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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **New Hands on Precision Ag workshops underway**

The second round of interactive Hands on Precision Agriculture Training workshops is underway across Australia.

The aim of the free workshops is to introduce farmers to precision agriculture (PA) techniques they can use to identify and manage variability, and improve productivity and profitability.

The topics for discussion are specific to each region and were chosen from issues raised by farmers in a 2020 survey.

The survey found a significant number of farmers had access to PA tools but did not use them. This included machinery data (25%), yield maps (24%) and spray maps (20%).

The most common reasons for not using them were: not having the right software (34%), never being shown how to use/create them (34%), and because they take too much time/effort (31%).

The first round of workshops held in early 2021 paved the way for farmers to start using some of the PA tools they already have – including mobile devices, computers and machinery-based platforms – and free or low-cost data for yield mapping, remote sensing, soil and pH mapping and in-season monitoring.

The second round of workshops will build on that experience and help participants gain a better understanding of how to use proven tools and techniques to devise strategies for forecasting and addressing variability in yield and profit.

SPAA leads the Grains Research and Development Corporation-funded project, with support from Birchip Cropping Group, Pinion Advisory, the Grower Group Alliance, FarmLink and Coutts J&R.

Details of workshop dates and locations are available at <https://spaa.com.au/events>

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See page 2 for current workshop details.

Note: Dates, times and locations may change in line with COVID-19 restrictions.

For more information or to arrange interviews, please contact the coordinator or:

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## About SPAA

SPAA is a non-profit membership-based group formed in 2002 to promote the development and adoption of precision agriculture (PA) technologies and techniques. SPAA provides independent, timely and relevant information about PA to the grains, sugarcane, horticulture and livestock industries. To date more than 2000 members have benefited from our events and publications. These members have in turn helped drive research, development and extension that delivers on-ground benefits to farmers. Access to quality information and opportunities for sharing ideas is a critical element of progressive and resilient farming communities. Our motto is: Guiding you to farming success.

## Hands on Precision Agriculture Training workshops

STATE	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
<b>WA</b> Coordinator Michelle Condy <a href="mailto:mcondy@gga.org.au">mcondy@gga.org.au</a> 0431 869030	9 August	12.30pm-5.00pm	Kojonup
	10 August	12.30pm-5.00pm	Jerramungup
	11 August	1.00pm-5.00pm	Lake Grace
	TBC		Dandaragan
	16 Sept	12.30pm-5.00pm	Dalwallinu
	TBC		Ongerup
<b>QLD</b> Coordinator Tim Neale <a href="mailto:tim@datafarming.com.au">tim@datafarming.com.au</a>	17 August		Goondiwindi
	18 August		Cecil Plains
	19 August		Kumbia
<b>NSW</b> Coordinator Eva Moffitt <a href="mailto:eva.moffitt@outlook.com">eva.moffitt@outlook.com</a> 0437 189025	20 August	9.00am-3.00pm	Griffith
	23 August	9.00am-3.00pm	Warren
	25 August		Gunnedah
	26 August		Croppa Creek
	31 August	9.00am-3.00pm	Forbes
	2 Sept	9.00am-3.00pm	Junee
<b>VIC</b> Coordinator Tom Draffen <a href="mailto:tom.draffen@bcg.org.au">tom.draffen@bcg.org.au</a> 0418 304695	23 August		Yarrawonga
	24 August		Inverleigh
	25 August	9.00am-3.00pm	St Arnaud
	26 August	9.00am-3.00pm	Longerenong
	27 August	9.00am-3.00pm	Sea Lake
<b>SA</b> Coordinator Colin Hinze <a href="mailto:chinze@pinionadvisory.com">chinze@pinionadvisory.com</a> 0427 153969	7 Sept		Cleve
	8 Sept		Gladstone
	9 Sept		Balaklava
	10 Sept		Bordertown