

Women's Sustainability Network Programme for 2009

Come along to an informal networking evening with other women and find out about the initiatives being undertaken by local people and organisations to enhance the sustainability of our region during this time of rapid change, uncertainty and opportunity.

Wet Season Meeting – Thursday 26th March 2009 – 6:30pm

Speaker: **Rhonda Sorensen** – Councillor, Tablelands Regional Council

Topic: **Women in Government – how are we going?**

International Women's Day has been celebrated in Australia each March since 1928 however women are still significantly under-represented at all senior levels of Government. Rhonda has worked in industry, the public service and now as an elected representative - hear her perspective on women in Government and participate in a discussion on how we can support each other to increase the number of successful women in government and management positions.

Venue: **Peeramon Hotel Dining Room**

Winter Meeting - Thursday 18th June 2009– 6:30pm

Speaker: **Kerry Jonsson**, Organic Beef Farmer

Topic: **Organic Farming – Hurdles and Rewards**

Kerry will talk about the journey from being a "normal" grazier (if there is such a thing!) to becoming a Meat Inspector to ending up owning and operating North Queensland's first privately owned Certified Organic Abattoir.

Venue: **Butchers Creek Community Hall**

Spring Meeting – Thursday 10th September 2009 – 6.30pm

Speaker: **Lyn O'Connor** – Industry Advocate and Farmer, Queensland Dairyfarmer's Organisation Project Officer

Topic: **Rural Networks and Government Liaison**

Do you know how to find out about the support available from government and industry groups? Even more importantly, how do you influence what support is provided, what research is being done and contribute to the direction your industry is taking? Hear from someone who is "in the know" and believes that we could all be more involved in shaping the future through networking, sharing information and talking to the decision makers.

Venue: **Peeramon Hotel Dining Room**

Summer Meeting – Thursday 26th November 2009 – 6.30pm

Speaker: **Virginia Berry** – Advisor, Blueprint for the Bush

Topic: **Community Networks**

To reap the benefits of working and living in a small community it is necessary to know what community resources are available and how to access them. These networks can be useful in most areas of our lives, so Virginia will share some basic knowledge with us and information on how to access more help in this area if necessary.

Venue: **Butchers Creek Community Hall**

BYO: Plate to share

Drinks: Available at the venue

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