



**Western Murray Land Improvement Group Inc**

# Drones Workshop



## The Subject

Drones can be used in many aspects of farming such as checking water, feed, stock, and crops. They can be used to see comparisons between paddocks over the weeks, years, or months.

Fiona Lake is renowned in the drone industry and has won an array of awards and published multiple books. Fiona's business mainly now mainly includes running workshops and speaking at events that are mainly drone related as well as on the ground and aerial photography with drones.

## Challenges and objectives

More and more farmers and people working in agriculture are investing in drones or are thinking about investing in a drone but do not have the safety knowledge or skills to use them effectively in their work.

It is not as simple as just buying a drone and flying it, so it is important that you know the laws and rules around having a drone in the air.

Drone can be an expensive investment so having the skills to use it to its full potential is necessary to get the most out of it.

## Solution

On Tuesday 2nd of March 2022, we held a Drone Workshop with Fiona Lake at the Murray Connect offices in Barham.

She covered a range of topics including:

- general drone operation.
- tips for advanced pilots.
- practical drone use in agriculture.
- simple uses to an introduction to sophisticated tasks such as mapping and precision spraying.
- profitable small business use.

We had 10 attendees come along to learn the ins and outs of to use a drone and how they can utilise them in their own business.

## Results

All attendees found the information that was presented in the workshop relevant, engaging, and informative and 8 out of 10 were going to make changes to because of the information they received.

Those who didn't yet have a drone would investigate purchasing a drone and those who already have a drone were keen to put their skills into practice.

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