



# 2022 Extension Micro-Courses

AgInnovate is proud to deliver a range of 90 minute workshops once a month during 2022 for extension professionals.



Please join us as we look at the theory behind the topics, and then explore how we use them in the real world of agricultural extension. It's a great opportunity to swap stories and to see how other extension officers from across Australia are using these tools and techniques.

All will be delivered by Danielle Lannin England and Rebecca Wallis, as well as a range of extension specialists from across Australia. Both Dani and Bec have extensive experience in designing, delivering, and managing agricultural extension programs.

*From local farmer-led trials to national programs, they have been there and done that.*

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March | Monday 7th | 11am EDST

## *Adult Learning Cycle*

To effectively change what you do, you need to go through the action learning cycle which lets you research the topic, plan your approach, try it, and adjust it for future use.

This goes for everything from making a cup of tea to changing crop types. This workshop will introduce you to the adult learning cycle and give you practical tips on how to incorporate it into your everyday work.

April | Monday 4th 11am EDST

## *Opening and Closing with Purpose and the Call to Action*

Often what sticks with us when we leave a workshop, field day or farm walk is the last thing we heard. So, it is really important we give farmers the chance to remember other things, and also to think about how they might apply it at home. This workshop will give you the tips and tricks to enable this to happen, plus a lot more that will make your job as a learning facilitator a lot easier.

May | Monday 9th 11am EST

## *Facilitating Learning Groups*

Learning groups are great fun, and a great way for farmers to learn. There are tips and tricks you can use which will help you achieve your project goals, and ensure the farmers get the most out of their day.

June | Tuesday 7th | 11am EST

## *Making Subject Matter Experts Work for You*

We all need subject matter experts. They are the key link between research and extension. But how do you use them so they benefit the farmers, and not the other way around (AKA ticking a box on a research funding contract).

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July | Monday 4th | 11am EST

*Creating Engagement in Extension Programs*

Creating engagement between landholders, grower groups, researchers and government agencies is one of the keys to successful extension. This workshop will let you define what engagement means to you and provide you with practical tips on how to create, maintain and measure engagement.

August | Monday 8th | 11am EST

*Managing Change in Rural Australia*

As the quote goes, 'change is hardest at the beginning, messiest in the middle and best at the end' (Robin Sharma). To adopt anything farmers need to change. This workshop will introduce you to different change models and look at how we can provide support to farmers to make the change easier.

September | Monday 5th | 11am EST

*Project Management for Agricultural Extension*

As extension professionals it's not all about the fun stuff with farmers, we need to ensure we are meeting the needs of our funding bodies as well. This workshop will give you some simple project management tools to make the job a bit easier.

October | Monday 10th | 11am EDST

*Stakeholder Mapping*

Our stakeholders (target farmers) are the most critical element of any extension project. Taking the time to map them, and their information sources and trusted advisors, is one of the key success factors for any extension program. Join us in this workshop to find out the approaches to use and tools to make it easier.

November | Monday 7th 11am EDST

*Intro to Evaluation*

Evaluation starts at the beginning of any good extension program. Yes, you heard it correctly! Find out why evaluation starts-at-the-start and find out how you can make it easy and enjoyable, something that adds value to your work as an extension professional.

December | Monday 5th | 11am EDST

*Adult Learning Styles*

When we ask farmers to adopt a new tool or practice into their business, they need to learn about it, and then adopt it for use on farm. Adults learn in different ways to it is important we use different delivery styles to tap into our different learners. This workshop will introduce you to the different styles and give you tips on how to use them.

For more information phone Dani on 0429676077

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