

## CEO THOUGHTS



Life can be as fun as a barrel of Ranga's as long as you know how to play the game / and know where your bread is buttered

Department of Primary Industries - AgFutures,  
Warracknabeal-Brim VFF and Yarriambiack  
Shire Council

Invite you to attend a free AgFutures forum

**Carbon and emissions markets  
and Farming in a drier climate  
- lessons from the Mallee**

Thursday 23 July 2009  
Warracknabeal Racecourse, Henty Hwy.  
Warracknabeal  
8.45am - 12.30pm

**The forum will finish with a free lunch,  
so bookings are essential.**

### Guest Speakers:

#### Ginny Forrest, Senior Project Officer Carbon and Emissions Management, DPI, Horsham

Ginny works with the DPI and has been in the carbon and emissions trading arena for the last 2 years. She has been working closely with State and Federal policy makers as well as the carbon offset industry that has been operating in Victoria and further afield.

Ginny has a strong forestry background and has been working with farmers in the Wimmera for the last 9 years. Her role these days is to help to 'translate' policy proposals and decisions into what it will actually mean on the farm. Carbon is a commodity and Ginny is keen to explore with you how you might interact with this new & emerging market.

#### David Drage, Grain Farmer and Nuffield Scholarship Winner 2009, Warracknabeal

David manages a 1300ha family-owned dryland property and share-farms another 400ha property in the Warracknabeal area, assisted by his father and brother. He grows winter cereals and legumes and runs a small flock of Merino ewes for wool and prime lamb production with 10 per cent of the property set aside to maintain and enhance stands of remnant native vegetation.

Supported by the Estates of the late RC & EC Cappur Webb, David is studying the opportunities and challenges that emissions trading presents to broadacre farmers. He is investigating how farmers in other

countries are responding to the development of emissions trading schemes in their countries and how they have affected agriculture.

#### Rob Sonogan, Project Manager, DPI, Swan Hill

Rob is well regarded in the farming community, having worked in the Wimmera and Mallee for over 20 years. Among countless other things, Rob has helped to test and promote innovative farming techniques and new technology.

#### Matt Wellington, Yarriambiack Shire Council, Warracknabeal

Matt has been appointed to write an Environment Strategy for the Shire. He will be explaining where the process it up to and how residents will be consulted over the next 10-12 months.

#### Facilitator

Mr. Neil Noelker will facilitate the forum.



#### Registrations

For further information about the forum, or to register, please contact Lucy Breen on 53 622 111 or Text: 'WAFF + name/s' to 0428 303 291  
Registrations close Monday 20 July.

#### AgFutures

AgFutures assists farmers and farming communities make sense of the changes that will affect agriculture in the future and enables better long-term decision making. This project is funded under the Future Farming Strategy.

For further information about AgFutures, please contact Lucy on 53622111 or look at the project website [www.dpi.vic.gov.au/AgFutures](http://www.dpi.vic.gov.au/AgFutures).

AgFutures is a small DPI team committed to reducing our impact on the environment. We have done this by nominating some small actions to save energy and resources in the workplace. Please consider the environment - do not print this e-mail or attachments unless really necessary!

## *Whats on for the Mayor*

### **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2008**

6.30pm - Murtoa Lions Club Changeover  
Railway Hotel, MURTOA

### **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2008**

6.30pm - Combined Urban Fire brigade Dinner  
WARRACKNABEAL

### **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2008**

9.30am - Council Forum  
Yarriambiack Shire Council, WARRACKNABEAL