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Carers NSW committed to delivering drought assistance

Carers NSW is facilitating community events and information sessions to improve access to social and mental health services to people living in drought-affected areas of NSW, as part of the Federal Government's drought assistance package.

The Federal Government announced a range of drought assistance funding measures and pledged \$10.7 million to drought declared areas in February 2014. This funding is to increase social and mental health services in affected regions across Eastern Australia.

Carers NSW is assisting with delivering a wide variety of free events from September to December 2014 across ten Local Government Areas (LGAs). Events will be held in the LGAs of Armidale Dumaresq, Glenn Innes Severn, Guyra, Gwydir, Moree Plains, Narrabri, Tamworth Regional, Tenterfield, Uralla, Walcha and their surrounding villages.

To deliver these events, Carers NSW has partnered with community-based services and organisations, such as The Ascent Group, Anglicare Northern Ireland, Centacare New England North West, Schizophrenia Fellowship of NSW, Challenge and Richmond PRA. These service providers are providing counselling, one-on-one support, and information to improve the mental health and wellbeing of individuals living in drought-affected areas.

Carers NSW would like to invite everyone to come along to any of the free social events and find out more about available services in their community. Members of the community will have access to free information and resources; informal chats with professional staff about personal situations; as well as the opportunity to find out about local support services dedicated to assisting people in drought-affected areas.

The below events are taking place in September and early October

Name of Event	Location	LGA	Date
Family Fun Day	Bundarra	Uralla	6 September 2014
R U OK Workshop	Deepwater	Glen Innes	11 September 2014
R U OK Workshop	Glencoe	Glen Innes	11 September 2014
Bingara Film Festival	Bingara	Gwydir	12 September 2014
Community Fun Day	Pilliga	Narrabri	14 September 2014
Community Fun Day	Red Range	Glen Innes	26 September 2014
Family Fun Day	Liston	Tenterfield	27 September 2014
Junior 'Spark' Rodeo	Moree	Moree	28 September 2014
'Spring Thinking'	Glen Innes	Glen Innes	2 October 2014
Women's Rural Day	Glen Innes	Glen Innes	15 October 2014

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Residents of drought-affected areas are urged to keep an eye out for community events coming soon or check Carers NSW website at www.carersnsw.org.au.

Carers NSW also provides free counselling via the Carer Line on 1800 242 636.

Further information:

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