

THE REGIONAL MEN'S HEALTH INITIATIVE

Quarterly Newsletter

October to December 2019

News Topics: Seasonal Context 2019

The pastoral areas of the State (Kimberley, Pilbara, Gascoyne and Goldfields) have continued to experience the effects of a poor wet season (2018/19 - drought) with significant destocking and water issues. Many farming areas in the South West Land Division experienced a dry winter (drought) suffering below average crop yields, poor pasture growth and scarce stock water. This affects communities in various ways, many issues of which always have a lag effect going forward.

Our team has been out and about in the Pilbara and Murchison attending Northern Pastoral Season Twilight Forums and in the South West Land Division attending many pre-harvest breakfasts dealing with the myriad of concerns due to the dry year.

2020 is shaping as a vital year for the whole State, we all hope for a good wet season in the north and a 'normal' winter in the south. Our team will be busy in 2020.

Highlights from the activities in the Quarter with RMHI staff in attendance

Snapshot of Events:

- Newman – Presentation – Northern Pastoral Season Twilight Forum – 02/10
- Gascoyne Junction - Presentation – Northern Pastoral Season Twilight Forum – 05/10
- Corrigin – Presentation – Pre-Harvest Breakfast – 10/10
- Goomalling – Presentation – Pre-Harvest Breakfast – 16/10
- Esperance – Fast Track Pit Stop® - Agricultural Show – 18/10 and 19/10
- Perth – Presentation – Elders Limited Conference – 23/10
- Perth – Presentation – Lifeline WA Staff In-service – 23/10
- Kalbarri – Presentation & Fast Track Pit Stop® – Health Staff Quiz Night – 25/10
- Adelaide – Presentation – Australian Rural and Remote Mental Health Forum – 29/10
- Broome – Presentation and Trade Display – KPCA Conference – 8/11
- Bunbury – Presentation – WACHS Movember Event – 15/11
- Collie - Fast Track Pit Stop® - Agricultural Show – 16/11
- Bridgetown - Fast Track Pit Stop® - Agricultural Show – 23/11
- Swan Valley – Presentation – WA Citrus Industry Day – 27/11
- Morawa – Presentation – Annual State Ag. Educators Conference – 10/12
- Manjimup - – Fast Track Pit Stop® - Cherry Festival – 14/12
- Grass Valley – Presentation – Specialised Tree Services – 20/12

Advocacy: General and Support – 413

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