

# AGRICULTURE



## Free Drone Mustering Workshop in Kempsey

Don't miss the opportunity to join a free drone mustering workshop for primary producers and agricultural high school students in Kempsey.

Date: Friday 11 October

Time: 8:30am – 2:00pm

Location: Kempsey Showground

Attendance is free but participants are welcome to make an optional donation for entry and lunch to support the Ability Agriculture Foundation.



[Find out more and register for the event](#)



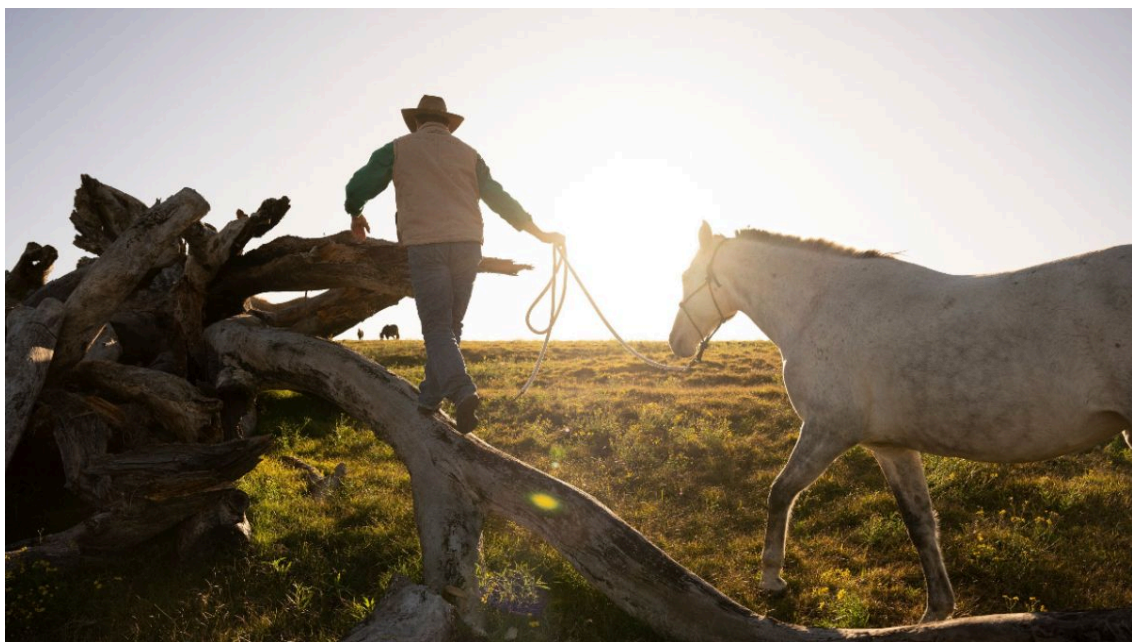
## AgCAREERSTART Applications Now Open

Applications are open for the 2025 AgCAREERSTART program.

This unique gap year opportunity is designed for young people aged 17-25 looking to kickstart a career in agriculture, as well as farmers seeking extra help in 2025.

Participants receive paid work, training, and development, while also building valuable industry connections. Applicants can choose their preferred farm type and location in Australia.

[Find out more about AgCAREERSTART](#)



## Rural Health and Wellbeing Muster Day

Come along to an engaging event supported by the Rural Recovery Support Service, Nambucca Valley Branch of NSW Farmers, and NSW Health. This event will focus on both physical and mental well-being, featuring interactions with key services like the Rural Financial Counselling Service, Services Australia, Nambucca Valley Landcare, Local Land Services and the Farm Business Resilience Program.

Date: Saturday 19 October 2024

Time: 10am - 2pm

Location: Taylors Arm Hall, Taylors Arm

For enquiries or to RSVP, contact Rob Edwards at [0417 443 635](tel:0417443635) or [rob.edwards@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:rob.edwards@dpi.nsw.gov.au).

