



COUNTRY LABOR DIALOGUE

CONNECTING COUNTRY COMMUNITIES

Visiting Country Branches

Country Labor has a proud history of representing the people of rural and regional NSW.

The true voices of rural and regional Australians are once again at the forefront of Federal Government, with the election of our new Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and Country Labor MP's including Janelle Saffin and Mike Kelly. Joel Fitzgibbon, Justine Elliot, Bob Debus, Ursula Stephens and Mike Kelly representing Country Labor as Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in the new Federal Government. Since his election, Kevin Rudd has reformed the Prime Minister's Country Taskforce which had been abandoned by 11 years of Howard Government Neglect.

Morris Iemma's Government has continued its consultation with country communities through Community Cabinets. Already Community Cabinets have visited:

- ▣ Kiama
- ▣ Cooma
- ▣ The Hunter
- ▣ Queanbeyan
- ▣ Orange
- ▣ Bathurst
- ▣ Wentworth



Country Labor Conference – Save the Date

Country Labor Conference is the highlight of the Country Labor Calendar. As a Country Labor Member your contribution at this year's Country Conference is encouraged. You can participate as a Delegate from your SEC or FEC or as an Observer.

DATE: Saturday 1 and Sunday 2 November

LOCATION: Port Panthers, Port Macquarie



Country Labor Committee

Joining with the Country Labor Parliamentary Group in February for a joint meeting, 2008 began with a lot of enthusiasm for the Country Labor Committee. The meeting was a great opportunity to connect the Committee directly with Ministers, MPs and MLCs and to discuss some of the important issues affecting Country NSW. Later in the year, the Country Labor Committee plans to meet with the newly reformed Prime Minister's Country Taskforce, and assist in the implementation of the politics that brought Labor to power after 11 long years.

Campaign Insight

Country Organiser,
Courtney Roche training
country members. ▼

Campaign Insight is a successful and innovative NSW Labor training initiative that develops Party Members' campaign training skills.

In the lead up to the 2007 State and Federal Elections Regional Campaign Insights were held across Country NSW in Ballina, Forster, Queanbeyan, Narranderra and the Hunter Region.

A newly developed Scrutineers Training Program ran in Page, Eden-Monaro and Paterson in the final weeks of the Federal Election. The Scrutineers Training provided a valuable refresher course for experienced members and the



opportunity for new members to gain confidence before Election Night.

Regional Campaign Insight Training Days will be held this year in Orange, Coffs Harbour, Tamworth, Wagga Wagga and Narooma.

Complete this Expression of Interest to reserve your spot now.

Country Labor Parliamentary Group Tours

After campaigning hard for the election of two Labor Governments, 2008 begun with much enthusiasm for the Country Labor Committee.

In February they met with the Country Labor Parliamentary Group at Parliament House. The tours have given the Country Labor Parliamentary Group an opportunity to tour a number of country areas, including the North Coast and Central West.

The visits have been great for country branches to meet with the Country Labor MPs and MLCs.

Campaign Insight

Expression of interest: Yes, I want to know more about being part of the Campaign Insight Program.

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Role I would like to play in election campaigns:

I would like information / application for (please tick):

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