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Direct contact details for our staff

You can find out who your local staff are and their details [in just one click](#).

Staff contact details (including mobile phone numbers) [are up on our website](#) to help deliver our services to the community.

[Find your local contacts](#)

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Pimelea poisoning in cattle

February 2015, Dr Jillian Kelly, Regional Vet

In the last few months we have found a plant called Pimelea in the Central West Local Land Services region.

The reason this is significant is that it causes illness and death in cattle. While historically it has been reported to grow in this area it has not been recognised by property owners or local vets as causing a problem until now.

Pimelea simplex has been found near Carinda, and Pimelea trichostachya has been found near Girilambone.

Pimelea likes red soil. It is a common cause of poisoning in cattle in south west Qld and the syndrome in cattle is often called "St Georges Disease" because that's the location it is most commonly seen.

The clinical signs in cattle are:

- fluid swellings (oedema) under the jaw and brisket
- diarrhoea
- weight loss
- anaemia
- reluctance to move
- depression
- standing away from the mob
- severely affected animals may die.

[Read more on diagnostics and management.](#)

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Scanning for success webinar (25 Feb)

Pregnancy scanning is an essential tool in managing reproductive performance and recognising flock potential.

Topics Covered:

- Using scanning as a management tool for lamb survival
- The mechanics and logistics of scanning – what is involved?

To register for this meeting or for more information, please [visit the Sheep Connect NSW website](#),

call 02 6391 3954 or email: sheep.connect@dpi.nsw.gov.au

Presented by Chris Shands and Andrew Naylor, and supported by Central West Local Land Services and Sheep Connect NSW.

25th Feb 2015 1:00pm-1:40pm, available online afterwards.

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Low stress stock handling school - Nyngan (5-6 Mar)

We've partnered with Low Stress Stockhandling Pty Ltd to run a course in Nyngan on 5 and 6 March.

The course covers the basic principles of stress free stockmanship and also the effect that stress free techniques have on:

- production
- landscape effects
- epigenetic improvement
- weed management.

The principles can improve the whole farm business by positively impacting people leading to better livestock outcomes and a healthier bottom line.

To find out more contact Kyra Roach (0438 695 755 or kyra.roach@lls.nsw.gov.au).

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Fox baiting groups

We're running various fox baiting groups during Autumn 2015. For more information contact your [local Biosecurity Officer](#).

Planned so far are:

25 Feb - Merrygoen.

28 Feb - Wongarbon.

4 Mar - Breelong and Dunedoo.

7 Mar - Mogriguy and Eumungerie.

18 Mar - Gollan.

25 Mar - Elong Elong.

For further detail or to RSVP contact Rhett Robinson (0428 462 474 or rhett.robinson@lrs.nsw.gov.au).

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The Glen Turner Scholarship in natural resource management

Environment Minister, Rob Stokes has announced the creation of the Glen Turner Scholarship at the University of Newcastle. Glen, a compliance officer with the Office of Environment and Heritage, was shot and killed last year while on duty.

The scholarship will be awarded to a student in the field of natural resource management, which could include a bachelor degree in science, environmental science or a related field. It will cover tuition fees for the successful candidate for the full duration of their course.

Glen attended the University of Newcastle from 1982-85 and the scholarship is designed to support a student from the bush or a low socio-economic background.

The scholarship is offered [through the University of Newcastle](#). Applications close on **15 March 2015**.

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Business of farming short course - Dubbo (11 Mar) and Forbes (12 Mar)

The one day workshop is being run on 11 March (Dubbo) and 12 March (Forbes) and identifies the key profit drivers in farming and grazing businesses and where to focus attention.

Presenters will analyse a top producers to see how they turn their business from a good business to a great business.

These key principles provide guidelines for communication, management of ecology, stock and crops, and financial/budgetary control.

Cost: \$50

RSVP to Ceridmyn Usback (6885 5788 or CUusback@principlefocus.com.au) or visit www.principlefocus.com.au

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New phone numbers for Dubbo and Coonabarabran

Please note our Coonabarabran and Dubbo Office numbers have recently changed. The new numbers are:

Dubbo - 02 6841 6500

Coonabarabran - 02 6842 6600

[See all office contact details...](#)

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Come and see us at the Coonabarabran show

Our staff will be on hand at the Coonabarabran show 12-14 March. Why not drop in and find out what is happening locally.

