

# RMPP Facilitation & Extension Training

## What do I need to know?

Rural professionals play a vital role in supporting farmers to improve their productivity and profitability - and are critical to the success of the RMPP Action Network.



### The challenge

Over the past 30 years, the sheep and beef sector has made huge leaps in productivity. However, as farmers face more complexity and more is understood about how farmers learn, there is an acknowledgement from rural professionals that we need to continue growing our skills in facilitating conversations with farmers and between farmers.

These conversations and support can help farmers to:

- Feel confident in decisions they make for their farm business
- Identify challenges for their farm business and solutions that will work best for them
- Improve their knowledge on a subject and be able to apply that to their own situation.

### The solution

RMPP offers three facilitation courses designed to upskill rural professionals and farmers looking to take leadership roles in their farming communities.

#### 1. Lead Facilitator Training (two-day workshop)

Providing rural professionals with new skills on how to facilitate farmer groups to build confidence and increase on-farm practice change.

#### 2. RMPP Action Network Fundamentals & Extension Design (two-day workshop)

This course covers how to form and run an Action Group in RMPP Action Network, including the roles of the Connector, Facilitator, Experts and farmers, and how to apply facilitation skills to extension activities.

#### 3. Facilitation Support Training (one-day workshop)

To give farmers the skills to assist a Lead Facilitator at field days and seminars by running small group activities in break-out sessions.

The facilitation training courses are **fully funded** by RMPP, but attendees must cover their own travel and accommodation costs.

*“Attending the RMPP Facilitation and Extension Design Programme has been great for my development as a facilitator of farmer groups. I have been facilitating for a number of years but with this training, I feel more confident to deliver the best extension possible and to be able to adapt to the changing needs of a group. I am excited about getting an Action Group up and running.”*

Simon Marshall B.V.Sc,  
Dannevirke Vet Services



### Facilitating RMPP Action Groups

For those looking to run an Action Group for RMPP Action Network, in addition to completing courses one and two overleaf, you will receive a one-on-one visit from an Observer/Coach and receive ongoing support in your Facilitator role.

Additional resources for Facilitators are available via:

- [www.actionnetwork.co.nz](http://www.actionnetwork.co.nz)
- [www.knowledgehub.co.nz](http://www.knowledgehub.co.nz)
- [www.beeflambnz.com](http://www.beeflambnz.com)

### Can I get paid to be an Action Group Facilitator?

If you are engaged as a facilitator of a RMPP Action Group you can be paid as long as the Action Group you are supporting agrees to the cost, and they have recorded the details in their Extension Plan.

### How to get involved

If you are a rural professional or farmer and would like the opportunity to attend a course, you can register at [www.rmpp.co.nz/facilitation](http://www.rmpp.co.nz/facilitation), email [training@rmpp.co.nz](mailto:training@rmpp.co.nz) or call **0800 733 632**.

More information is on our website at [www.rmpp.co.nz/facilitation](http://www.rmpp.co.nz/facilitation)

### Who can I ask for help?

Contact the help desk at RMPP if you have any questions or concerns.

### Contact

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Jo Gaston, Farmer, Mahoenui King Country

