



Final GPS workshop for Dalby region booked out

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Local producers have taken advantage of the last opportunity to receive free GPS assistance through AgForce's AgForward initiative by packing out GPS Essentials workshops in Meandarra and Dalby last Thursday.

AgForce Projects officer – GIS, Tim Cunningham said it was encouraging to see such a large turnout at one of the final GPS workshops to be delivered under the project.

"After more than seven years, the iconic AgForward initiative is winding down and this was the final GPS workshop to be delivered in the Dalby area," Mr Cunningham said.

"GPS is a valuable farm management tool and it is great to see producers are eager to understand the technology better and discover the benefits of using a GPS unit."

"Producers learnt how to set up a handheld GPS device correctly, improve property navigation, work with waypoints and tracks, and transfer data into their property computer mapping program."

Leigh Kirkland, Warrawee, attended the workshop to understand how a handheld GPS unit integrates with the tractor GPS he uses for precision agriculture on his cropping and grazing property.

"GPS is a useful tool for farming enterprises and it was good to see the practical application of the technology," Mr Kirkland said.

"I use precision agriculture at Warrawee and it is great to see how the different systems integrate with each other."

These workshops were delivered free through AgForward, an initiative of AgForce, funded by the Queensland Government. Funding for this project will come to an end on 30 September, with no further workshops or one-on-one assistance available after this date.

The AgForce Projects team will return to the region to deliver coal seam gas negotiation preparation sessions at Injune – Monday 24 September, Taroom – Wednesday 26 September, Wandoan – Thursday 27 September and Miles – Thursday 27 September.

To attend a workshop visit www.agforceprojects.org.au or call (07) 3238 6048.

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Photo Caption: Leigh Kirkland, Warrawee and AgForce CSG Project officer Daniel Phipps at the Dalby GPS workshop, 6 September 2012.