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Wild dog workshops - Mendooran, Coonabarabran, Gilgandra

We will soon be running workshops to help landholders control wild dogs on their land. Participants will hear from Local Land Services staff and Coonabarabran dog trapper John Ward.

- Mendooran- 31 March/1 April
- Coonabarabran - 14/15 April

- Gilgandra - 28/29 April.

To find out more contact Rhett Robinson (0428 462 474 or rhett.robinson@lfs.nsw.gov.au).

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Info sessions: Native Vegetation Act

Want to know what clearing you can do without approval under the Native Vegetation Act? Sessions will cover:

- RAMAs
- regrowth provisions
- self-assessable codes for clearing invasive native species
- clearing paddock trees in cultivation
- thinning native vegetation.

For more information about Native Vegetation legislation call 6851 9500 or visit

www.environment.nsw.gov.au/vegetation

- Coonabarabran Bowling Club - Tuesday 17 March
- Coonamble Bowling Club - Wednesday 18 March
- Nyngan Rugby Club - Thursday 19 March
- Forbes Services Memorial Club - Tuesday 24 March
- Condobolin RSL Club - Wednesday 25 March
- Dubbo RSL Club - Thursday 26 March

All sessions 8.30am to 12.30pm. RSVP to Matt Lane (02 6881 3406 or

matthew.lane@lfs.nsw.gov.au).

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Merino Bloodline data now available

Wool growers can now compare Merino bloodlines from DPI wether trials and on-farm comparisons that have been run across Australia over the past ten years.

[Read more about the bloodline performance.](#)

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Cancellation of diclorvos products for grain protection

Diclorvos products have been cancelled for grain protection by March 2nd 2015.

The cancellation was announced in the APVMA Gazette on Tuesday 27th January 2015.

[See page 22 of the Gazette for more information.](#)

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Reducing Aphid and Virus risk in 2015

With good rainfall over much of the southern cropping zone in December and January, the lush green plant growth may provide a perfect host for large populations of [aphids as well as the Beets Western Yellows Virus](#).

Cesar Australia is urging producers to heed their advice and [follow these simple steps](#).

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Climate change workshops - Yeoval

Would you like to hear what farmers, agribusiness and agency people have to say about the security of food and the required adaptations required to manage the impacts of climate change in the Little River region?

Join this three hour session to broaden your knowledge and insights and share your thoughts, observations and more.

This is a unique opportunity to Yeoval – so please RSVP quickly as the group size will be restricted.

When and where: 26 and 27 Feb. 9-12 noon both days.

RSVP for both events at office@littleriverlandcare.com.au

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Nutrient cycling in soils workshops - Narromine, Blayney, Temora

A range of guest speakers will look at the most economical and sustainable ways of increasing soil fertility in cropping and pasture systems.

9am-1pm, 11th March - Narromine Aero Club

Presenters:

- Tony Cox (NSW DPI) - Better Fertiliser Decisions
- Graeme Schwenke (NSW DPI) - Nitrogen management
- Ian Packer (Soilpac consulting) - What the numbers mean and interpreting soil test results
- Cambell Muldoon (MPac Consulting) - Agronomy of nutrient management
- Aaron Simpson (NSW DPI) - Results from the CAMBI & SCARP Soil Carbon project

RSVP and more info is available from Neroli Brennan (0428 692 713 or neroli.brennan@lrs.nsw.gov.au).

Other events are being held as follows:

- **12th March - Blayney** Community Centre
- **13th March - Temora** Agricultural Innovation Centre

Contact Phil Cranney for more information (6363 7888 or phil.cranney@lrs.nsw.gov.au).

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Farm gate tours - Cumnock, Molong, Yeoval

Come and kick the dirt and have a yarn on 11 and 18 March around the Cumnock, Molong, Yeoval area. Land managers will give a tour of a range of natural resource management areas.

RSVP is required for both days as morning/afternoon teas and a packed lunch are prepared for each person. Please bring a chair, hat and water.

RSVP and more information from office@littleriverlandcare.com.au

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Locust update - report your activity

Swarm activity is now being reported across several areas within the Central West Local Land Services region. Biosecurity Officers are validating swarm densities, the environmental factors and locations.

Landholders need to contact Local Land Services to report any locust activity on their land.

Chemical volume and type is issued according to the infestation size and the species. Chemical will not be issued over the counter (as per DPI Policy and Procedure) without a prior inspection or prior arrangement from staff.

