

AGRICULTURE



Agritourism planning changes in NSW

It is now easier for farmers to use their land for agritourism with the NSW Government allowing farmers to use exempt and complying development processes that are faster, cheaper and easier than making development applications.

This is great news for those wishing to set up or build on their current agritourism service in this growing sector.

Offering agritourism experiences to visitors helps farmers to:

- Diversify their business and establish a new revenue stream
- Share their passion, stories and farming methods
- Sell farm produce and products.



5 ways to use your farm for new business ventures

Wondering how Agritourism could work for you?

If you're interested in an event aimed at exploring the potential of Agritourism for you, please register your interest below.

[Register your interest](#)



Nutrient Smart Soil Workshops

Learn about soil types, nutrients and fertility flows across your farm, and how to manage your soil to its capability in a 2 part workshop delivered by North Coast Local Land Services.

- Wednesday 8 May - Bellingen
- Tuesday 21 May - Willawarrin

[Register for your nearest workshop](#)

About Council Tenders and EOIs

Council engages local contractors and businesses for various projects through the online portal eProcure. We advertise these opportunities inviting either Requests for Quotation (RFQ), Requests for Tender (RFT) or Expressions of Interest (EOI).

RFTs for the design and construction of the Kempsey Regional Saleyards infrastructure upgrade will close on Tuesday 7 May.

Register on eProcure to receive notifications for future opportunities.

[Register on eProcure](#)



Are you prepared for the 3G shutdown?

Anyone currently using the 3G network, either for mobile phone or internet services, must transition to at least 4G capable devices before the network is switched off. Vodafone has already switched off their 3G network with [Telstra](#) and [Optus](#) to follow suit on 30 June and 1 September, respectively.

This shift may impact a range of devices, including smartphones, tablets, modems, point-of-sale systems, and specialised equipment used in the agriculture sector like monitoring and sensor devices.

[Learn how to prepare for the 3G shutdown](#)



Ruminant nutrition and animal health workshop

Join Veterinarian and Ruminant Nutritionist Dr Jillian Kelly and Local Land Services Drought Adoption Officer Alix Johnston for a workshop packed with everything you need to know about keeping your ruminants happy and healthy for the season ahead. This workshop is free with morning tea and lunch provided.

Tuesday 7 May 9.30am-2.30pm at Kempsey Macleay RSL Club.

[Find out more or register to attend](#)



Online preparedness workshops

Do you have a plan for your animals as well as your family and farm? On Monday nights in May, Local Land Services is hosting a four part online series to help you work through your emergency plan for your animals, ask questions and interact in a relaxed setting.

[Register for free](#)

Pest animal control workshop - Kempsey

Local Land Services will be holding a workshop on 11 May at Kempsey Showground on ways to help you manage pest animals on your property. The workshop will take place from 10am to 12.30pm followed by vertebrate pest induction training from 12.30 pm to 3.30pm.



[Learn more or register for the workshop](#)



Field Day highlights soil health innovations

Regenerative Agriculture Macleay Alliance held a successful field day on a property in Millbank on Tuesday 9 April. The field day consisted of a presentation of the property owner's vermicompost, also known as worm tea, techniques to boost soil health and plant vitality.

The group then discussed the recent release of dung beetles on properties in the Kempsey Shire which play an important role in enriching soil and controlling disease.

Find out more about Regenerative Agriculture Macleay Alliance

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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