

# 2012 Erosion Workshop Evaluation Results

# Feedback received from Workshops held in 2012

Erosion Control workshops were conducted by the Northern Landcare Facilitator in March 2012 at Yarrie and Yalleen Stations. An evaluation form was provided in an effort to obtain an understanding of the effectiveness of the workshop in meeting the needs of those attending. 12 responses were received.

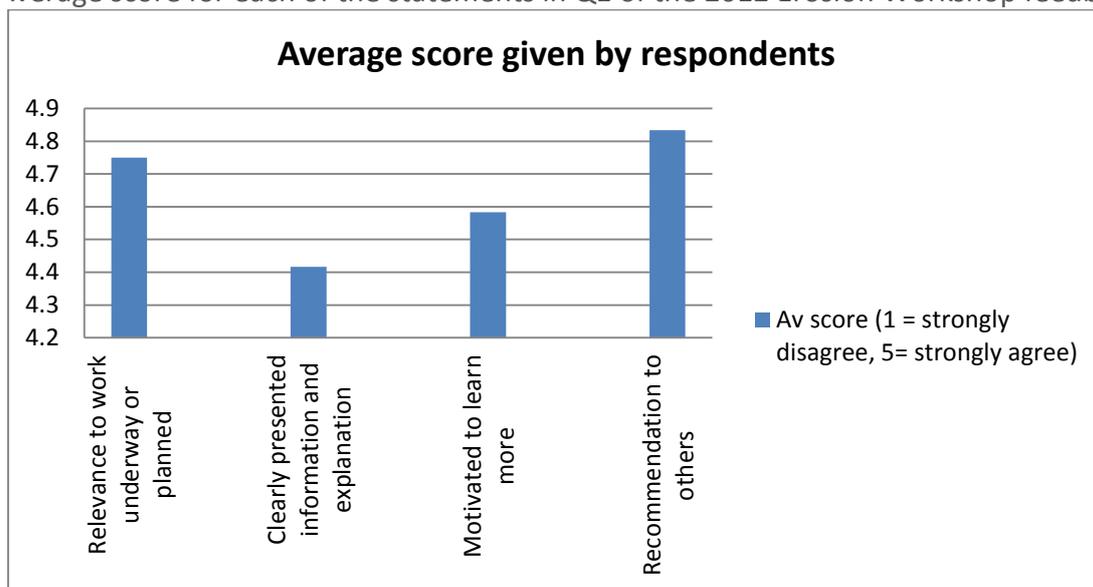
## Results

Question 1 consisted of 4 statements that respondents scored individually on a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 represented strong disagreement and 5 represented strong agreement with the statement.

- The practices demonstrated today were relevant to the work I've been doing, or expect to do in my job
- The information was clearly presented and well explained
- Throughout this course I felt motivated to learn more
- I would recommend attending this workshop to others

Average scores for each of the statements have been determined and plotted.

Figure 1: Average score for each of the statements in Q1 of the 2012 Erosion Workshop feedback



This highlights that respondents agreed with all statements, particularly in relation to making a recommendation to others to attend with an average score of more than 4.8. The average response for 2 of the statements was just above or below a score of 4.5 whilst the average score for the perceived relevance was almost 4.8 out of a possible score of 5.

Question 2 asked respondents to comment on their overall feelings about the course. This elicited 11 responses ranging from simple answers such as “Great day, confirmed lots of queries, opened up lots of questions”, “Very interesting and worth seeing”, and “The workshop was well presented and demonstrations relevant” (n=9, 82%) to somewhat more in-depth responses that provided an indication of the usefulness – “Good, very good to be able to practice working new ways of control road surface

erosion” and “Ticks all the boxes of the info I was looking for. It is more than relevant to any road or planned road for us at Noreena downs. I think it was brilliant” (n=2, 18%).

Question 3 asked respondents if they felt that anything within the workshop could have been done better or if there was anything not covered in the course that they would have liked to have seen included. Eight responses were received, 50% of which indicated that there had been no key concepts omitted from the workshop and no improvements were required. The remaining 4 (50%) respondents indicated that more time was required to fully cover the information:

- “More time, a 2-3 day course”
- “Hit the nail on the head. The only thing that would be good is hard to fit all practice jobs in a day with theory maybe 2 day for people really keen”
- “One day was brilliant but I am a bit greedy and always want more”
- “Bit slower at times in theory”.

Question 4 asked respondents if they would be keen to implement the techniques presented on their property. 11 responses were received. Of those 91% (n=10) indicated that they would definitely use the information to enhance their property management. The remaining respondent indicated that they “will look at trying it”.

Question 5 asked what factors were most likely to influence whether or not the techniques presented might be implemented on their property in the future. Seven respondents made comments that contained multiple elements.

Of these five (71%) highlighted barriers related to:

- the time required to undertake further learning, implement changes, and see positive outcomes from changes made (4 instances)
- the need for NRM funding for trials (3 instances)
- need for more resources and equipment (1 instance)
- need for more information and training (1 instance)
- the overwhelming nature of the erosion problem (1 instance).

Two (29%) respondents saw the education provided as an enabler for action to be taken as landholders had a responsibility to focus on the issues and address problems using the evidence and education gained through the workshop before they became too big.

## Analysis

Analysis of the results indicates that the workshop was successful and generally respondents felt that their attendance had been worthwhile and their information needs had been appropriately met. Feedback points to a well conducted workshop that covered important concepts required and that landholders are keen to learn more and maintain or increase their knowledge. The need for more time to absorb information and the need for more information was quite strongly expressed. Respondents believe that the information provided would be highly beneficial to others. As such these workshops and similar events should continue.