Please note the date on the side of the drum is the date of manufacture, not the expiry. Chemical is regularly tested to check it is OK.

To make it simple and easy, you can use [our new online form](#), [call your local biosecurity officer](#) or [visit one of our local offices](#).

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Hear from Biosecurity Officer Rhett Robinson on the local locust situation.

A solid first year in the central west

Key achievements from our first year of operation are outlined in a [publication released last month](#).



While building a new organisation is never straight forward, we are very proud of what our Board and staff have achieved over the last 12 months.

[Read more about what we have achieved.](#)

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Rates reminder

Annual rates notices will be arriving soon. Your rates contribute to a wide range of services delivered within your region.

[More information on rates and our services.](#)

[Contact our customer service staff for enquiries...](#)

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Update your National Vendor Declaration forms

Did you know that some Livestock Production Assurance National Vendor Declaration forms will be redundant as of 1 February?

Check out the link to make sure you are using the right version, as buyers are able to refuse purchase where old versions are being used when presented for sale.

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Brucellosis information

Brucellosis is an emerging disease in dogs throughout NSW. It has been diagnosed in Moree and Gunnedah and is yet to be diagnosed in the central west.

[Read more about Brucellosis on our website.](#)

Department of Primary Industries have developed fact sheets about Brucellosis in dogs, pigs and sheep for your information.

[Check them out here...](#)

[For further information, talk to your local district vet.](#)

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Vet conference update

Recently our Regional Veterinarian Dr Jillian Kelly attended Australia's largest cattle and sheep health conference.

Dr Kelly presented on work happening in the central west around [Leptospirosis Exposure in Livestock and Feral Pigs](#).

To find out more and the benefits to our region, [read Dr Kelly's conference report](#).

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Report locust activity + identification guide

We encourage you to [report any locust activity on your property](#).

It is simple and easy – use [our online form](#).

Alternatively call 1300 795 299 or [visit one of our local offices](#).

[Read the Locust idnetification guide](#) to learn more about locust species and how to identify them.

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DustWatch - local monitoring

[DustWatch is a community program](#) that monitors and reports on the extent and severity of wind erosion across Australia. It is led by scientists, with support from observers from government agencies and the community.

[Read the latest report](#) to find out what is happening with dust and how Local Land Services is involved in monitoring the Coonamble site.

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Explore online soil resource workshops

Face to face workshop exploring the information and functionality of the following:

- Soilquality.org.au
- eSpade
- Soilmapp
- other useful soil apps.

16 March - Temora 11am till 1pm - Temora Agricultural Innovation Centre

- Contact Geoff Minchin (0429 842 489 or geoff.minchin@lls.nsw.gov.au)

16 March - Grenfell - 3pm till 5pm - Grenfell TAFE

- Contact Stephen Pereira (02 6349 1200 or stephen.pereira@lls.nsw.gov.au)

17 March - Canowindra - 7:30am till 9:30am Canowindra High School

- Contact Phil Cranney (6363 7888 or phil.cranney@lls.nsw.gov.au).

17 March - Wellington - 1.30pm till 3.30pm - Wellington

- Contact Neroli Brennan (0428 692 713 or neroli.brennan@lls.nsw.gov.au).

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Rural crime workshop - Tooraweenah

Warrumbungle Landcare group will host a Rural Crime and Farm Security Field Day at Tooraweenah on Thursday 26th February, starting at 9am at Tooraweenah Showground.

An information-packed day is planned, aiming to reduce your vulnerability to damage and theft of valuable property, such as fuel, theft, machinery and livestock.

Topics will include increasing security and other measures, insurance and risk management, and biosecurity issues. Speakers will be from NSW Police, NSW Farmers' Association and Central West Local Land Services.

Please contact Danielle Bonnington on 0497 665 426 or Penny Henley on 6825 4346 to RSVP for catering purposes, or for more information.

No cost to attend, all welcome, but please bring a chair.

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1080 and Pindone courses near you

[Contact your nearest Local Land Services office](#) to find out when the next 1080 or Pindone course is running and register your interest.

Our staff run short training courses regular which will allow you to use 1080 and Pindone baits on your property.

The three-hour course will give you a clear understanding of 1080 and Pindone use and your legal obligations.

The AQF chemical application courses remain a requirement for use of any other pesticide.

The training courses are delivered by Local Land Services biosecurity officers and cover topics such as baiting techniques, toxicity, storage, transport, legislation and OH&S. Those completing the course will be issued a certification card and will remain accredited to use 1080 and Pindone for five years.

