

AVAILABLE DROUGHT ASSISTANCE

For farmers residing
in the Singleton local
Government area



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COUNCIL

IMMEDIATE HELP THE BASICS

RURAL AID

You can register for Rural Aid for assistance with feed for livestock feed, financial support, volunteer workers, a hamper or someone to talk to.

W ruralaid.org.au

CWA GRANT PROGRAM

The Country Women's Association of NSW has a grant program to assist with household expenses. This grant is up to \$3,000 per household, to be used on things like groceries, vehicle maintenance, school costs, phone, electricity, medical bills.

W cwaofnsw.org.au/droughtaid.html

The Singleton Neighbourhood Centre is also available to help with bills, provide legal aid, financial counselling and more.

They are at:

📍 21 Mary Street Singleton

☎ 6571 2499



FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Do you have a MyGov account? MyGov is a secure online hub to access government services, like the ATO and Centrelink. You will need a MyGov account to access financial support available to you.

You can register for a MyGov account via:

W humanservices.gov.au/individuals/enablers/register-online-account

FARM HOUSEHOLD ALLOWANCE

Have you registered for the Farm Household Allowance?

This allowance is accessed through Centrelink, once it has been added to MyGov. The Farm Household Allowance is a fortnightly payment for up to 4 years, and you may be eligible for the \$12,000 one off payment.

There is a lot of supporting paperwork required for this allowance. Council can provide you access to a computer, and assistance with filling in the form where we can. We can also provide you a hard copy of the paperwork.

W humanservices.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/farm-household-allowance/claiming#a2

RURAL ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY

The RRA is a State Government body delivering assistance measures that are both Commonwealth and state funded. Whilst the rural sector is its core client, the Authority is also responsible for small businesses that have suffered loss or damage due to natural disaster.

Rural Assistance Authority number **T** 1800 678 593





LOANS

Do you need to take out a loan to help you get back on your feet? There are several Federal and State government assistance funds available to you.

DROUGHT ASSISTANCE FUND

There are **\$50,000 interest free loans** available through the Drought Assistance Fund for transport associated with stock, fodder, water and on-farm water infrastructure.

W raa.nsw.gov.au/assistance/drought-assistance-fund?SQ_VARIATION_805414=0

FARM INNOVATION FUND — LOANS UP TO \$500,000

Do you have a Farm Innovation Fund loan? If you do, the interest on your loan for 2017 and 2018 will be refunded to you automatically. There are also loans available to you for up to \$500,000.

W business.gov.au/assistance/farm-innovation-fund-nsw

LARGER LOANS

There are larger loans available through the **Regional Investment Corporation Farm Investment Loans**.

W ric.gov.au/farmers/farm-investment

We recommend you talk to a Rural Financial Counsellor for loans.

Fiona Taylor **T** 4939 8942 | **M** 0439 956 165



RATES

Have you asked Council for rate relief? Your Local Land Services rates and Water NSW base rate has already been waived automatically, and you will only pay water usage charges. Council can also help you manage rates depending on your circumstance. A Hardship Rate Relief application form is available on the Singleton Council website.



TRANSPORT

You can have the registration costs for **Class 1 vehicles waived**. This form is lodged at a Service NSW centre. Follow the link listed below to confirm your vehicle's eligibility and fill in the form. The paperwork must be submitted to a Service NSW centre (the nearest office is on John Street, Singleton).

Eligible vehicles:

W rms.nsw.gov.au/business-industry/heavy-vehicles/registration/drought-relief.html

Declaration form:

W rms.nsw.gov.au/documents/about/forms/45067679-drought-relief-declaration.pdf

DROUGHT TRANSPORT SUBSIDY

There are other transport assistance programs available to you under the **Drought Transport Subsidy**. This can be backdated to 1 January 2018 for costs you've already incurred. Assistance of up to \$20,000 per year, or \$30,000 over 18 months is available to help with the transport of stock to and from agistment, to sale or slaughter and for the transport of feed and water. The subsidy will pay up to 50% of transport costs to a maximum of \$5 per km for up to 1,500 km.

Link to form at:

W raa.nsw.gov.au/assistance/emergency-drought-relief

You can also receive transport assistance for animal welfare, where you are permanently transporting livestock off your farm. This assistance is 50% of the costs, up to \$20,000 per year.

Link to form at:

W raa.nsw.gov.au/assistance/rebate-on-road-transport

The **Rural Assistance Authority** can help you with applications. **T** 1800 678 593



PERSONAL HELP

COUNSELLOR

Louise at Rural Aid | **T** 0476 056 262

Don't forget you can always visit your GP to have a chat about your wellbeing.

MORE PROGRAMS

For more programs available, visit the NSW Government's Drought Hub.

W dpi.nsw.gov.au/climate-and-emergencies/drougthub

A summary of Federal and State government grant assistance programs is available at

W dpi.nsw.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0020/800444/Available-drought-assistance-in-NSW.pdf

