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## SQNNSW Innovation Hub Newsletter #12



### The Science to Practice is on next week!

Are you still a bit up in the air about attending the free, online Future Drought Fund [Science to Practice](#) forum next week? A host of SQNNSW Innovation Hub staff and partners, showcasing their work to grow the resilience and capacity of producers and their communities across our region.

The agenda includes our Lismore Node Manager Amanda Scott (connecting with the next gen), Armidale Node Manager Lu Hogan (making the most of weather data), researcher Dr Jennifer Luke and Knowledge Broker Saleena Ham (how to build resilient communities), and researcher Dr

Thong Nguyen-Huy (system risk management). You can catch up with Longreach Node Manager Ally Murray in the field at the [Desert Uplands Desert Daze events](#). As well as checking out grazing trials and the latest on the climate, you can also hear from (and chat to) Ally about all the Hub's latest news and plans. [Read on](#) for more on the Science to Practice!

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## Longreach Node launches

The SQNNSW Innovation Hub launched its Longreach Node this week, with runs already on the scoreboard for Queensland's Central West.

SQNNSW Innovation Hub Director Professor John McVeigh says the Node, hosted by the Central West Remote Area Planning & Development Board ([RAPAD](#)), is already supporting important local projects.

"The Hub is working with local pastoralists at a Longreach area station to showcase technologies and techniques to improve rangeland management," Professor McVeigh said.

With the support of host organisation RAPAD, Node Manager Ally Murray has been involved in supporting events across the seven local government areas.



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## Strengthening farm finance forum success

The SQNNSW Innovation Hub brought together a range of organisations keen to strengthen the financial skills of farm business operators in Stanthorpe on May 11.

Knowledge Broker Saleena Ham says the organisations - from banks to rural financial counsellors - are keen to support service providers and replicate successful programs across state borders.

"This is where the Hub can have a positive impact on our region - bringing people together, to share their knowledge and skills, for the benefit of producers and their communities," Ms Ham says.

"We have the opportunity here to create true pathways to practice change."



## Out and about in New South Wales

This week, our Knowledge Broker Saleena Ham and Regional Soil Coordinator Cameron Leckie have been on the road in New South Wales, visiting Lismore Node Manager Amanda Scott, Armidale Node Manager Lu Hogan and Dale Kirby from North West Local Land Services. The team visited farmers, soil labs and research farms. You can see more in [our Facebook album](#).



## Hub snapshots



### QDAF AgTech Roadshow

The Hub hosted the launch of Queensland DAF's AgTech Roadmap series in Toowoomba on May 19.

[Read more](#)



### Compost field day

Regional Soil Coordinator Cameron Leckie joined a Healthy Land & Water compost day in May.

[More events](#)



### National Soil Strategy

Stanthorpe growers heard how they can access low-cost soil testing and advice at an event at QCWT on May 4.

[Read more](#)

## On the drawing board

### Bush tucker at Stanthorpe

**Stanthorpe's** engagement with First Nations people continues, with Node Manager Wim Linstrom in the early stages of planning a **native food garden**, with associated training options, at the Queensland College of Wine and Tourism. Hub First Nation Engagement Officer Dr Dale Kerwin says it would be an ideal way to get involved school children involve in planting, cultivation and cooking. It's hope the 2022 planning will involve a forum at the end of the year, as a step toward creating a strategy for drought resilience and environmental restoration in the region.

### Ag innovation projects on the way

As was announced last year, each Hub has been provided with additional funds geared toward supporting or encouraging **agricultural innovation**. At the SQNNNSW Innovation Hub, our Nodes will have a range of new projects starting soon, ranging from supporting proof-of-concept for new technology to building and supporting communities of practice. More soon!

## Quick bites from your Hub stakeholders



## Drought and water quality

Southern Cross University is exploring the impact of drought on water quality in rivers, with citizen scientists helping with the monitoring. [Read more](#).

## Pineapple growers tackling erosion

A group of pineapple farmers in South East Queensland looking for a way to control soil erosion and the associated run-off of nutrients and pesticides, have turned to a product that's proven successful in the construction industry. Read more from [Healthy Land & Water](#).

## One Basin CRC announced

A collaborative partnership, the One Basin CRC, will develop and commercialise opportunities for Australia's irrigated agriculture and rural water industries. [Read more](#).

## Aboriginal Women on the Land program

EOIs are open to take part in North Coast Local Land Services' new Aboriginal Women on the Land program, Yarning Soil and Harvest. The program will engage Aboriginal women in learning about soil, composting and regenerative agriculture. [Read more](#).

## New climate project for UNE

A new initiative by the University of New England aims to ensure that when the next dry hits, the region's farmers are better equipped to manage their way through it. [Read more](#) about the new Future Drought Fund project.

## Events calendar

### June

- 7-9 – [Science to Practice Forum](#) (in-person, various locations/online)
- 17 – [NSW Roadshow Farm Finance](#), Armidale NSW
- 21 – [Farm business resilience planning](#), Growcom, Stanthorpe Q
- 22 – Grazing business resilience planning, Healthy Land & Water, Gatton Q
- 23 – [2022 Environmental Biosecurity Webinar Series](#) (theme: detect), DAWE webinar
- 23 – [Using Ag360 to manage your livestock business](#), Ag360 webinar

### August

- 4 – [2022 Environmental Biosecurity Webinar Series](#) (theme: respond), DAWE webinar

### September

- 15 – [2022 Environmental Biosecurity Webinar Series](#) (theme: protect), DAWE webinar

### October

- 27 – [2022 Environmental Biosecurity Webinar Series](#) (theme: protect), DAWE webinar

Check out our [events calendar](#) anytime!

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