

Rural Links

1) *Australian Agricultural Directory*

www.aglinks.com.au

Interesting sections:

- i) Community
- ii) Research
- iii) Forums – AgLinks

Interesting links:

- i) Institute for Rural Futures
- ii) ABC Rural Website – includes Bush Telegraph, Country Hour, Landline

2) *Centre for Rural Social Research (Charles Sturt University)*

http://www.csu.edu.au/research/crsr/f_about.html

Promotes the development of better provision of human services in rural Australia

Interesting sections:

- i) Research
- ii) Rural Women (?)

Interesting links

- iv) National Farmers Federation
- v) National Australian Centres for rural related studies

2) *National Farmers Federation*

<http://www.nff.org.au>

Interesting sections:

- i) Speeches – ‘Farmers’ Take on the National Drought Policy’ Charles Burke, NFF Vice President. Includes launch of book *From Disaster Response to Risk Management – Australia’s National Drought Policy*, by Linda Botterill, April 26th, 2005. (See www.nff.org.au/pages/speeches)

Interesting links:

- i) Rural Training Council of Australia;
 - Government Educational Areas
- ii) Australian Women in Agriculture

3) *Australian Women in Agriculture*

<http://www.awia.org.au>

Interesting sections:

- i) Conference 2nd-4th September, 2005, Orange NSW
- ii) Photo gallery

4) *Australian Clearinghouse for Youth Studies – Rural Youth*

<http://acys.utas.edu.au>

Access to databases that help obtain articles on relevant subjects such as rural youth.

5) *ABC Rural Website*

<http://www.abc.net.au/rural/programs>

<http://www.abc.net.au/health>

Information such as rural news, events, farming issues and reports as well as links to information and human interest stories. Links to all the ABC rural focussed programs on both radio and air

- Country Hour
- Country Breakfast
- Bush Telegraph
- Landline

- 6) ***Institute for Rural Futures*** – an independent non-profit research centre undertaking research into rural issues

<http://www.ruralfutures.une.edu.au>

Interesting section:

- Community webpage

- 7) ***International Journal of Rural Psychology***

<http://www.ruralpsych.com>

Interesting links:

- i) University of South Australia – Rural Counselling
Courses include comprehensive list of topics such as youth suicide in rural and remote Australia; Indigenous health; allied health professionals in rural and remote Australia; drugs and alcohol in rural Australia etc; working as a counsellor in rural Australia

- 8) ***Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation***

<http://www.rirdc.gov.au>

The Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation (RIRDC) is a statutory corporation formed in July 1990 under the Primary Industries and Energy Research Commonwealth Government to work closely with Australian rural industries on the organisation and funding of their R & D needs. The RIRDC manages and funds priority research and translates the results into practical outcomes for industry development. The focus of this business is on new and emerging industries as a means of diversification of rural enterprises in Australia. This role is enhanced by responsibility for research and development for a range of established rural industries and for key generic issues confronting the rural sector. It aims to:

- Foster the development of new industries – both prospective and emerging;
- Manage research and development investments for established industries; and
- Develop a research program to Address important strategic, cross-sectoral issues facing the rural sector.

- 9) ***RELATE***

<http://www.relate.gov.au>

Informative govt site and with useful links.

- 10) ***Rural Assistance Information Network***

<http://www.rain.net.au>

Contains useful links to other websites and contact details for relevant services as well as information on

- Finance
- Personal, family and community health and wellbeing
- Environment

- Climate
- On Farm Production
- Employment and Training
- Disaster Recovery

11) Queensland Woman

<http://www.qldwoman.qld.gov.au>

Lot of relevant information online for women in rural areas including services, advice and contact details.

12) Queensland Rural Women's Network

<http://www.qrwn.org.au>

QLD rural women's network 'bringing women together to support and enhance rural community.' Women in rural areas tend to be part of this network. An opportunity to share experiences, make friends and attend conferences to gain further insight into rural life and learn new skills / techniques.

13) Queensland Rural Adjustment Authority

<http://www.qraa.qld.gov.au>

Handy site for the authority that assists primary producers with restructuring. These people are assisting the fishing families with their restructuring submissions to the Federal Government and are very knowledgeable.

14) Department of Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry

<http://www.daff.gov.au/ruralwomen>

Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry access to:

- publications
 - networks for women
 - programs run for women as part of the department
- events coming up of interest (Future Farmers Week, Agalive etc)

15) Queensland Seafood Industry Association

<http://www.seafoodsite.com.au>

Industry site with updated information on the packages on offer to fishing families for restructuring.

16) Centrelink

<http://www.centrelink.gov.au> (RA QLD)

Information on payments, services, branch locations etc.

17) Queensland Country Women's Association

<http://www.qcwa.org.au>

Queensland Country Women's Association. Has different divisions across QLD, areas included in the division and relevant contact numbers. They also have a members only magazine. Good contacts for networking and service promotion.

18) Regional Australia

<http://www.regionalaustralia.gov.au>

Information on a full range of government services.

19) *Beyond Blue*

<http://www.beyondblue.org.au>

Fact Sheets on depression and information on where to go for help. Contains a checklist of symptoms.

20) *Just Ask*

<http://www.justask.org.au>

Lifeline site with information about mental health etc. Contains 'toolkits' that can be printed off the net – drought, beating the blues, anxiety, being a carer etc. Also contains a link section to other sites on Mental Health, carers issues, children with ADHD etc