Rural Resilience Program
REPORT CARD 2017-2018

Goals
Engage with, and listen to, farming communities, industry groups and service providers.

Deliver capacity building activities and information to build personal and business resilience of farming communities and provide support through adverse events, including drought.

Ensure government and non-government decision makers are well informed about farming communities’ priority needs.

OUR ROLE
To listen, learn and link to provide opportunities for farming communities.

Engaged with 35 Rural Support Networks to develop collaborative farmer-focused initiatives.

Strengthened partnerships with stakeholders (including 7 industry groups) at 183 meetings.

Financially invested in farmer activities and leveraged 2.5 times the DPI investment with support from partners.

145 workshops and events delivered to 7,123 NSW farmers.

88% of respondents highly likely to change something as a result of attending an RRP activity.

The Sir Ivan Fire Recovery Support Service, funded through the Office of Emergency Management and the Joint Commonwealth and NSW Disaster Assistance Guideline finished in June 2018. Ongoing support is continuing through the RRP.

Supported 29 events related to natural disasters and drought.

4 additional Rural Support Workers contracted in affected farming communities.

Developed Tune Up For Farmers, a new program for farming men and continued to facilitate Shaping our Futures Together workshops for rural women.

Commissioned independent consultants, Risk Frontiers, to evaluate the Sir Ivan Fire Recovery Support Service. The report highlighted that the Service was successful in supporting farmers to recover and also in building farmer resilience for the future.

Testimonials
“The Rural Support Workers have helped provide access to services that we might not be able to find ourselves.”

“Learning from each other was very important”, and “we all connected as women.”

“Having you in place for this extended time has been the greatest help to us after the fire. When accessing things was too hard you helped and we progressed. Without the service we would have just said it is too hard.”

“Thank you again for putting on the Farm Family Gathering. Everyone who attended said that it was good to get out and forget the current situation for a few hours.” (Farmer)