov.au) by 10 October.
- 14 October 7am – 9am @ "Yarral" 20km from Narrabri on Kamilaroi Hwy: **Lippia Breakfast (Namoi CMA)**. Contact Col Easton, ph. (02) 6764 5940 or email [col.easton@cma.nsw.gov.au](mailto:col.easton@cma.nsw.gov.au) by 10 October.
- 14 October 7.30pm @ Neil Kemmis' house, 8 Grantham St Boggabri: **Boggabri District Council meeting**. Contact Tom Fearby. (02) 6742 6733.
- 15 October 7am – 9am @ "Greenhills" 35km from Narrabri on Old Narrabri Rd: **Lippia Breakfast (Namoi CMA)**. Contact Col Easton, ph. (02) 6764 5940 or email [col.easton@cma.nsw.gov.au](mailto:col.easton@cma.nsw.gov.au) by 10 October.
- 16 October 7am – 9am @ "Daisy Plain" 3km along Orange Grove Rd from Kelvin Rd: **Lippia Breakfast (Namoi CMA)**. Contact Col Easton, ph. (02) 6764 5940 or email [col.easton@cma.nsw.gov.au](mailto:col.easton@cma.nsw.gov.au) by 10 October.
- 16 October (all day) @ "Bando" Collarenebri: **Wean More Lambs (DPI PROfarm course)**. Contact Gemma Junk (02) 6872 2077 or 0409 368 563 by 14 October.
- 17 October 9.30am – 2pm @ "Dungarvon" 22km east of Inverell on Kings Plain Rd: **Macintyre Development Unit Field Day**. Contact Fiona Adams (02) 6721 1241
- 30 October 2.30pm @ RSL Club, Narrabri: **Public Meeting on Local Government issues**. Contact John Melbourne (02) 6792 1807.

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**Region 2**  
**New England**  
Gennie Gittoes

- 15 October 3pm @ Tea room at the Glen Innes Showground: **Workshop on Workers Compensation and Risk Management** followed by BBQ and drinks. Contact Gennie Gittoes 67669949. Free to Members & non-Members BBQ sponsored by WorkCover and NSW Farmers' Association.
- 24 October 8am-11am @ Walcha Bowling Club: **Mental Health Information Session for Farmers and Rural businesses**. Contact Leanne Craze (02) 62381549. Free.

**Region 3**  
**Central and North West**  
Rick Bremner

- 15 October Wednesday 9.30-1.00pm @ Wongarbron: **Annual Crop Day**. Contact Kathi Hertel (02) 6881 1270.
- 16 October Thursday @ Warren: **Industrial Relations Day**. Contact Rick (02) 6845 3842.
- 17 October Friday @ Coonabarabran: **Industrial Relations Day**. Contact Rick (02) 6845 3842.
- 17-18 October Friday-Saturday @ Coonamble: **2008 NSW Women's Gathering**. Contact Raquel 02 6827 1900.
- 21-23 October Tuesday-Thursday @ Borenore: **Aust National Field Day**. Contact RSM Rick Bremner.
- 21 October Tuesday 9.30-1.00pm @ "Burrendah" Gilgandra: **Trial Site Field Day**. Contact Kathi Hertel (02) 6881 1270. RSVP for free lunch
- 29 October Wednesday 9.30-12.30 @ Dubbo Cattlemans Motel: **Healthy and Contented Sheep**. Contact Clive Roberts (02) 6882 2133
- 30 October Thursday 9.30-12.30 @ Coonabarabran CWA Rooms: **Healthy and Contented Sheep**. Contact Clive Roberts (02) 6882 2133

**Region 4 Lower New England and Liverpool Plains**  
Darren Greentree

- 18 October Saturday 7.30pm @ Tamworth Jockey Club: **Regional event**. Guest speaker Peter Fitzsimons. Contact Darren Greentree 0427411214. Cost \$80.
- 19 October Sunday 1.30pm @ Tamworth West Leagues Club: **Entertainment afternoon** to raise money for struggling farmers. Contact Brian Gregson (02) 67666706. Free.

**Region 5**  
**Central West**  
Hannah Williams

- 25 October Saturday 3:45pm @ Hillston Golf Club: **Hillston Men's Gathering**. Enquiries to Steve Tuckett on 0427 358 814

**Region 6**  
**Central West Tablelands**  
Graham Blatch

- 16 October Thursday @ Goolma: **Soil Field Day**. Contact Jenene 0427407652.
- 22-24 October 8.30am till 5pm @ Orange: **Australian National Field Day**. Contact your Regional Service Manager Graham Blatch.
- 27 October Monday 8am-11am and 6pm-9pm @ Mudgee CWA Rooms: **Mental Health Information Sessions**. Contact Leanne Craze (02) 62381549 or 0408 869 051
- 27 October Monday 7.30pm @ St Pats Club: Bathurst District Council Meeting. Contact Eulyce 0427 400 046.
- 28 October 12noon -3pm @ Bathurst RSL: **Mental Health Information Sessions**. Contact Leanne Craze (02) 62381549 or 0408 869 051
- 30 October 12noon -3pm @ Cowra Uniting Church: **Mental Health Information Sessions**. Contact Leanne Craze (02) 62381549 or 0408 869 051

