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### Surat producers embrace property computer mapping

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SURAT producers Paul and Gai White have embraced property computer mapping after attending an AgForce Projects workshop in St George in November.

The White's found the workshop helped them understand how property mapping could be useful and have now mapped both their properties using the skills they learnt at the workshop.

Gai White said she used to use a paper map but feels that farmers should welcome new technological advances like property computer mapping.

"If you don't keep up with new technology, you will be left behind. As producers we need to move with the times," Gai said.

"Plus it is fun learning something new, at any age."

Gai and her husband Paul began using computer mapping to improve their property immediately after the workshop, and said they find it extremely useful when building new infrastructure.

"We have already started using the mapping program to calculate the areas of our paddocks, as well as to plan and build new water points and fencing," Gai said.

"The program has helped us map out the maximum distances livestock will travel to a water point, which helps us identify where new water points need to be installed across our property."

AgForce Projects CSG Officer Daniel Phipps presented the property computer mapping workshop in St George and said it was great to see the tool being adopted for practical on-farm purposes.

"Creating a comprehensive property map like Paul and Gai is an excellent way to improve property and grazing management."

"Those affected by CSG are encouraged to attend these computer mapping workshops because as well as using the map as the White's have, producers can also use it to determine where and when a resource company can perform activities on your property."

Landholder's are encouraged to visit [www.agforceprojects.org.au](http://www.agforceprojects.org.au) and submit an expression of interest, for those who are interested in having AgForce Projects deliver a workshop in their town.

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