

Subject Matter Expert

What do I need to know?

Subject Matter Experts support farm teams and Action Groups with information and advice tailored to the specific situation or needs of the farm businesses involved.



How do Experts get involved with RMPP Action Network?

Generally a Subject Matter Expert (Expert) would take part in an activity planned by an Action Group. It is the responsibility of the group, with help from the group Facilitator and/or Connector, to identify the most appropriate expert.

If you are an expert and wish to be involved with RMPP Action Network, we recommend that you get to know Connectors and Facilitators in the regions you cover. These relationships will allow you to identify and create opportunities to work with and support Action Groups or on-farm teams. A directory of Action Group Facilitators and Connectors can be found at

www.actionnetwork.co.nz

We also recommend that you register as a Subject Matter Expert and consider having your details included in the RMPP online directory – see details below.

Can I be paid as a Subject Matter Expert?

Yes you can, as long as the Action Group you are supporting agrees to the cost and they have recorded the details in their Extension Plan.

How do I register as a Subject Matter Expert?

Before you can submit an invoice and have it paid, you must have registered to join RMPP Action Network by following these steps:

- Login in to your B+LNZ account at www.beeflambnz.com
- If you do not have an account, select Login/Register at the top of the page and complete the “Create new account” form
- Once logged in, select “My dashboard” from the drop-down menu under your name
- Click “Join RMPP Action Network” from your ‘My dashboard’ page to enter your details, clicking the box that asks if you will be an expert.

RMPP is developing a directory of experts that will be published online. If you would like to be on this list, please get in touch via

info@actionnetwork.co.nz or **0800 733 632**.

Can I be a Facilitator for an Action Group as well as an Expert?

You are not able to play two roles within a group at the same time. If you can add value as a Subject Matter Expert, someone else must be in the role of Group Facilitator for that activity.

“I had read about a particular expert before in research papers, but he would never have been someone I would have felt comfortable approaching for help until now”

RMPP pilot farmer, Otago

“For us, the RMPP has assisted in sourcing specialists such as farm advisors. That has been really helpful. We have had our farm benchmarked against other similar types of properties, which we had not done before and we’re now feed budgeting”

Brenda and John Stewart



What training is required?

There is no training required to be an Expert in RMPP Action Network. However, you might consider participating in the Lead Facilitator training programme which highlights:

- The Mutual Learning Model
- Tools and techniques for working with groups
- Designing questions that engage, provoke and challenge traditional thinking
- Understanding how we acquire skills and develop knowledge
- How the brain learns and how neuroscience and behavioural psychology can help us
- Strategies to facilitate real learning.

This is a two-day workshop, run nationwide. To attend the workshops register online at : www.actionnetwork.co.nz/training/

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

What about professional indemnity?

If you are getting paid for your professional advice or opinion then you have a duty of care to those you are providing that advice to.

If someone alleges that you've made a mistake, overlooked a critical piece of information, mis-stated a fact or they have misinterpreted you in the course of your work, and this results in a financial loss to those with whom you are providing advice, then they may take legal action against you to recover these losses.

Whether or not the allegation is true, Professional Indemnity Insurance seeks to protect your assets and your reputation should this occur. This means you can continue in your business without the stress of financial or reputational damage should a claim arise.

RMPP recommends that all individuals being paid for their services in RMPP Action Network hold an appropriate level of Professional Indemnity and other appropriate business insurance and that you contact your insurance company for more information.

Require further support?

You can refer to our website (www.actionnetwork.co.nz) for further information and resources on RMPP Action Network and the role of Subject Matter Expert. Alternatively, please contact RMPP by phone on **0800 733 632**, or by email info@actionnetwork.co.nz

Who can I ask for help?

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

Contact

☎ **0800 733 632**

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www.rmpp.co.nz

