

Rural Financial Counselling Service NSW Southern Region

**Breaking New Ground**Griffith, August 2019

What we can help with....

Farm business planning /analysis/risk management

Government loans/drought assistance

**RFCS** 

Budgeting and forecasting

Bank relationships & understanding loans

Understanding your financial position

Assistance managing your cash flow

> Access to other services (legal/ financial advisory/ mental health)

RFCS Rural Financial Counselling Service

√ Southern Region

Assistance with succession planning

## **Drought Assistance**



## Regional Investment Corporation (RIC)

- Low interest loans of up to \$2 million, current variable rate of 3.11% p.a.
- Can be used to refinance debt and pay for operating expenses or capital.
- >50% of debt must stay with a commercial lender.
- >10 year term, interest only for five years.

## **Drought Assistance**



## Farm Household Allowance (Centrelink):

- Fortnightly payments of up to \$600 p.p available for up to four years.
- > Must meet an asset and income test.
- ➤ Must report your annual income estimate to Centrelink on a regular basis to avoid accumulating a debt.



**Drought Assistance** 

\$ Available

**Farm Type** 

NSW Rural Assistance Authority Drought Assistance Loan

Up to \$50,000 (Interest Free)

Livestock

**Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate** 

25% of costs up to \$25,000

Livestock

**Transport Subsidy** 

50% of freight costs up to \$40,000

Livestock

Farm Innovation Fund Loan

Up to \$1,000,000 (2.5% Fixed Interest)

All

Farm Business Skills Subsidy Up to \$5,000 p.p Up to \$9,000 (per farm)

All



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