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Young Farmers frock up and flock to Forbes

The NSW Farmers' Association Young Farmers Committee is holding its Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Forbes on Friday 13 February, and all young farmers from across NSW are invited to attend.

Chair of the Young Farmers Committee Sam Gunn says the AGM, to be followed the next day with a social event at Bedgerebong Races, is designed to bring together young people involved in farming and agriculture to discuss the issues facing the industry.

"Young people are the future of agriculture, and the Young Farmers Committee is designed to be the representative voice for these young people," said Mr Gunn.

"The Committee is all about creating an opportunity for young people to discuss the big issues facing agriculture, while also getting together to network and having a good time.

"Much of what we do is focused on how young people can play an important role in policy, giving them the voice and the platform to be heard," said Mr Gunn.

The AGM will include talks from key speakers, including elected representatives of the Association, sponsors and an alternative health and lifestyle expert. The talks will commence at 10am while the AGM will get underway at 5pm. A barbecue lunch and dinner will be provided.

According to Mr Gunn, one of the highlights of the gathering will be the social event taking place at the Bedgerebong Races on Saturday 14 February.

"One of the most important aspects of the Young Farmers Committee is the social aspect – the opportunity to bring together a like-minded group of people who share the same passion and drive for farming," Mr Gunn said.

"We encourage all young farmers from across the State to come to Forbes for what promises to be a great two days," Mr Gunn said.

The talks from guest speakers are open to both Members and non-Members of the NSW Farmers' Association Young Farmers, while the AGM is for Members only.

The talks and AGM will be held at the Forbes Rugby Club on Friday 13 February and young farmers interested in attending are asked to contact the Association's Member Service Centre on 1300 794 000.

**Note for Radio: Audio grabs from Young Farmers Committee Chair Sam Gunn are available from the NSW Farmers' Association website (www.nswfarmers.org.au/media_centre/audio_grabs). However, if you would prefer to conduct your own interview, please contact Amanda Barwick or Ruth Redfern on the numbers listed below.*

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