

THE LONG YARD

July/August 2014

This is our first newsletter since the Drought Relief Program commenced in Western Queensland in mid May and wow, it has been busy! I've been travelling around the regions, catching up with as many people as possible and getting the ball rolling with supporting a variety of local events and projects. If I haven't visited your area yet, please feel assured that I'm on my way!

This week has seen the release of the "Bush Bible". Have you got your copy? It is available electronically on PDF or I can post you a hard-copy. Just give me a call or send me an email and I will get one to you.

Cheers, Ingrid Miller



Pest Control Funding for drought affected QLD



It is good to see that Federal Government funding is starting to flow for pest management and control measures for drought affected producers.

The most common area of need coming from industry and government is more assistance for wild dog trapping measures and educating those people who are not participating in co-ordinated pest control.

The majority of this funding will complement existing wild dog and feral pig management programs in drought-affected areas west of the Great Dividing Range.

Keep an eye out for further developments in your area soon through NRM and DAFF.



Changes to the Farm Household Allowance

From July 1, new changes to the interim farm household assistance scheme means that all persons currently receiving the payment will need to re-apply by June 14 to avoid a break in payments.

The new payment, the Farm Household Allowance, requires both household members to submit separate claims and if successful, you will transfer to the new payment by 30 September 2014.

For more info phone the Drought & Farmers Assistance Hotline on 132 316

**Have you got drought assistance forms to complete?
Would you like a hand?
Give me a call!
I can come to you**

Jump online to get your Farmers Card

A great initiative that is starting to take off across rural Australia is the Farmers Card. The card acts like a gift card and is pre-loaded with money which can then be used at participating businesses. The funds for each card is distributed from the money pool created by the kind donations of our generous fellow Australians.

It is free and simple to sign up for your own card and there is also no cost to business if they register as a merchant.

Visit: www.farmerscard.com.au to register today!



Upcoming Events

Stonehenge Rodeo 15-17 August

Birdsville & Bedourie Melbourne Cup Visit 24-25 August

Westech Field Days - Barcardine - 9-10 September

Channel Country Ladies Day - Betoota - 17-19 October



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