

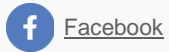


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Check for foot problems in sheep

[Belinda Edmonstone, District Veterinarian, Forbes Office](#)

In some areas of the Central West Local Land Services region, pasture conditions are becoming conducive for the spread of footrot and for the development of other foot issues in sheep.



If the weather remains mild and pastures continue to grow, producer needs to be monitoring for signs of lameness in their flock.

Footrot is a highly contagious disease affecting all classes of sheep and goats, causing a significant impact on production. The disease causes underrunning between the hard and soft tissue of the feet resulting in severe lameness in usually more than one foot.

This condition is still regulated in NSW; therefore producers are legally required to notify Local Land Services if they suspect they have a problem.

Other reasons for lameness due to foot issues are foot abscess and foot scald. Foot abscess causes swelling of the foot and severe lameness – usually in heavily pregnant ewes and rams. Generally only one foot is affected.

Foot scald causes inflammation of the skin between the claws and will affect all classes of stock. Stock grazing in clover paddocks will be more severely affected.

[Read the full article...](#)

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Social media workshops (Wellington and Parkes)

Want to connect online but don't know where to start? Come to a Sheepconnect social media workshop!

- Wellington - 15 June
- Parkes - 16 June.

Contact Shelly Anderson (6391 3954 or sheep.connect@industry.nsw.gov.au).

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Mental health night (Grenfell)

Come to a free *Health lessons from (Henry) Lawson* workshop in Grenfell on 17 June.

For more information and to RSVP please call Di Gill (0427 460 430 or dianne.gill@health.nsw.gov.au).

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Keep an eye out for land and stock returns

Each year landholders fill in Land and Stock Returns, giving us important information about your properties and livestock.

If you are a Local Land Services ratepayer you are required by law to lodge a return by 31 August. Info is coming in the mail shortly.

[Read more about land and stock returns and why they are important...](#)

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Colleraina pasture update

Landholders in the Colleraina area are invited to a practical tour with DPI Officer Trudy Atkinson on pastures, dual purpose crops, livestock and production. 29 July.

Tour local properties to see how producers are integrating perennial pasture and dual-purpose forage species into their feedbase. Industry specialists and researchers will present and discuss a range of topics.

[Find out more...](#)

Contact Trudie Atkinson, DPI Development Officer (0427 102 431 or trudie.atkinson@dpi.nsw.gov.au)

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Community Advisory Groups in place

We've recently recruited members of our four community advisory groups to help guide and inform how we work across our business.

The Ag and Industry, Aboriginal, Local Government and Natural Resource Management Community Advisory Groups are now active. Find out more at our website or call your Local Land Services office.

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Bearbung fox baiting group

3rd June 2015 (8.30am-10.00am)

Fox baiting in the Bearbung area as part of the Goonoo Threat Abatement Program and to reduce the impact on sheep producers as a result of lamb predation by foxes.

All landholders are encouraged to participate (even if they don't run sheep), foxes don't recognise property boundaries and quickly re-inhabit areas vacated by foxes removed through baiting in neighbouring areas.

For more information contact Graham Kelly at the Coonabarabran LLS office (0428 639 301 or graham.kelly@lls.nsw.gov.au).

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Stress free stockmanship (Grenfell)

Stockmanship influences animal behaviours which transfer to grazing effects in the paddock. Innovative and practical the course includes theory and practice in:

- advanced animal movement and stockhandling skills
- eliminating stress factors in livestock for maximum production
- weed eating - changing your animals into weed eaters
- increasing daily gain by 34% (as shown in recent scientific studies).

The course is a practical on-farm exercise with extensive time for discussion of the research background and theory of stress free stockmanship.

This course is suitable for all people who have to handle livestock, no matter what their level of experience.

17-18 June. To find out more and book your spot contact Stephen Pereira (0409 814 182 or stephen.pereira@lls.nsw.gov.au).

