

## AgForce workshops plot a course for the Fitzroy Basin

This October and November farmers in the Fitzroy Basin will be shown how to implement one of the most valuable business management tools in agriculture.

AgForce Projects is hosting a set of two workshops that will show landholders how to use a hand-held GPS to map their properties and then download that map to their home computer.

AgForce Projects GIS technical officer Noel Brinsmead said property owners are encouraged to attend both the GPS and Property Mapping workshops to improve property management, productivity and assist with infrastructure building/planning.

“GPS workshop attendees will learn how to set up a handheld GPS correctly, how to effectively capture property information when in the paddock and link the GPS to their computer to download to their property computer mapping program,” Mr Brinsmead said.

“Then our property computer mapping workshops will teach attendees how to draw physical features and record property information onto their digital map.”

All producers will receive their property’s latest digital data and satellite imagery and be shown how it can be uploaded into computer mapping software and drawn onto to record property information and measure areas and distances.

These workshops are delivered free through AgForward, funded by the Queensland Government and can also be completed through farm software company AGDATA’s Australian Government FarmReady program.

Mr Brinsmead said landholders who are approved to complete the workshop through AGDATA’s FarmReady approved Farm Planning & Management – Module 3 will also receive Phoenix Mapping software as part of the course materials. An up-front payment of \$900 is required however approved participants may be reimbursed 65 per cent of the course cost. To find out if you are eligible to attend through FarmReady visit [www.farmready.gov.au](http://www.farmready.gov.au).

### GPS workshops:

- Bauhinia- Oct 18
- Baralaba – Oct 19
- Biloela – Oct 20
- Nebo – Oct 31

### Property mapping workshops:

- Nebo – Nov 1
- Yaamba - Nov 2
- Bauhinia - Nov 15
- Baralaba - Nov 16
- Biloela - Nov 17

To attend a workshop, please register 10 days prior to the event by contacting Paddy Roe on (07) 3238 6048 or visit [www.agforceprojects.org.au](http://www.agforceprojects.org.au). These workshops are delivered by AgForce Projects in partnership with Fitzroy Basin Association Inc and Dawson Catchment Coordinating Association through funding from the Australian Government Caring for our Country Reef Rescue Initiative or the Australian Government’s FarmReady program.

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