

6 December 2011

Dear Teachers,

The School of Environmental and Rural Science at the University of New England (UNE) would like to invite you to the inaugural **Agricultural and Environmental Science Teachers Professional Development Conference** to be held on **Thursday 1 March to Sunday 4 March 2012**.

The conference, accommodation and all meals will be provided free of charge and travel subsidies will also be provided (Table 1). Travel subsidies will be paid by cheque to each school at the completion of the event.

The objective of the conference is to highlight current research and new technologies in agriculture and environmental science whilst showcasing the facilities UNE has on offer. Sessions will be presented by current UNE postgraduate students, lecturers and industry professionals.

The conference will be a great opportunity to gain knowledge in the latest research that is taking place at UNE, the Australian and international agricultural industry and the environmental science sphere. It will also allow teachers from around the country to interact, share experiences and to create life-long networks.

The draft program is included and comprises of a mixture of practical sessions, lectures and site visits. If you would like to attend this event please fill out the following registration form and return it to **Amy Cosby** (details above) by **Monday 20 February 2012**.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding the Agricultural and Environmental Science Teachers Professional Development Conference.

Kind Regards,



Amy Cosby

DRAFT PROGRAM

Thursday 1 March 2012

From 4:00pm	Arrive at UNE
6:00pm	Dinner
7:30pm	Trivia Night State vs State

Friday 2 March 2012

7:00am – 8:00am	Breakfast
8:00am – 8:15am	Travel to UNE
8:15am – 9:15am	PhD Seminars
9:15am – 10:45am	Reducing methane emissions from livestock
10:45am – 11:00am	Morning Tea
11:00am – 12:00pm	Soil carbon research @ UNE
12:00pm – 1:00pm	GRDC Update – Potassium in cropping soils
1:00pm – 2:00pm	BBQ Lunch and Glasshouse Tours
2:00pm – 3:00pm	Poultry research @ UNE
3:00pm -4:00pm	Weed Walk
4:00pm – 4:15pm	Afternoon Tea
4:15pm – 5:00pm	Emerging research in livestock health
5:00pm – 6:00pm	Soils and the Environment
From 6:30pm	Dinner Current student and UNE alumni to attend

Saturday 3 March 2012

7:00am – 8:00am	Breakfast
8:00am – 8:15am	Travel to Robb College
8:15am – 10:15am	Making the transition from high school to university & tour of Robb College (Morning tea)
10:15am – 10:30am	Travel to Petersons Winery
10:30am – 12:30pm	Precision Agriculture Demonstration at Petersons Winery
12:30pm – 1:30pm	Lunch at Petersons Winery
1:30pm – 1:45pm	Travel to UNE Kirby Farm
1:45pm – 3:00pm	UNESmart Farm Presentation
3:00pm- 4:30pm	Current Research on UNE Properties
4:30pm – 5:30pm	PhD Presentations
6:30pm	Formal Dinner Guest Speaker

Sunday 4 March 2012

8:30am – 10:00am	Breakfast and Farewell
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Registration Form

Name: _____

Preferred Name for Name Tag: _____

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

State: _____ Postcode: _____

Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Any special considerations (e.g. diet) _____

Please select below

Environmental Science Agricultural Science Careers Adviser Other

TABLE 1 – TRAVEL SUBSIDIES

KM from UNE	AMOUNT
100km or less	\$50
100km -500km	\$100
500km – 1000km	\$250
1000km – 1500km	\$300
1500km – 2000km	\$350
2000km or more	\$400