

From the President and Pastoral Committee of the PGA of WA (Inc.)

DROUGHT POLICY REVIEW

On 5th May 2010 the State and Federal Ministers for Agriculture announced that the above Review would be conducted in WA from 1st July to 30th June 2011.

The General Manager of the Review along with other Government agency personnel will be in WA to explain the process of the review to the pastoral industry. Meetings will be held in Gascoyne Junction, Newman, Wiluna and Meekatharra during the week commencing 5th July.

Dates and meeting times will be advised when finalised.

CATTLE COUNCIL FUTURE LEADERS AWARD

PGA are looking for a young beef producer (18-35) from each SFO, to be funded, to give a presentation to the CCA AGM with the national winner to attend Five Nations Beef Alliance in the US.

Nominations to be forwarded to the PGA via email pga@pgaofwa.org.au Fax: 9277 7311

LIVESTOCK COMPLIANCE UNIT

As a result of industry comments on the LCU a meeting was convened between PGA, WAFF, DAFWA and Assistant Commissioner, Mick Burnby Regional WA.

Concerns were expressed that with the disbanding of the Rural Crime Squad (Stock Squad) reduced police presence was contributing to the apparent increase of stock theft. The number of incidents reported to Police were rarely resolved and this created a negative attitude for producers.

The following procedures as advised by DAFWA for reporting stock theft is reproduced.

Delayed reporting of livestock theft can affect the success of the resulting Police investigation.

If you have witnessed, or you are the victim of, livestock theft, attend your local Police Station or call Police on 141 444 to report it.

The operator or Police Officer will take an incident report which will contain your personal details and details relating to the livestock theft. They will issue you with an incident report number. Keep a copy of this number so you can follow up your report at a later date. If necessary, police will attend the scene.

While all matters of livestock theft are investigated by Police, the Department of Agriculture and Food Livestock Compliance Unit (LCU) inspectors assist Police with technical advice and provide support to local Police including the criminal investigation.

LCU inspectors have detailed knowledge of livestock identification and movement legislation that allows them to assist Police with investigating and tracing stolen stock.


The co-ordinated approach is designed to deter livestock crimes and to improve investigation outcomes when crimes do occur.

FENCING OF PASTORAL LEASES ON MAIN ROADS

Following numerous inquiries from pastoralists in regard to the above PGA has obtained a copy of Main Roads Policy on "Fencing of Main Roads." PGA will continue to meet with Main Roads and other industry participants to resolve the problems of straying stock.

MEETINGS:

WAGMIC: AGM/General - 18th July
Pastoral: Wednesday 7th July
Executive: Thursday 15th July

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