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More local drought support initiatives

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As part of the Namoi Unlimited JO (Liverpool Plains Shire Council (LPSC) is a constituent member), campaign to assist all sections of the community impacted by drought, a *Finding Your Feet* training day and employment expo will be held at Quirindi RSL Club on Friday 15 November.

This workshop shop consists of three parts.

- There will be a one stop shop of agencies to help anyone impacted by drought, including career planning and job hunting between 10am and 2.30pm.
- Between 9am and 5pm attendees will have the opportunity to develop new skills and connect with training providers who will facilitate them gaining certification on the day for either White Cards (general construction induction training), First Aid, Business Skills and Customer Service. White Card and First Aid training will be carried out by Job Link Plus, Business Skills by Tamworth Community College and Customer Service by TAFE NSW. Registration to undertake one of these courses is essential via www.namoiunlimited.com.au website.
- Representatives from Council, LabourCo and the RMS will be available to talk about casual work opportunities locally or across the region between 10am and 2.30pm.

"The workshop is aligned to the JO's awareness and advocacy campaign, #mydroughtstory, part of the organisations commitment to working with the State and Federal governments to create, implement and deliver initiatives and programs to ease the impact of the drought, prepare for recovery and build resilience and understanding for the next event," said LPSC Mayor, Councillor Andrew Hope.

"The goals of the JO and its constituent Councils are to raise the profile of the issues, the impact and solutions for managing and maintaining communities in the Namoi region, coordinating and facilitating activities that will sustain our communities by building support for activities and seeking funding that will generate economic activity and maintain employment in drought impacted communities and coordinating campaigns to bring focus to the issues, highlighting impacts and developing solutions in the region," he said.

"The recent JO delegation to Canberra met with the Treasurer, Josh Frydenberg, various politicians and departmental heads to discuss further ways of supporting drought communities by stimulating economic activity, conducting training and casual employment in drought-impacted communities, provision of water and additional services, easing the burden of drought on business and the community through hardship provisions and reducing the potential for loss of business and population," he continued.

"These are grassroot initiatives being driven by local government. To find out more go to The Namoi JO website or sign up to their Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn accounts," he concluded.