



## \$1000 spat rebates

Rebates increased to \$1000. The quota is reset each financial year so if you've already received quota you're eligible to claim again on spat purchases after July 1st. This NSW Government funded initiative assists industry in purchasing selected lines of Sydney Rock Oyster spat. Contact SOCo to claim.

## Industry field days

Held in Old Bar and Merimbula to launch the NSW Oyster Industry Strategy and get industry together. SOCo discussed Sydney Rock Oyster breeding, hatchery production, spat rebates, industry feedback and alternative species. Well done to SOCo Directors Tony Troup and Ray Tynan awarded for Outstanding Service to the NSW Oyster Industry.



## Ray Tynan retires

One of our longest standing members, Ray will be remembered for his integral part in SOCo's development and several research grants. SOCo thank Ray for his amazing contribution to the industry over the decades.



## SOCo Board position

We're currently calling for expressions of interest for a new board member. EOI's close Aug 31st 2015.

## Most Beautiful Un-opened Oyster Winners

Congratulations Todd Graham, Bruce Redmayne, Peter Cole, and Angela and Leon Riepsamen. Each awarded \$500 SOCo spat vouchers and a DPI trophy. The awards were sponsored by SOCo, and presented at the Oyster Industry Field Days.

## Cat C Assistance grants

On June 15 the Commonwealth and NSW Governments announced further assistance for storm-affected farmers in the Central Coast and Hunter. Grants for up to \$15,000. For more information: NSW Rural Assistance Authority [www.emergency.nsw.gov.au](http://www.emergency.nsw.gov.au), [www.diasasterassist.gov.au](http://www.diasasterassist.gov.au) 1800 678 593.

## Oysters in the House

SOCo was invited to speak at Oysters in the House, a NSW Farmers event at Parliament House in June. The Oyster Committee showcased delicious oysters for hundreds of guests including the Hon Niall Blair MLC, politicians, department secretaries, industry and metro members of NSW Farmers.

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