

Friday 30 November 2018

GOVERNOR OF NSW VISITS LOCAL DROUGHT AFFECTED FARM

This week Narrandera Shire welcomed His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd), Governor of New South Wales, and Mrs Linda Hurley during their visit to the Riverina.

His Excellency and Mrs Hurley took the opportunity to visit the sheep stud "Billigaboo West" along the Sturt Highway with property owners Richard and Jane Carter, seeing first-hand the impacts of the ongoing drought this region is experiencing.

Surrounding property owners John Hodgetts and Cr Tammy Galvin, John and Emma Maye and Ben Maye were also on hand to each discuss their concerns about the hardships they are experiencing because of the drought.

Emphasis was focused towards understanding what might be done to really assist farmers during these times. Property owners discussed the proposed introduction of low interest rates for farmers, assistance with paperwork such as applying for drought assistance packages and the possibility of subsidising rates for property owners during a drought.

Mayor Cr Neville Kschenka said of the visit "This was an opportune moment to highlight what our farmers are experiencing through the last 12 months."

"We are extremely grateful His Excellency and Mrs Hurley came to visit our Shire and took time to hear from local people about what kind of assistance would benefit our farmers and rural communities."



Left to right: Mr Ben Maye, farmer; Mrs Jane Carter; owner of Corriedale stud "Billigaboo West", Miss Zoay Hodgetts, Mr Richard Carter; owner of Corriedale stud "Billigaboo West", Mr John Maye; farmer, Mrs Linda Hurley, Mayor Kschenka, Cr Tammy Galvin, Mr John Hodgetts; farmer, His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd), Governor of New South Wales, Mrs Emma Maye; farmer, Mr George Cowan; Narrandera Shire Council General Manager and Miss Edwina Foley; Narrandera Shire Council Communications Officer.

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