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Renewables in agriculture and solar pumping

The NSW Office of Environment and Heritage and NSW Farmers Association invite you to a free seminar *Renewables in agriculture and solar pumping* in Warren on 5 May.

Featuring new guides for farmers:

- Solar-powered pumping in agriculture: A guide to system selection and design
- Renewable energy in agriculture: A farmer's guide to technology and feasibility.

[Find out how your farm business can benefit](#) from clean energy technologies.

[Learn more...](#)

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2015 NSW Landcare awards nominations open

Organisers are encouraging local Landcarers to submit a nomination for the biennial NSW Landcare Awards.

[With nine national categories to choose from](#) there is certain to be one to fit any kind of Landcare project or local hero.

All winners at a state and territory level will proceed as finalists to the 2016 National Landcare Awards.

[Find out more...](#)

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Winter crop variety sowing guide now avail



This guide helps to select the most suitable variety and contains updated technical information from the

latest research, extension and industry programs.

It helps growers make better cropping decisions and higher profits.

[Read the guide and find out more...](#)

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2015 Agribusiness today Forum

The 2015 Agribusiness Forum will be held on 13 & 14 August in Forbes. The Forum topic is *Mixed farming systems of the future*.

This year's Forum will see a number of leading livestock, cropping researchers and scientists coming together to outline to farmers the future developments for mixed farming systems.

The event will consist of a forum in Forbes on Thursday 13th and a Field Trip around the region on Friday 14th August examining new and exciting developments for mixed farming producers from the paddock right through to the plate.

Save the date!

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Landcare conference - call for abstracts

Organisers of the Landcare and LLS conference *From the ground up* (Orange, 1-3 Sep) are calling for abstracts now. **Closes 3 July.**

Why not have a look - author instructions and templates [now available...](#)

[Find out more...](#)

To keep up to date [join the mailing list](#) or [like on Facebook](#).

Training subsidies for rural students

Subsidies are on offer to rural and remote students for training in Agriculture and related disciplines by [registered training organisation Ruralbiz](#).

RuralBiz is a registered training organisation offering nationally accredited training to Advanced Diploma level in Agriculture and related disciplines. Study is fully online and flexible – designed to be completed in your own time and at your own pace.

Under the NSW Smart & Skilled program, Ruralbiz is offering students heavily subsidised training in different regions and a range of qualifications.

Including Agriculture, Agribusiness Management, Horticulture and Organic Farming – some at Certificate IV level, some Diploma and some Advanced Diploma. Subsidy levels also vary but in most cases, they cover almost half of the full tuition fee costs.

To find out more contact Melinda Barton (6884 8812 or admin@ruralbiztraining.com.au) or [visit the RuralBiz website...](#)

Noxious weeds handbook now out

DPI recently released their latest noxious and environmental weeds control handbook.

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

[Read the handbook...](#)



Snapshot: Better dams workshop in Grenfell



Getting the drum on farm dam and water efficiency at our workshop in Grenfell.

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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Vet Evelyn Walker rejoins LLS team



Dubbo area landholders will be seeing a familiar face with the return of Dr Evelyn Walker (pictured on the right with Regional Vet Jillian Kelly) to the position of district vet.

Dr Walker left Local Land Services in mid-2014 to pursue a PhD.

She has now returned to Dubbo to continue to work with farmers on herd and flock issues, and help safeguard market access.

[Read more about Evelyn...](#)

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Share your experience on drought preparedness

Spend five minutes of your time to provide drought information about you and your farm business. This survey is confidential and no personal contact details are recorded.

By answering the three questions you will help build a clearer picture of how drought-affected farming communities have coped personally as well as in their farm business.

This survey closes on the 30th June 2015. [Take the survey now...](#)

This information is being collected by the NSW Department of Primary Industries Rural Resilience Program, which aims to build connected viable farming communities.

To find out more [email the Rural Resilience Program...](#)

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Bureau of Meteorology outlook



The Bureau of Meteorology has released their latest monthly climate and water outlook video – covering rainfall, streamflow and temperature for the next three months and beyond.

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