A small fee is charged for the course.

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Helpful handbook to control weeds

The Department of Primary Industries recently released their latest [Noxious and Environmental Control Handbook](#).

Refer to it for the most up-to-date information on controlling weeds.

[Check it out here...](#)

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Small grants for regional communities - now open

[Small grants for rural communities](#) is a great example of a program that makes a difference to the sustainability of rural, regional and remote communities.

Grants of up to \$5000 are available for projects and activities that offer clear public benefit for communities in rural, regional or remote Australia.

Priority is given to communities of 10,000 or fewer. Applicants must be not-for-profit community organisations with an ABN or incorporation certificate.

Round 27 is now open and closes at 5pm on 27 March 2015.

[Find out more...](#)

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National crop varietal trial data now available

If you are wondering about new crop varieties or just want to include the best performers in your cropping program this year, check out the results from the 2014 variety trials from across the state.

You can also access the National Varietal Trial database on individual sites to gain more information about that location such as crop inputs, soil test data, nutritional inputs and any scores that may have been recorded.

[Read more...](#)

Coonabarabran grain advisers update

The Coonabarabran GRDC Grains Research Update will showcase the latest grains industry issues of interest and research.

Topics for the general sessions include:

- soil sodicity
- increasing yield
- pre-emergent herbicides
- chemistry in the spray tank
- social media.

There will also be concurrent sessions on nutrition, summer crop, cereal agronomy, pulses and weeds from some of the industry's most respected and knowledgeable names.

[Adviser grains research update - Coonabarabran - 25 February](#)

[Find out more on the GRDC website...](#)

Understanding pre-emergent herbicides half-day workshops

These GRDC supported workshops are targeted at winter crop situations, using herbicide examples relevant to these locations.

Workshops will be in a small group format, running for 4 hours. The agenda will cover:

- Why consider pre-emergent herbicides?
- Stubble management issues
- Volatility, photodegradation and incorporation
- Influence of soil type, soil moisture and position of the herbicide
- Solubility and binding
- Herbicide breakdown, persistence and rotational crop implications

- Application.

Where and when:

- Coonamble Bowling Club - 17 March
- West Dubbo Bowling Club - 18 March.

[RSVP and find out more.](#)

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Warren GRDC grower updates

[The Warren GRDC Grains Research Update](#) delivers the latest 'farm ready' research on issues critical to grain growers in the Central West.

Where and when: Warren and district united services club - 27 February (8.30am to 3pm)

[Find out more.](#)

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What is needed to reduce barriers to action on invasive animals?

The Invasive Animals CRC has started looking at barriers around invasive animal action and what might be done. To contribute your thoughts, read the discussion paper and fill in the feedback form.

[Discussion paper \(33 pages\)](#)

[Feedback form](#)

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DPI Seasonal Conditions Report

The NSW Government is replacing state drought declarations with a new Regional Seasonal

Conditions Report. The new reporting system helps landholders manage operations and prepare for changing seasonal conditions and drought.

[Seasonal Conditions full report](#)

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BOM climate outlook video



Want to know the weather predictions three months in advance?

The Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) has a monthly [Climate and Water Outlook video](#) which covers rainfall, streamflow and temperature for the next three months and beyond.

[Watch the video](#)

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New website helps track mice numbers

The best way for grain producers to keep track of changes in mouse abundance is to use MouseAlert – produced by the Invasive Animals CRC, CSIRO and several other partners.

This website provides a quick and easy-to-use method of recording mice activity, and seeing what other farmers are recording in their local area.

The website also contains fact sheets and management recommendations about controlling mice during key periods in the cropping cycle:

- prior to sowing
- during crop emergence
- prior to harvest.

For access to Mousealert and the latest monitoring data [go to mouse alert...](#)

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Central West Rural Financial Counselling

Service updated contact list

The [Rural Financial Counselling Service](#) provides free, impartial and confidential financial counselling to help farmers, fishers and agriculture-dependent small businesses in their decision making.

[Access the updated contact list for the Central West...](#)

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Farm Household Allowance

The Farm Household Allowance provides eligible farmers and their partners who are experiencing financial hardship with assistance and support to improve their long-term financial situation.

Eligible farmers and their partners will be able to access up to three years of payment. This is designed to give farm families time to get back on their feet and the opportunity to take steps to improve their circumstances.

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