



Irrigation Management for Sustainable Production

Attention: Irrigation Managers FarmReady approved program

Online course, registration is now open

River Murray Training Pty Ltd (RMT) is pleased to offer an online workshops for irrigators facing the uncertainty of climate change and reduced water allocations. The program has several sections:

- **Soils analysis and Scheduling adjustments**
- **Evaluation of irrigation production system, and hydraulic parameters**
- **Develop an irrigation-related environmental protection program**

Join with up to 10 other irrigators from around Australia and experience the pleasure of learning online. No hassles with travel, or being away from the property for days at a time. No overload of information as sessions average about 75 min in length. Sessions are recorded for later reference, plus comprehensive print resources are posted to you for your convenience. Your Facilitator is available on SKYPE (online chat) between sessions to help you out, when you need it.

If you are worried about your computer skills, be assured you are fully inducted before the program begins, and support is available from your RMT coordinator throughout. In fact it is a great way to experience internet communications that you can then use with your industry colleagues, friends and family. Past students have been most enthusiastic and positive about similar irrigation programs

What equipment and resources you will require?

- Computer, printer and head set/microphone
- Internet access ADSL or broadband essential

When does it start? When do you need to be online?

Sessions will be held twice weekly on Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 3.30 – 5 pm Eastern Standard Time. Sessions will begin on Wed July 1. Subsequent sessions will continue on Monday and Wednesday afternoons through to the end of September. Online sessions are recorded, should you miss any.

Recognition of skills

Your irrigation skills can be recognised by submitting the analysis and planning work you do for your irrigated production enterprise as part of this program. The competencies listed below can be recognised through completing the activities in the program, at no additional cost.

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- RTE4511A Develop a soil use map for a property
- RTE4602A Determine hydraulic parameters for an irrigation system
- RTE5606A Establish and maintain an irrigation related environmental protection program
- RTE4604A Determine seasonal irrigation scheduling tasks
- RTE4609A Implement, monitor and adjust irrigation schedules
- RTE5601A Audit irrigation systems

Investment in your future

Irrigation skill set \$1500 (no GST applicable)

This program has been approved by the Department of Agriculture, Fishing and Forestry (DAFF) under the FARMREADY PROGRAM. Eligible applicants may be reimbursed for the fees. Refer to conditions on FarmReady web site, and on the registration pages following.

**To enrol, please complete the attached Registration form and fax or email to
River Murray Training P/L 08 85823662.
Enquiries to Barb McPherson, Office 08 8582 3658, or Mobile 0417 824 442 or barbmc@r-m-t.com.au**



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Please fax or email, back to RMT on 08 8582 3662

PART ONE – Complete this section and fax or email back to RMT

Your name: _____

Position: _____

Name of Business (or employer) _____

Your contact details

Postal: _____

Phone _____ Mobile _____

Email _____

Skype user name (if you have one) _____

Please provide a brief description of your irrigated production business.

PART TWO – I have submitted my application form to FarmReady.

www.farmready.gov.au/primary_producers.html

Before you attend a [FarmReady approved course](#), complete and lodge an application form.

NB: Please be advised that you must allow five (5) working days for your application to be processed, and to be notified of the result. This 'Pre-Approval to attend an approved course' and to receive a grant (upon course completion) is not guaranteed if you do not allow the five (5) working days.

This 'Pre-Approval' must be granted prior to the commencement of the course in order to receive a FarmReady Reimbursement Grant. The applicant is solely responsible for any outlays made before receiving Pre-Approval.

[Application Form](#)  PDF [78kb]

[Application Form](#)  Word [138kb]

After you have successfully completed the FarmReady approved course you have nominated, you should lodge a 'claim for reimbursement and course review form'.

[Claim for Reimbursement and Course Review Form](#)  PDF [97kb]

[Claim for Reimbursement and Course Review Form](#)  Word [197kb]

Details on conditions and reimbursement process over the page >



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FARMREADY INFORMATION

Who is eligible for FarmReady? (the following information is from the FarmReady Grants Program Guidelines. It can be downloaded from http://www.farmready.gov.au/primary_producers.html)

Eligible individual participants include primary producers and Indigenous land managers. For the purposes of the program:

- **Primary producers** are defined as those who are:
 - owner/operators of a primary production enterprise (farming, fishing and forestry), as determined by the Australian Taxation Office¹; or
 - management positions² of a primary production enterprise (farming, fishing and forestry), as determined by the Australian Taxation Office¹; or
 - the immediate family of the owner/operator of a primary production enterprise (farming, fishing and forestry), as determined by the Australian Taxation Office¹.
- **Indigenous land managers** are defined as those involved in the management decisions for Indigenous lands that are zoned for rural purposes, or outside existing control plan areas, if the land is owned, managed, controlled or operated by:
 - an Indigenous community, corporation or trust; or
 - an Aborigine or Torres Strait Islander.
- Participants must submit invoices and proof of payment (receipts) for all items.

How do I apply?

An application form to attend an approved course must be completed for each participant and submitted to the program administrator prior to commencing the course. (Download application form from the Farmready web site using the link above.).

The program administrator will confirm pre-approval prior to commencement of the course. Pre-approval must be granted for each participant prior to attendance at each course.

What are the conditions?

The following documents must be submitted to the program administrator for each participant wishing to claim the reimbursement grant within 30 days of completing the course:

- A completed Participant Claim for Payment form
- A completed Course Review Form (to be completed by the Participant at the completion of the course)
- Tax invoices and receipts for each cost to be claimed:
 - detailing evidence of course payment, course attendance and completion, courses name, location, training date(s) and time and participant contact details;
 - for child care provided;
 - for travel, accommodation and meal claims.

Where the cost of the approved course is paid by the participant's employer or business, reimbursement for the course cost may be claimed by the employer/business on the participant's behalf. Receipts must show that payment for the course has been made by the person to whom the reimbursement is to be paid.

In circumstances where a training activity extends over a number of months, by arrangement with the program administrator consideration may be given to quarterly progress payments subject to satisfactory completion of training modules and confirmation of participant attendance.

Participants may be asked to participate in follow-up activities following completion of the course. This could include participation in follow up surveys and case studies. Statistical information from the application forms, course review forms and surveys will be used to evaluate the effectiveness of the FarmReady program.

¹ The enterprise must have an Australian Business Number (ABN) and the applicant must provide a declaration of the primary production tax status of the enterprise.

² 'management positions' include, but not limited to, assistant managers, human resource/personnel managers, office managers, head stockmen and farm overseers.