[RSVP here](#)



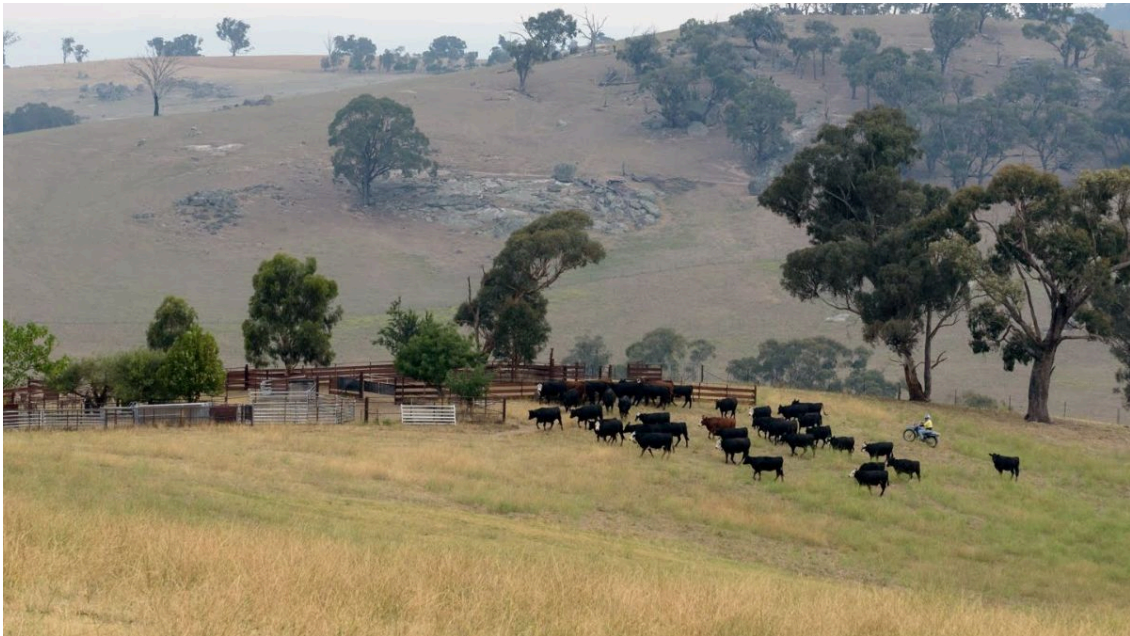
## Upskill with the AgSkilled Training Program

The NSW Government has committed an additional \$5 million to the AgSkilled workforce training program, extending support until **30 June 2025**.

This funding aims to help more agricultural workers access training and adapt to the evolving demands of the industry.

For more information about how to make the most of this opportunity, please contact your local Business Connect Advisor, [Julie Humphris](#), or reach out to Council's Economic Development team.

[Learn more](#)



## Support for Farming Families

The Australian Government's Farm Household Allowance Program offers vital support to farming families facing financial hardship.

Participants benefit from confidential, professional guidance and fortnightly financial assistance. For more information, contact local [Business Connect Advisor Julie Humphris](#), who can help you navigate the available resources.

[Learn more about the Farm House Allowance Program](#)



## Meet Your Sustainable Agriculture Facilitator

North Coast Local Land Services' Sustainable Agriculture Facilitator, Stephen Thompson, helps with building networks and growing knowledge about sustainable agriculture practices. Stephen helps landowners make the most of

their properties economically while protecting and conserving the environment under their care.

You can connect with Stephen by email [stephen.thompson@lfs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:stephen.thompson@lfs.nsw.gov.au).

[Learn more](#)



## Be Aware of Bloat

With good rainfall across the North Coast region recently, livestock producers are off to a great start to spring. With plenty of clover and improved grasses ready to jump out of the ground, North Coast Local Land services District Vets are encouraging local producers to take steps to address the risk of [pasture bloat](#).

[Find out more](#)

**Have Your Say**  
Share your thoughts on what matters most to you and how it affects your business. Provide feedback on our current projects and stay informed about our plans and policies.

**Your Say Macleay**  
Welcome to Your Say Macleay, Kempsey Shire Council's digital engagement platform. Here you can have your say on Council decisions that are important to our community. Share your thoughts and ideas and help shape the future of the Macleay Valley. So, what are you waiting for? Have Your Say Macleay!  
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**Have your say**

- Should we rename the Kemp Street Sports Complex?**  
September 13, 2024  
We are considering renaming the Kemp Street Sport Complex to **Tommy Coghlan Sports Fields**.  
[Dated view](#)
- Yarrahapinni Land Release Area - Chapter E4 of the DCP**  
September 5, 2024  
Planning Proposal for 322 Stuarts Point Road, Yarrahapinni

## Have your say

### 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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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](mailto:agriculture@kempsey.nsw.gov.au).

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