



Media Release

Helping producers be better prepared for natural disasters

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AgForce Projects and Queensland Farmers Federation (QFF) are helping farmers be more resilient in the face of natural disasters with a new project being rolled out across the Central Queensland region.

The Natural Disaster Resilience Project will be delivered in the local government areas of: Rockhampton; Livingstone; Gladstone; North Burnett and Banana, focusing on providing farmers with the tools to be better prepared for natural disasters.

Project Coordinator Noel Brinsmead said the workshops are invaluable to producers who struggle to get back on their feet after a natural disaster.

“In Queensland natural disasters are unavoidable but we aim to help producers ensure their business is ready and more resilient to what nature has to give.”

“The project will deliver a range of different workshops to help producers from property computer mapping, Precision Ag, using GPS and biosecurity. We will also be hosting roadshows in June and July to bring together different service providers so producers can get all the information they need in one day,” Mr Brinsmead said.

“Learning a skill like property computer mapping can help producers identify areas that might be vulnerable to flooding using flood modelling and relocate infrastructure based on locations on that are less susceptible. Something as simple as this can save a farmer time, money and potentially even livestock.”

These workshops have all been tailored to teach producers how they can use the skills gained on these days to help prepare their property and build resilience against natural disasters.

Biosecurity workshops help producers develop a biosecurity plan and understand what threats can hamper recovery such as diseases, pests, weeds and displaced stock.

Upcoming events for the project are:

- Taroom Property Computer Mapping Workshop – Tuesday 17 May 2016, 8.30am to 4pm
- Moura Property Computer Mapping Workshop – Wednesday 18 May 2016, 8.30am to 4pm
- Marlborough Property Computer Mapping Workshop – Thursday 19 May 2016, 8.30am to 4pm
- Calliope Disaster Resilience Roadshow – Tuesday 7 June 2016, 9am to 12pm
- Biloela Disaster Resilience Roadshow – Wednesday 8 June 2016, 9am to 12pm
- Baralaba Disaster Resilience Roadshow – Wednesday 8 June 2016, 3pm to 6pm
- Marlborough Disaster Resilience Roadshow – Thursday 9 June 2016, 9am to 12pm
- Rockhampton Disaster Resilience Roadshow – Thursday 9 June 2016, 3pm to 6pm
- Taroom Biosecurity Field Day – Tuesday 21 June 2016, 9am to 3pm
- Moura Biosecurity Field Day – Wednesday 22 June 2016, 9am to 3pm
- Gayndah Biosecurity Field Day – Thursday 23 June 2016, 9am to 3pm
- Theodore Disaster Resilience Roadshow – Tuesday 5 July 2016, 9am to 12pm
- Monto Disaster Resilience Roadshow – Wednesday 6 July 2016, 9am to 12pm
- Gayndah Disaster Resilience Roadshow – Thursday 7 July 2016, 9am to 12pm

Further workshops are planned for August and September. For more information or to register visit www.agforceprojects.org.au

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