**Region 7 Sydney Basin, Lower Hunter & Port Stephens**  
Frances Vella

- 20 October Monday 6pm for bistro meal, 7pm start @ Richmond Club, Cnr Francis and East Market St, Richmond: **Cumberland Branch meeting, & Cumberland District Council meeting**. Contact Ted Byers (02) 9826 1371.
- 31 October Friday @ UWS, Richmond Demonstration Farm: **Brassica and Lettuce Field Day**. Contact Leigh James 0412 429 418.
- 10 November Monday 6pm for light meal, 7pm start @ Plant Breeding Institute, University of Sydney, Cobbitty: **Camden Horticulture Branch Meeting**. Contact Vince Hewson 0419 618 537.

**Region 8**  
**Lower Central Western Slopes**  
Liz Young

- 9 October Thursday 10am – 2pm @ Young Town Hall: **Hilltops Suicide Prevention Network Launch**. A range of guest speakers including member for Burrinjuck – Katrina Hodgkinson, Robert "Butch" Young who will tell his story of mental health and local mental health service providers. Contact Andrea Simmers [dsimmers@bigpond.net.au](mailto:dsimmers@bigpond.net.au) or phone Liz Young. Lunch provided
- 6 November Thursday 8am – 11am @ Gunning: **Mental Health Information Session**. Sessions are conducted by Dr Leanne Craze, an experienced mental health trainer. To book or make inquiries call Leanne Craze 02 62381549 or 0408869051. Email: [Leanne.Craze@bigpond.com](mailto:Leanne.Craze@bigpond.com) or visit [www.CrazeLateralSolutions.com](http://www.CrazeLateralSolutions.com)

**Region 9 Southern Murrumbidgee**  
Ben Poynter

- 13-15 October Monday 9am - Wednesday 4pm @ Griffith: **Australian Citrus Industry Conference**. Contact Raylene Kemp 03 50236333. Cost TBC.

**Region 10**  
**Southern Central**  
Debra Charlton

- 14 October 7.30pm @ Boree Creek Hall: **Boree Creek branch meeting**. Contact James Dunlevey
- 16 October 12pm @ Junee Ex services Club: **Graincorp harvest meeting**. Contact (02) 68636004.
- 17 October 8.30am – 5.00pm @ Junee & Harden areas: **Farmlink 2008 spring bus trip**. Contact (02) 6924 4633. Farmlink members \$50, non farmlink members \$65.
- 30 October 7.30pm @ Wagga RSL Club: **Wagga District Council Meeting**. Contact Bill Baker (02) 6924 6429.

**Region 11 Southern  
Tablelands, Monaro  
and South Coast**  
Liz Young

- 16 October Thursday 9.30am to 1.00pm @ Queanbeyan Conference Centre: **Climate Change forums and workshops.** These forums and workshops are part of a broader consultation process the NSW Government is conducting to develop the new Climate Change Action Plan. This session is open to all members of the community. Registration forms: <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/climatechange/workshops.htm>
- 31 October Friday 6.30pm @ Bomaderry Bowling Club: **Social Evening** being organised by the South Coast and Highlands Dairy Industry Group (aka DIG). An invitation is extended to all members of the community to take advantage of this unique opportunity to hear Mr Sam Bailey (an inspirational/ motivational speaker) at a local venue and free of charge. RSVP forms available from Kerry Allan – contact on M 0401 015 670. \$25 for cost of meal
- 6 November Thursday 6pm to 9pm @ Goulburn: **Mental Health Information Session.** Sessions are conducted by Dr Leanne Craze, an experienced mental health trainer. To book or make inquiries call Leanne Craze 02 62381549 or 0408869051. Email: [Leanne.Craze@bigpond.com](mailto:Leanne.Craze@bigpond.com) or visit [www.CrazeLateralSolutions.com](http://www.CrazeLateralSolutions.com)
- 12 November 9:00am – 2:00pm @ Queanbeyan Kangaroo RLFC Stuart Street Queanbeyan: **WorkCover OH&S Workshop.** Please contact 1800 624 097 to register your seat, or visit [www.workcover.nsw.gov.au/safebusiness](http://www.workcover.nsw.gov.au/safebusiness) for further information.

**Region 12  
Western Division**  
Dougall Roberts

- 16 October 11:00pm @ Senior Citizens Room, Sandon Street: **District Council AGM.** Free lunch provided by the DPI. Contact Ed Fessey (02) 68744935.
- 23 October 10:00pm @ Ivanhoe: **Ivanhoe District Council Meeting.** Lunch to follow in the club. Contact John Vagg (02) 69951333.
- 23 October 5:00pm @ Menindee: **Menindee Branch Meeting.** Contact Terry Smith (08) 80919408
- 24 October 5:00pm @ White Cliffs: **White Cliffs Branch Meeting.** Dinner will be provided by the DPI. Contact Jeremy McClure (08) 80915016
- 5 December afternoon @ Booligal: **Oxley/Booligal Branch Meeting.** Contact Helen Morphett 0269938157

**Region 13  
North Coast**  
Michael Burt

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