



“Crackers”

August 2009

Welcome to the fifth “Crackers” report

I was horrified during the month to find out another definition of a Cracker. Did you know that in the sheep industry a "cracker" is an old redundant sheep with no fat and very little muscle, and no value!

Sorry to all you sheep farmers whom I may have offended. I like my definitions better:
Someone or something special

Definitions of a Cracker:
Surprise that goes off with a BANG
Something to chew on between meals
Someone or something special

Forums & meetings for farmers in August

See attached registration forms and information sheets

For some “Cracker” ideas on training and information forums to attend in the month of August, I have included a list below and attached the information sheets.

I look forward to seeing some of you in Coomealla on the 6th and Mildura on the 12th

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Farming Futures for Rural Sunraysia
Thursday 6 August @ Coomealla Club

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Alternative Crops and new industries to diversify existing businesses
Wednesday 12 August @ The Setts Mildura

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Spray Management Day & Dye Night
Farm Ready subsidised
Monday 17 August @ St Arnaud

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Wycheproof Resource Centre
Fork lift 3 day course: 24, 25 & 26 August
Boat licenses 24 August
Book on 5493 7455

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Diploma of Rural Business Management
Innovative Business Training Course
Saturday 3 October 2009 Course starts
Venue TBA. See attached information

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Advanced Conservation Farming to deal with Climate Change
Farm Ready subsidised
Various dates for field trips to Nyngan, NSW

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Training Report

Here is what training has been funded so far by North West Rural Skills Connect since September 2008.

Earthmoving tickets	74
Polyethylene Butt Welding	20
White Card OHS ticket	42
First Aid Level 2	14
Sell yourself with a resume	53
Certificate 3 Engineering	7
Transport tickets (inc Forklift)	167
Other training	78

BASIC COMPUTER TRAINING

Here's what we have decided to do for the basic computer training. Everyone will receive in the next month a booklet on how to do the following;

- How to create and save a document like an application letter or resume.
- How to send that document by email.
- Help on accessing the internet and search on websites. (“Google and templates.”)

You'll be invited to have a “crack” at the self paced booklet and then catch up in groups for a review and further training with me as I travel around the region in August.

Dates and venues for the Basic Computer Training Tour will be announced next month.

“Plan B” in your back pocket, gives you confidence to get on with your farming commitments right now.



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Challenge!

Have a look at these recent and current jobs on the internet and consider what you have to offer. Employers WANT to hear from you. Call me to discuss job applications so I can help.

These jobs are easy to find on seek.com.au by searching for the Job ID number listed.

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| 1. Field Staff – Mildura- Fieldforce Services Pty Ltd | Job ID: 15666301 |
| 2. Elders traineeships - Mildura, Robinvale, Swan Hill and Wycheproof | Job ID: 15686594 |
| 3. Branch Manager - Ouyen- Graincorp | Job ID: 15687795 |
| 4. Casual Field Officer – Mildura – Amrinteractive | Job ID: 15739880 |
| 5. 4 positions with new dealership - Mildura - Con Ag Hydraulics
Salesperson, Diesel/Hydraulic Fitter Mechanic, Spare Parts Interpreters | Job ID: 15696740 |
| 6. Accounts Payable / Receivable – Robinvale - The Lamattina Group | Job ID: 15691914 |
| 7. Sales Opportunity - Mildura - Tagore Yenigella | Job ID: 15671887 |

Search for these jobs on www.jobsearch.gov.au in the Western Victorian region.

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| 1. Apprentice Mechanic - Heavy Vehicle | ST ARNAUD | Full time |
| 2. Experienced Motor mechanic | ROBINVALE | Full time |
| 3. Spare Parts Interpreter | DONALD | Full time |
| 4. Personal Care Attendant | KERANG | Casual |
| 5. Truck Driver / Delivery Person | SWAN HILL | Full time |
| 6. Plant Operator / Labourer Excavator and Bobcat | MILDURA | Casual |
| 7. B Double Truck Drivers | ROBINVALE | Casual |
| 8. Mystery Shopper (2 positions) | SWAN HILL | Casual |
| 9. Carer | SWAN HILL | Casual |
| 10. Administration Clerk | MILDURA | Casual |
| 11. Kiosk Supervisor | HORSHAM | Casual |
| 12. Diesel Mechanic | HORSHAM | Full time |
| 13. Cook | KERANG | Casual |
| 14. Auto Vehicle Servicing School Based Apprentice | DONALD | Full time |
| 15. Mechanic Apprenticeship | DONALD | Full time |
| 16. Taxi Driver/Farm Hand | HORSHAM | Casual |
| 17. Orchard Hand | TRESCO | Full time |
| 18. Orchard Hand/Irrigation | WOOD WOOD | Full time |
| 19. Tractor Driver | WOOD WOOD | Full time |
| 20. Pruners (2 positions) | MILDURA | Casual |
| 21. Parks & Gardens Apprenticeship | MILDURA | Full time |
| 22. Horticulture Trainee | LAKE BOGA | Full time |
| 23. Piggery Attendant (2 positions) | MACORNA | Full time |
| 24. Tractor Drivers (3 positions) | COLIGNAN | Full time |
| 25. Farm Supervisor | LAKE BOGA | Full time |
| 26. Leading Farm Hand | MILDURA | Full time |
| 27. Leading Hand (Stone Fruit Industry) | WOORINEN | Full time |
| 28. Welder/Fabricator | MILDURA | Full time |

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