

A GRDC funded grower driven project that focuses on facilitating professional development activities for farming businesses.

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Nuffield Scholarship Travels Begin

NSW PinG wishes our former Chairman, Bruce Watson, well as he leaves this week on the first stage of travel involved in his Nuffield Scholarship. Bruce is one of sixteen primary producers from all over Australia who were awarded the prestigious Nuffield Scholarships. He will travel to New Zealand, the United Kingdom, France, Brazil, Canada, Washington, Mexico and California over the next six weeks. We wish him every success.

Office Meltdown

Our farm office procedures workshops will be held in southern NSW during early March at the following locations:

Forbes – Mon. March 9

Venue: Comfort Inn
22 Sherriff St Forbes
Contact: Pam Krieg
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Temora – Tues. March 10

Venue: Ag Research Station
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Lockhart – Wed. March 11

Venue: Ex-Servicemen's Club
Contact: Lindy Bender
P 69205155
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Griffith – Thurs. March 12

Venue: Murrumbidgee
Irrigation Conference Room
Research Station Rd Griffith
Contact: Kerri-Anne Keely
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Holbrook – Fri. March 13

Venue: Community Technology Centre
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Corowa – Sat . March 14

Venue: Corowa Golf Club
Hume St. South Corowa
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These workshops come with excellent recommendations from WA and Victoria where they have received rave reviews from both women and men participants. Apparently Jeanette is especially good with husband and wife teams where both parties understand what needs to be done. It is an ideal opportunity for husband and wife to attend together. The second member of your business can attend for only \$22. However the attendance of a second person will depend on numbers wishing to participate.

Early booking is recommended as numbers will be limited (Max. 15). **Bookings with payment close March 6. Registration forms are available on our website www.partnersingrain.org.au**

The workshops provide a **fun** day full of **useful tips** and **information** on every aspect of **running an efficient farm office**. Presenter **Jeanette Buegge** will cover the following topics:

- Office Design - where's the desk, I know it's here somewhere!
- Essential Office Equipment – the stapler swiped from the kids is not good enough!
- Sorting The Mail – or how to reduce the “piles syndrome”
- Filing Systems – Do you use the slow combustion stove to file? - The good the bad and the ugly
- Farm Meetings – what, you expect us to communicate!!
- Physical Farm Records – what goes where and when, including QA records

- Staff – yes, they need to be paid and have super taken out, what a bummer
- Plus lots more

Jeanette is fully involved in all physical and managerial aspects of the farm (farm 11,000 acres wheat, sheep etc) and works on a contract basis for Co-operative Bulk Handling, facilitating the Quality Assurance Program.

Partners in Grain acknowledge and thank Bird Cameron for their generous assistance with catering costs for these workshops. A representative of Bird Cameron will be in attendance at each event and will provide a short information session.

NSW Women in Agriculture Annual Conference

Country Conversations 2009 will be held in Parkes beginning Friday evening March 20 and concluding with Sunday lunch March 22. The theme for the conference is *"Agriculture and Mining"*. Everyone is welcome. Cost of \$50 includes all meals. For further information contact Joyce Cavanagh ph. 02 63821806 or check the website www.nswwia.org.au

Grains Industry Scholarships

For 2009, NSW PinG is offering one tertiary scholarship. To be eligible for selection, students must be:

- attending university
- in third year or higher of an undergraduate degree related to agriculture
- able to demonstrate an interest in the grains industry and
- able to demonstrate an interest in and aptitude for leadership involvement

The successful applicant will be:

- awarded \$1000
- offered leadership experience as a participant on the Partners in Grain Reference group

Application forms have been forwarded to NSW universities and Marcus Oldham Farm Management College. Application forms are also available on the NSW section of the Partners in Grain website.

Closing date for applications is March 31, 2009

GRDC Grower Update Sponsorship

We are offering sponsorship for five growers to attend the **GRDC Grower Updates** at **Gulargambone (Feb 26), Narrabri (Feb 27), Lockhart (March 18) or West Wyalong (Aug 26)**. Preference will be given to women or under 35 applicants.

Program details and update registration forms are available on our website. Sponsorship application forms are also on the website.

Cashflow Connections

A free trial workshop demonstrating Agrimaster and Phoenix agricultural financial management software will be held in Grenfell during late March/early April. As soon as dates are finalized you will be informed.

Successful trials were run at Parkes in 2008 for two other workshops in this series:

- Manual Cashflow Budgeting
- Basic Computer Cashflow Budgeting

Partners in Grain have applied for DAFF funding to assist with running the series of Cashflow Connections workshops at 10 locations throughout NSW. Hopefully we will have some good news for our next newsletter.

Other Plans for 2009

- **August - On Farm Grain Testing** – a practical workshop offering training in grain sampling and testing for grain you wish to store on farm
- **September - Grain Marketing Forums** - a comprehensive preharvest planning forum

Contact us if you would like any of these events held in your area.

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