

Rural Financial Counselling Service NSW - Central West Inc



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RFCS-CW Annual General Meeting

The RFCS-CW Annual General Meeting was held in Dubbo on the **16th November 2011**. This meeting was attended by approximately 20 members and constituents.

Photographed below: Left: RFCS-CW CEO Jeff Caldbeck and Wellington Mayor Anne Jones. Right: RFCS-CW Local Advisory Group representative Claire Haley and RFCS-CW Director Janice Stanford.



A copy of the RFCS-CW Annual Report to Member for 2011 has been uploaded to our website. To view this report please go to <http://www.rfcs-cw.com.au/rfcs-cw-bulletins>

Whilst within this site you can also access vital information about the services our organisation provides free of charge to eligible primary producers and small rural businesses.

Our Succession Planning Brochure can also be downloaded from our site via connecting to http://www.rfcs-cw.com.au/assets/uploads/RFCS-CW_Succession_Planning.pdf

RFCS-CW Staff Donate to Target Christmas Wishing Tree

At the annual RFCS-CW staff Christmas party this year staff chose to donate their Kris Kringle gift funds to the Target Christmas Wishing Tree.

RFCS-CW staff raised \$150.00 allowing these gifts to be purchased and placed under the Wishing Tree. Uniting Care volunteers will collect all gifts and ensure they are distributed to those in need in time for Christmas morning.

WELL DONE!!



CHRISTMAS OFFICES CLOSURE TIME

All RFCS-CW office sites will be closed for the Christmas New Year period between the **24.12.11**

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03.01.12

In case of emergency contact

0437 994 409

or

0429 151 133

New Rural Financial Counsellor at Coonamble

Our clients in the Coonamble service area will be pleased to know that Andrew Shearer, a local with over 20 years experience working directly within the rural sector throughout VIC, QLD and NSW, has been appointed to the position of Rural Financial Counsellor (RFC) at Coonamble.



In addition to Andrew's years working on the land he has in more recent years also undertaken to work towards completing a Bachelor of Agribusiness through UNE and now as his degree is nearing completion he is looking forward to work within the Coonamble area as the local RFC.

RFCS-CW CEO Jeff Caldbeck identified that the service is pleased to employ a local who has strong connections within Coonamble. He also noted that given Andrew's background and educational experience within the rural sector it is anticipated that Andrew will become a valued member of the RFCS team and rural support network within the Coonamble community.

Clients are encouraged to call in and introduce themselves to Andrew at our Coonamble office, 58a Castlereagh Street Coonamble, Phone 02 68223220 Mobile 0419 402 295.

The service would also like to pay tribute to Jen Hoath (previous Coonamble RFC) for a job well done over the past 5 years. Jen was an extremely valued member of the team who undertook during her years of service to assist hundreds of rural community members. On behalf of management and staff we wish Jen all the best with her future endeavours.

Gilgandra Office Update

Clients within the Gilgandra office are reminded that the office will remain open with a Dubbo-based counsellor providing outreach services at the existing Gilgandra office site, as required. To book an appointment with the Counsellor servicing Gilgandra please call the Gilgandra office on 02 6847 1084 or our Regional Office on 02 6884 7841.

Country Women's Association of NSW assist the farming community with a generous Donation

The CWA of NSW aims to not only support schemes which enhance the value of country living but also strives to improve conditions and welfare for all women and families especially in country areas.

This is evident by their recent donation to RFCS-CW in the amount of \$15,000.00 which they requested be discreetly distributed to rural families in need who may have suffered financially as a result of the difficult climatic conditions experienced over the past twelve months. Via this generous CWA donation RFCS-CW has been able to put a smile on the faces of many families and provide some degree of financial relief during this festive season.

On behalf of recipient families RFCS-CW CEO would like to express sincere gratitude and thank to the CWA of NSW.

RFCS-CW Staff Seminar



At the recent RFCS-CW Staff Seminar in Dubbo RFC's were given the opportunity to tap into the resources of Mark Ritchie from Co² Australia who spoke on "Carbon Tax Legislation and opportunities for landholders in the Central West", Graeme Brown—Chamberlain's SBR who provided information on "Business restructure and insolvency" and Rohan Brill & Kathi Hertel DPI agronomists who presented on "An adaptive response to changes in Climate". On day two of the seminar David Duffy presented on the "Factors that influence change in behaviour and how benchmarking helps keep clients focused".

Photograph: Fran Rowe (RFC Tottenham) and Graeme Brown Chamberlain's SBR

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