



# Calingiri/New Norcia LCDC's 'Making Sand Productive' Workshop and Field Day KASAP<sup>1</sup> survey report



**Picture 1: Out in the field on 30 August in Calingiri: participants in front are (L) Sarah Mason, Yvonne Marsden, Deb Archdeacon and Dr. Stephen Davies**

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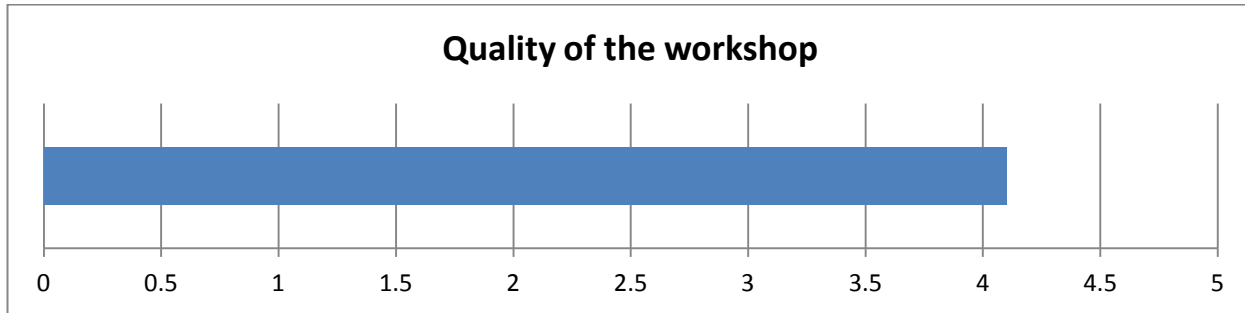
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<sup>1</sup> KASAP stands for Knowledge, Attitudes, Skills, Aspirations and Practices.



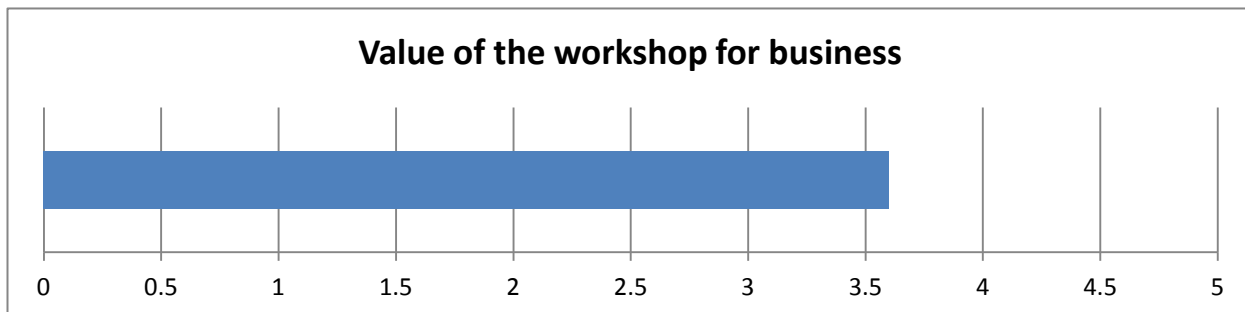
16 respondents filled in a survey, but not all respondents filled in all questions.

**Question 1: Overall, how do you rate the quality of the workshop?**



16 respondents answered this question. Most respondents rated the format/structure of the workshop as very good.

**Question 2: How do you rate the value of the workshops for your business?**



16 respondents answered this question. Most respondents rated the value of the workshop for their business as good.



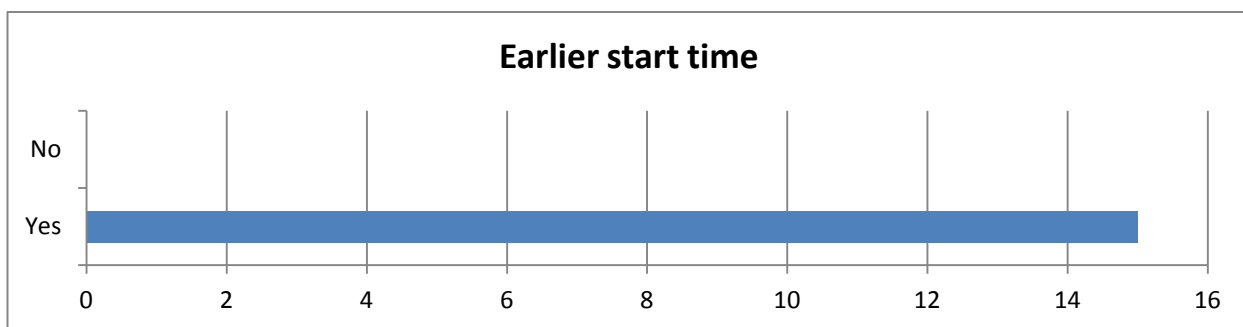
**Question 3: Which aspect of the day did you find most useful and why?**

14 respondents answered this question and their feedback is summarized below:

- Info on non wetting sands and liming. (4)
- In field discussion. Farmers open discussion seems far higher than in hall presentation. (2)
- Learning about soil acidity (2)
- Comparison of the different types of knife points and their economic assets.
- Managing water repellence. Optimising benefits from fertilisers and lime.
- Well qualified speakers imparting valuable useful information.
- New information from presenters. Farmer opinion on techniques and how to apply new technology.
- Farming systems.
- Opportunity to put forward questions about why research is so narrow, i.e. PH only.
- Liming and soil sampling at depth.
- Wetting of soils.
- Ph, mould boarding results.

**Question 4: Would you attend similar workshops in the future?**

15 respondents answered this question and all responded with 'yes'.





### **Question 5: What could be improved?**

4 respondents answered this question and gave the following answers:

- A worksheet to go along with each presentation. While printing on the fax flyer made it hard to read the contact numbers.
- Maybe use of DAFWA Keypad for this survey, as farmers don't like to write.
- More question time.
- More food perhaps.

### **Question 6: What would you like to see at the next workshop?**

7 respondents answered this question and their feedback is summarized below:

- Soil biology (2)
- Animal nutrition, vegetated areas and their benefits.
- Results of presentations to be put up at next field day.
- Crop rotations and perennial grasses.
- Liquid lime. Calcium - Potassium relationship.
- Longer time to focus on single issues.
- Push for further research into relevance of Albrecht method in WA soils - balance in the soil.
- Physical constraints of soils. Delving for clay.

### **Question 7: Any other comments?**

7 respondents answered this question and their feedback is summarized below.

Good presenters, very informative workshop. Thanks. (3)

Tasty lunch.

Great food Ruth!

Well done.

Great presentation - really accessible to me.



**Picture 2: Out in the field at Calingiri on 30 August 2011.**