

AGRICULTURE



Ready to elevate your farm business?

Expressions of Interest (EOIs) are now open for the Farm Business Resilience 3-Month Business Coaching Program!

The Farm Business Coaching Program is designed to support participants in developing or updating their existing farm business plans by providing individually tailored professional support and advice.

The coaching program offers subsidised access to professional business coaches who will deliver both on-farm support and group workshops to prepare you and your business for the risks and challenges the industry faces.



**FARM
BUSINESS
RESILIENCE
PROGRAM**

**Sign Up for The
3 Month Business
Coaching Program Now!**

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Drought
Fund

The Farm Business Resilience Program is jointly funded through the Australian Government's Future Drought Fund and NSW Government

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Find out more and submit your EOI



Oyster Section 2024 Biannual Meeting

Oyster producers from New South Wales are invited to the Oyster Section Biannual General Meeting (BGM), taking place adjacent to the 2024 NSW Oyster Conference.

Event Details:

- **Date:** Tuesday, 3 September 2024
- **Time:** 1:00pm – 4:00pm (Registration from 12:45pm, lunch at 12:00pm)
- **Location:** Panthers Port Macquarie, 1 Bay Street, Port Macquarie NSW 2444

The BGM is a key opportunity for oyster producer members to:

- Discuss current industry issues and set priority policy directions for the year ahead.
- Elect representatives to the NSW Farmers Oyster Committee.
- Exchange information with fellow producers and industry stakeholders.

Registration is essential. Please register using the button below.

Please register here



Seasonal update

Join us for the Seasonal Update presented by North Coast Local Land Services as we prepare for spring.

Hear from a range of speakers on topics including animal health, feed gaps, drone pasture sowing, and more.

Date: Wednesday, 21 August 2024

Time: 9:00am - 2:00pm

Location: 408 Angus, 121 Taylors Arm Road, Macksville

[Please register here](#)



What is Natural Capital?

There's a new term you might have heard about—'Natural Capital.' It's a new way of thinking about natural resources and how they are managed. As a farmer, you can greatly impact the condition of essential natural assets and the benefits provided by nature.

Keeping track of your 'Natural Capital' can help protect your land for the future and show your contribution to the health of the broader landscape.

North Coast Local Land Services will host a workshop in Kempsey on Natural Capital.

Date: Tuesday, 27 August

Time: 9:00am - 1:00pm

Location: Kempsey-Macleay RSL Club

This workshop is for anyone interested in:

- Learning what Natural Capital is
- Understanding who might want to know about their farm
- Preparing for future market opportunities
- Understanding terms related to 'environmental markets'

Registration is essential



Last call: Are you a local change maker?

Council is offering three scholarships for community members, including those in the agriculture sector to attend the Social Impact in the Regions conference in Kempsey for free from 4 - 6 September 2024.

This conference will teach you tools and techniques to make a difference in your community. Apply now to learn how to create positive change where you live.

Applications received before 11.59pm Tuesday 6 August will be considered.

Apply now

Bushfire danger period approaching

The Bush Fire Danger period will begin on 1 September and end 31 March 2025 for the Kempsey Local Government Area. During this period landowners and managers are required to obtain permits before lighting fires for land clearance or fire breaks.

[Learn more about your responsibilities](#)



Look out for Mud Scours

North Coast cattle producers are being advised to keep an eye out for Mud Scours with a case recently confirmed by laboratory testing.

It is a common cause of diarrhoea and death in the north coast region each winter and spring, often following physiological and environmental stressors such as lack of nutrition and cold, wet, windy weather.

This recent confirmation serves to remind cattle producers that the conditions are now favourable for this disease to occur and to monitor stock regularly.

[Find out more](#)



Reminder: 3G network switches off this month

The end of August marks the shutdown of the 3G network. Are you prepared for the change? Any device that relies solely on the 3G network will be impacted by this closure.

Affected devices include:

- Mobile phones
- Tablets
- Mobile broadband modems
- Smart watches and wearables
- IoT and M2M devices
- Repeaters and smart antennas
- Medical alert devices
- NextG Wireless Link

[Find out more](#)

If you have any questions, please contact the Economic Development and Tourism Team on [02 6566 3200](tel:0265663200) or agriculture@kempsey.nsw.gov.au.

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Opportunities update

\$1,000 SafeWork small business rebate

This \$1,000 rebate will help you purchase safety items to improve work health and safety for you and your workers. [Learn more](#)

The Macleay Grant Hub is a free resource accessible to businesses, community groups, nonprofits, and individuals. It offers a comprehensive list of

grant and funding opportunities. Receive email alerts for new grants, save your favourites and access tips to aid in your grant applications.

[Sign up to access these opportunities](#)

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