



PGA E-News

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Members Update—14 October 2010

Fuel Tax Reduction

From July 1 2010 the tax credit rate for fuels such as diesel or petrol for use in heavy vehicles on public roads was reduced from 16.44 cents per litre to 15.543 cents per litre. This change is due to an increase in the road user charge. A heavy vehicle is either a vehicle with a gross vehicle mass (GVM) of greater than 4.5 tonnes or a diesel vehicle acquired before July 1 2006 with a GVM equal to 4.5 tonnes or more. Please ensure that you use this new rate when completing an activity statement for 2010/2011 year.

Rural Financial Counselling Service

The Rural Financial Counselling Service (RFCS-WA) is a free, confidential service that aims to help primary producers and other eligible small rural businesses experiencing financial hardship or lack of direction to regain and seek out viable and sustainable options to move forward. Services include financial and business options, negotiating with financiers and creditors, approaching professionals for succession planning, family mediation and personal counselling. They have an experienced financial counseling team, funded by both Federal & State Departments of Agriculture, located throughout the State and are contactable by calling freecall 1800 612 004.

Dealing with the Dry Season

Much of the State is experiencing one of the driest seasons on record. A support directory, compiled by the State Government, and outlining a range of contacts to provide support is available and attached is a copy for your information. Members are encouraged to visit the Department of Agriculture & Food web-site for information and advice on managing issues relating to the dry season or by contacting them on 1300 725 572 or visit their web-site www.agric.wa.gov.au

Federal/State Joint Drought Pilot

The current Federal/State joint drought pilot program underway in Western Australia has three broad aims to strengthen farm business, sustain farming families and build resilient rural communities. The State Government is funding two components of the program—Farm Planning and Building Farm Business. Members are encourage to visit the Drought Pilot Program website (www.daff.gov.au/droughtpilot) to view the Pilot of drought reform measures in Western Australia information or phone 13 23 16 for details.

Member Offer—NLIS/Transaction Tags for Cattle

DATAMARS can offer PGA members discounted prices on NLIS and transaction tags for cattle. A flyer detailing prices and cut off dates for ordering will be circulated to members. For more details please contact Sonya at the PGA.

PGA Out & About



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