

## USEFUL CONTACTS AND LINKS

### FARM WATER

**Water NSW** Phone: 1300 662 077  
Web: [www.watarnsw.com.au](http://www.watarnsw.com.au)

#### Water Quality Testing Services

**NSW DPI Wollongbar** Phone: 1800 675 623  
02 6626 1103

#### East West Laboratory

**Tamworth** Phone: 02 6762 1733

#### Environmental Analysis

**Lab Lismore** Phone: 02 6620 3678

### WELLNESS

#### NSW Mental

**Health Line** Phone: 1800 011 511

#### Rural Adveristy

**Mental Health** Phone: 0437 989 044  
**Program Coordinator** Web: [www.ramhp.com.au](http://www.ramhp.com.au)

#### Stuart Brummell

**Rural Financial  
Counsellor** Phone: 02 6732 3325

**Salvation Army** Phone: 1300 551 030

#### St Vincent de Paul

**Society NSW** Phone: 13 18 12

**Lifeline (Counselling)** Phone: 13 11 14

**Mensline** Phone: 1300 789 978

**Kids Helpline** Phone: 1800 551 800

# The Farmer DROUGHT SURVIVAL KIT

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## 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.

# FARMER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UPDATE 2019

NSW Rural Assistance Authority - 1800 678 593

## 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](http://www.raa.nsw.gov.au/grants/transport-subsidy-emergency-drought-relief)

**CLOSES 30th SEPTEMBER 2020!**

## 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 pumps, desalting dams, and associated power supplies.

**Website:** [www.raa.nsw.gov.au/grants/emergency-water-infrastructure-rebate-scheme](http://www.raa.nsw.gov.au/grants/emergency-water-infrastructure-rebate-scheme)

## FARM BUSINESS SKILLS

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. **Website:** [www.raa.nsw.gov.au/education-and-training/farm-business-skills-application-for-reimbursement](http://www.raa.nsw.gov.au/education-and-training/farm-business-skills-application-for-reimbursement)

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## FARM INNOVATION FUND LOANS

Loans to assist with drought preparedness, environment, farm infrastructure and natural resources works. Up to \$1,000,000 up to a 20-year-term, current interest rate is 2.5%, fixed for the loan. **Website:** [www.raa.nsw.gov.au/loans/farm-innovation-fund](http://www.raa.nsw.gov.au/loans/farm-innovation-fund)

**LESS THAN 50% FUNDING REMAINS!**

## LIONS CLUB NEED FOR FEED

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](http://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.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/farm-household-allowance](http://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/farm-household-allowance)

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA RELAXED!**

## DROUGHT ASSISTANCE FUND

Interest free loans up to \$50,000 available to eligible primary producers to assist in implementing systems and management practices that enhance the sustainability of the enterprise. Term of seven years, the first two years repayment free. **Website:** [www.raa.nsw.gov.au/loans/drought-assistance-fund](http://www.raa.nsw.gov.au/loans/drought-assistance-fund)

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## 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:** [www.ric.gov.au/farmers/drought](http://www.ric.gov.au/farmers/drought)

## 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/](http://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:** [www.cwaofnsw.org.au/droughtaid.html](http://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/rural-support/drought-community-support-initiative/](http://www.salvationarmy.org.au/need-help/rural-support/drought-community-support-initiative/)

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## 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](http://www.droughtangels.org.au)

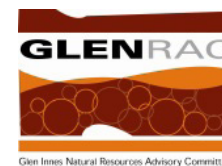
## OTHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Rural Financial

Stuart Brummell, Glen Innes

Counselling Service

**Phone:** 02 6732 3325



**GLENRAC**

**Phone:** 02 6732 3443

**Website:** [www.glenrac.org.au](http://www.glenrac.org.au)

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