



AGRICULTURE



Welcome to our Agriculture and Industry E-newsletter!

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ABILITY AGRICULTURE SURVEY

Ability Agriculture Foundation Ltd is enabling awareness & opportunity for people with disability in agriculture.

They would like to gather insights into perspectives & experience of people with disability in agriculture to share with the broader community.

COMPLETE ABILITY AGRICULTURE SURVEY





Enabling awareness & opportunity for
disability in agriculture

Complete our survey for a chance to go in the
draw to win
NDIS approved Medium Vegepod
\$100 RB Sellars Gift Voucher
Akubra Hat

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Ability Agricultural Survey

Annual Land and Stock Returns

Annual Land and Stock Returns (ALSR) are essentially a 'farm census' and provide Local Land Service with important information on land use and livestock numbers across the state.

The information you provide is invaluable and allows them to:

- quickly and accurately respond to emergency or biosecurity events
- protect our 'clean and green' reputation against pests and diseases
- build a statewide picture of agricultural land use and livestock numbers
- monitor flocks and herds for emergency animal diseases
- help keep domestic and international markets open.

Even if you have no stock, it is important to lodge your annual return.

Information related to cropping and horticulture enterprises and lifestyle blocks is invaluable in a biosecurity event such as a pest or disease outbreak. Lodging your annual return is also a legal requirement.

Your 2023 Annual Land and Stock Returns portal opens 30 June. You will have until 31 August 2023 to submit your response, either via our secure online portal or manually on your form.



[More Details](#)

Dung Beetle and Pasture Field Day

RAMA with the support of Local Land Services and
Macleay Landcare present
Dung Beetle and Pasture Field Day



Want to learn more about healthy soils, and increasing productivity?

When: 4th of July 2023

Time: 9am till 12pm

Where: Summer Island (Address will be confirmed upon registration)

Morning tea provided, bring sunscreen, hat, appropriate foot-wear and a sense of community

Gavin Tinning from The Border Ranges Richmond Valley Landcare will discuss:

- How dung beetles play an important role in supporting your soil health.
- What species should and could be present in our local area.
- Methods to monitor activity/species.
- What winter species could be added to the local area.

Tash Favaloro from Williams seeds will discuss:

- Multispecies crop cover and how they benefit our soils

Amy O'Brien from Our Alter Eco will share

- their journey on restoring the land after savage bushfires. Including different management practices, based on soil type, environmental factors, landscape and financial resources.

If you would like to register for the field day, please call or email your RAMA representative

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Macleay Alliance <https://m.facebook.com/groups/1103109056981065/?mibextid=IURqYx>

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This field day has been organised by the Regenerative Agriculture
Macleay Alliance group in conjunction with North Coast Local Land Services, Macleay Valley
Landcare and Border Ranges Richmond Valley Landcare.

[More Details](#)



Australian Farm Data Code

The Australian Farm Data Code (the Code) was developed and adopted by the National Farmers' Federation (NFF) in consultation with industry, and with support from the Australian Government.

The Code is intended to inform the data management policies of product and service providers who manage data on behalf of farmers. It is also a yardstick by which farmers can evaluate the data terms and policies of those providers.

[Find out more about the Australian Farm Data Code](#)



Social Impact in the Regions: Coffs Harbour 6-8 September

- Are you creating social impact in your regional community?
- Are you having trouble finding funding opportunities to sustain your impact?
- Would you like to learn more tools to enhance what you are doing to support your community?

Learn more of this and more at the inaugural Social Impact in the Regions conference which will be held in **Coffs Harbour 6-8 September 2023**.

[More Info and Tickets](#)



Expressions of Interest PROGRAZE

Are you looking for more profit from your pastures and grazing system?

Beef producers can learn how to gain more profit from pastures and grazing systems through PROGRAZE, a recognised, industry-leading training course based on proven principles of pasture and livestock production.

PROGRAZE

North Coast Local Land Services is seeking expressions of interest from producers looking to refine their pasture and livestock management skills through the PROGRAZE® course.

PROGRAZE is designed to help producers:

- Develop practical pasture and livestock assessment skills, and
- To use these skills to improve the profitability and sustainability of grazing systems on their farms.

[Find out more about ProGraz](#)



Flood
and storm
grants
close 30
June 2023

For more information contact
Rural Recovery
Support Service
0448 077 684
www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/rrss



Storm and Recovery Grants Closing Soon

A number of storm and flood recovery grants will close to new applications on June 30.

This includes the **Special Disaster Grants** and **Rural Landholder Grants** made available in response to storm and flood disaster events that occurred throughout 2022.

[More Info](#)



Giant Rats Tail & Giant Parramatta Grass

The Ideal time to treat Giant Rats Tail and Giant Parramatta Grass is between July and October. For more information and details on control, check out [NSW Weed Wise](#).

[More Info](#)



Supplementary Feed Options

Senior Land Service Officer, Nathan Jennings from North Coast Local Land Services writes that most protein sources are in limited supply and due to patchy rainfall, there is variability across the region with regards to feed supply. As pasture quality declines, producers should be considering their options including

feed quality testing.

Supplementary Feed Options Update July 2023



Stay Safe around Powerlines

Stay safe around power by installing aerial markers on your property.

Powerlines can be difficult to see even on bright sunny days, particularly in low light, rain, cloudy weather or at dawn or dusk.

Essential Energy provides free installation of up to 10 aerial markers on powerlines.

[Learn More](#)

Kempsey Shire Council Tenders & EOI

Are you a local supplier in the trades area?

This includes services from air conditioning servicing to bricklaying to cleaning to painting to potable water carting and all the services in between!

Please ensure you [register here](#) to ensure you are notified when this request for tender is released



[Register here](#)

Rural Agribusiness Wellbeing Project

A new project is being delivered under the National **Ahead for Business program** to support the mental health of small agribusiness owners working in Australia's agriculture, forestry and fishing industry.



The **Rural Agribusiness Wellbeing Project** will help small agribusiness owners respond to the unique challenges they face in rural Australia including how they are uniquely impacted by adverse weather conditions, financial difficulties and red tape.

[Register here](#)

If you have any questions, please contact our Agricultural Development Officer, Ali Briggs on [02 6566 3200](tel:0265663200) or ali.briggs@kempsey.nsw.gov.au.

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