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MEDIA RELEASE

MEETINGS PLANNED ACROSS NSW AS FARMERS URGED TO JOIN FIGHT AGAINST LOCUSTS

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Minister for Primary Industries, Steve Whan, today called on the State's farmers to join the State Government in its spring offensive against plague locusts.

"Our success minimising the impact of this plague hinges on strong support from farmers and landholders," Minister Whan said.

"That's why community meetings will be held from Wyallda, Moree and Walgett in the north-west through to Jerilderie, Narrandera and Rankins Springs in the Riverina.

"Farmers are our frontline in this battle – a lot of effort is going into making sure they are in the best position when locusts begin to hatch.

"Between now and mid-September about 50 meetings will be held across the State and more are being planned.

"Co-ordinated by Livestock Health and Pest Authorities (LHPA), these meetings will brief farmers on the situation we face here in NSW and their role in our co-ordinated response."

Minister Whan said meetings will also be an opportunity for farmers and landholders to seek out information and ask questions of LHPA rangers.

"The LHPAs have co-ordinated these meetings at a local level to deliver localised information," he said.

"This includes predicted hatching dates, insecticide pick-up locations and contact details for reporting locust sightings.

"Finding locusts early will be crucial to the success of the campaign to minimise the impact of locusts in what is expected to be the State's worst locust plague in 30 years."

The State Government has allocated \$18.5 million to help NSW battle the pest.

A complete list of Plague Locusts Information Meetings is available at www.lhpa.org.au/pests/locusts or www.agriculture.nsw.gov.au/locusts

[Full list of meetings follows this page](#)

PLAGUE LOCUST INFORMATION MEETINGS

Place or group	Date	Venue / Location	Time
Adavale	23/08/2010	Adavale Community Hall Goonumbla	1:00 pm
Balranald	31/08/2010	Balranald Bowling Club	1:00 pm
Barham	30/08/2010	Barham District Services Club	2:00 pm
Barellan	24/08/2010	Barellan Bowling Club	2:00 pm
Berrigan	27/08/2010	Berrigan Sports Club	10:00 am
Bunnaloo	20/08/2010	Bunnaloo Hall	2:00 pm
Coleambally	26/08/2010	Coleambally Bowling Club	10:00 am
Collerreina Condo Rd	31/8/2010	Collerreina Hall Condo Rd, BBQ @ 5.30pm	5.00 pm
Coreen	2/09/2010	Coreen Football Club Rooms	10:00 am
Dandaloo	7/9/2010	'Jamea', BBQ @ 12.00	12.30 pm
Deniliquin	19/08/2010	Deniliquin RSL Club	10:00 am
Girilambone	30/8/2010	Girilambone, BBQ @ 6.00pm	6.30 pm
Goolgowi	1/09/2010	Ex-Serviceman's Club	10:00 am
Griffith	24/08/2010	Leagues Club	10:00 am
Hay	2/09/2010	Hay Services Club	10:00 am
Hermidale	31/8/2010	Hermidale tennis courts, BBQ @ 12.30pm	1.00 pm
Hillston	1/09/2010	Ex-Serviceman's Club	2:00 pm
Inverell	25/08/2010	Inverell LHPA Office	10:30 am
Jerilderie	26/08/2010	Jerilderie Sports Club	2:00 pm
Lalaly	31/08/2010	Lalaly Hall	10:00 am
Lockhart	24/08/2010	Lockhart Football Pavilion	10:00 am
Manildra	7/9/2010	Manildra Bowling Club Morning Tea	9:00 pm
Mathoura	20/08/2010	Mathoura Bowling Club	10:00 am
Moree	31/08/2010	Moree LHPA Office	10:30 am
Moulamein	25/07/2010	Bowling Club	10:00 am
Murray Downs Swanhill	24/08/2010	Kidman Room - Murray Downs Resort	10:00 am
Narrabri	6/09/2010	Narrabri LHPA Office	10:30 am

Narrandera	26/08/2010	Narrandera Bowling Club	3:00 pm
North Parkes	23/8/2010	Adavale Community hall BBQ @ 12.30	1:00 pm
Nyngan	30/8/2010	Nyngan Office, Morning Tea	9.00 am
Oaklands	1/09/2010	Oaklands Bowls Club	2:00 pm
Pretty Pine	19/08/2010	Pretty Pine Recreation Ground	2:00 pm
Rand	1/09/2010	Rand Hotel	10:00 am
Rankins Springs	31/08/2010	Rankins Springs Hotel	11:00 am
Savernake	27/08/2010	Savernake Hall	2:00 pm
Tooleybuc	24/08/2010	Tooleybuc Sporting Club	2:00 pm
Trangie south	7/9/2010	Property 'Westwai' Dandaloo Rd, BBQ @ 8.00am	8.30 am
Trangie West	7/9/2010	'Muntham', Tony Quiggley, BBQ @ 4.00pm	4.00 pm
Urana	24/08/2010	Urana Bowls Club	2:00 pm
Wakool	30/08/2010	Returned Soldiers & Sports Club	10:00 am
Walgett	8/09/2010	Walgett LHPA Office	10:30 am
Warialda	26/08/2010	Warialda LHPA Office	10:30 am
Wentworth show	27-28/8/10	Wentworth Show Exhibitors Site	Presentations periodically through the day
Yeoval	3/9/2010	Yeoval bowling Club, Morning Tea	9:00 am

*** More meetings are being planned. More information from local LHPAs**