

Landholders to learn about improving property sustainability through computer mapping

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Landholders will have the opportunity to learn how technology makes property management easier while improving property and environmental sustainability at AgForce Projects computer mapping workshops in Marlborough, Mt Larcom and Biloela from 30 September to 2 October.

AgForce Projects GIS technical officer Noel Brinsmead said computer mapping programs help landholders achieve both productivity and sustainability outcomes.

“Computer mapping helps landholders accurately and efficiently manage their and is a useful tool for property managers who want to be running the most efficient property while ensuring the long-term and sustainable productivity of their land,” Mr Brinsmead said.

“The benefits it can deliver include the ability to accurately map farm infrastructure like fences and yards, identify weak spots in regards to the control of feral pests and create buffer zones around watering points to reduce grazing pressure and manage vegetation.”

Mr Brinsmead said property computer mapping provides a bird’s eye view of a property, which helps with property planning, grazing strategies, property recovery, monitoring, improving productivity and succession planning.

“It is a vital tool for property managers who want to be running the most efficient property while ensuring the long-term and sustainable productivity of their land.”

A comprehensive map and plan can also help landholders prepare funding applications such as Reef Rescue grants.”

Workshops dates and times:

- Marlborough – 30 September, 8.45am to 4pm
- Mt Larcom – 1 October, 8.45am to 4pm
- Biloela – 2 October, 8.45am to 4pm

The program costs \$990.00 for landholders who require the full training package, spatial data and a licence for Phoenix Mapping. For landholders who already have a licence for Phoenix Mapping the program will cost \$610.50.

There is an opportunity for landholders to claim back up to 70% of the training cost within the Fitzroy Basin area. Please contact AgForce Projects for further information.

Registrations are due 10 days prior to the workshops. Visit www.agforceprojects.org.au to register or call 3238 6048.

This service is delivered by AgForce Projects in conjunction with the Fitzroy Basin Association Grazing Training Reimbursement Program.

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