Hey Farmers

Does your drought workload mean you have access to some of the numerous rebates and loans available to farmers?

Unsure what you qualify for or how to get started?

This handy guide is here to help you

GLENRAC is committed to helping our rural farming community get through one of the toughest droughts in living memory.

We can assist with:

• completing farm assistance forms, including the freight and water infrastructure rebates available through the NSW Rural Assistance Authority
• lodging your application online or by scanning documents to accompany your applications
• connecting you with other sources of assistance, including Rural Aid, St Vincents de Paul, the Salvation Army, CWA of NSW and the Rural Financial Counselling Service.

Like to chat about what assistance and help is out there? Or need help submitting forms?

Schedule an appointment with one of our friendly Drought Support Officers at the Glen Innes office.

Call GLENRAC on 02 6732 3443 or drop into 68 Church St next time you’re in town.
TRANSPORT SUBSIDY EMERGENCY DROUGHT RELIEF
Up to 50% rebate for the freight of fodder, water, fertiliser, seed, chemicals and livestock to sale, slaughter or agistment. Rebates up to $40,000 for eligible businesses. Website: www.raa.nsw.gov.au/grants/transport-subsidy-emergency-drought-relief

EMERGENCY WATER INFRASTRUCTURE REBATE SCHEME
Up to 25% rebate for the purchase and upgrade of on-farm water infrastructure installation. Eligible primary producers can claim a maximum of $25,000 for new purchases, installation of pipes, water storage and water pumps, de-silting dams, and associated power supplies such as generators. Website: www.raa.nsw.gov.au/grants/emergency-water-infrastructure-rebate-scheme

FARM BUSINESS SKILLS
Professional Development Program - NSW DPI. The program will contribute up to 50% of the costs for eligible courses, up to a maximum of $5,000 for the first person in the business, and a total of $9,000 for all members of the business over a 5 year period. Closes 30 June 2020. Website: www.raa.nsw.gov.au/education-and-training/farm-business-skills-application-for-reimbursement

FARM INNOVATION FUND LOANS
Loans are available to assist with drought preparedness, environment, farm infrastructure and natural resources works. Loans up to $1,000,000 up to a twenty year term, current interest rate is 2.5%, which is fixed for the loan. Website: www.raa.nsw.gov.au/loans/farm-innovation-fund

LIONS CLUB NEED FOR FEED
Need For Feed are a major supplier of emergency fodder and transport, supplying semi-loads of animal feed to large affected areas and ute convoys to smaller properties. The Need for Feed team recommend farmers register their drought relief interests online through their website to help identify the property and region as an area in need for future hay run considerations. Website: www.needforfeed.org

FARM HOUSEHOLD ALLOWANCE
This allowance will help farmers with their daily living expenses, and is available Australia wide, without the need for a drought declaration. Eligible farmers and their partners can access up to four years of income support. This payment is equivalent to the Newstart Allowance and is paid fortnightly through the Department of Human Services - Drought and Farmer Assistance. Website: www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/centrelink/farm-household-allowance

DROUGHT ASSISTANCE FUND
Interest free loans of up to $50,000 are available to eligible primary producers to assist in implementing systems and management practices that enhance the sustainability of the enterprise. The loan is for a term of seven years, the first two years repayment free. Website: www.raa.nsw.gov.au/loans/drought-assistance-fund

CONCESSIONAL LOANS: REGIONAL INVESTMENT CORPORATION
Drought and Farm investment loans to assist with preparation for drought and recovery from drought. Loans and available up to $2,000,000 at an interest rate of 3.11%. Website: https://www.ric.gov.au/farmers/drought

OTHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
RURAL AID
Grants of up to $1,500 for payments of bills and up to four deliveries of household water. Must register online and provide a primary producer declaration. Website: www.buyabale.com.au/can-we-help-you/

CWA OF NSW DROUGHT AID FUND
Assistance to meet household expenses for drought affected families, up to a maximum of $3000 per family/household. Expenses can include grocery bills, vehicle maintenance, school, electricity, rates, telephone, medical treatments etc. Phone: 02 8337 0200 Website: https://www.cwaofnsw.org.au/droughtaid.html

SALVATION ARMY AND ST VINCENT DE PAUL
Assistance to meet household expenses for drought affected families, up to a maximum of $3000 per family/household. Expenses can include grocery bills, vehicle maintenance, school, electricity, rates, telephone, medical treatments etc. Phone: 13 72 58 Website: www.salvationarmy.org.au/need-help/disaster-relief-and-support/applications-drought-community-support-initiative

DROUGHT ANGELS
Assistance for Australian farming families affected by natural disasters through the supply of stock feed, financial support via pre-paid visas and community produce vouchers, face-to-face or phone contact, and referrals to other support networks as needed. Website: www.droughtangels.org.au

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